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Home to Texas Program Overview and 2019 Recap

UGS Program Review
Fall 2019



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Changing the World Starts at Home!!

Home to Texas (HTT) is a summer internship program that encourages University of Texas undergraduates to work in their hometowns by providing well-paid internships and experiences designed to help them understand the underlying values of their home communities.




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A collaborative program between the IC² Institute and the School of Undergraduate Studies that will:

- Connect UT students with the underlying values of their home communities through summer internship experiences, and
- Provide an engaged student presence for UT Austin in traditionally underserved communities around the state of Texas



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Program Components

- Student selection
- Internship matching
- Student engagement through:
 - Training
 - Internship
 - Fitted community research project
- Expert mentorship
- Regional recognition
- Peer-mentorship
- Student reporting



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2019 Pilot Program



Texas Communities Engaged:

- Amarillo
- Brenham
- Kerrville
- McAllen



McAllen Team

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Program Activities

Internships with:

- Seidel Schroeder
- Alara Creative
- CASA
- Amarillo Urology
- Palm Valley Animal Center
- Texas Regional Bank
- Lee's Pharmacy
- NAI Rio Grande Valley
- Ruben Aleman and Associates

Community engagement:

- Participation in community events;
- Meeting community leaders; and
- Speaking with residents, visitors and local students.



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Blog Reports

Home to Amarillo
Ming Schneider
UT Austin Sophomore



Back to Brenham
Sean Hart
UT Austin Junior



McAllen, Texas Welcomes HTT
Sharon Flores,
UT Austin Class '88



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Community Activation Events: McAllen, TX



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Pilot Program Outcomes

Meaningful community engagement:

- 9 Students in 4 Texas communities in 2019;
- Activation of local UT alumni;
- Collaboration with local universities and colleges;
- Local community leaders through student interviews and local events;
- Average 11 community interviews/student;

- Enthusiastic support from internship employers;
- High participation and gratitude among student participants;
- Powerful stories of community innovation and growth mindedness;
- Transparent illustrations of regional challenges; and
- Opportunity for student-mediated solutions in communities emerged.

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Student Quotes

It is important that we can help our community, which is generally underserved, and make sure that we provide medicines ... from the youngest to the eldest member of a family. – Lee's Pharmacy through Shaena Reyes

Small cities and towns in America can produce great craft products just like cities. – Krystal Burns through Ming Schneider

There are some unwarranted stereotypes about the region that must be dismantled. – Wendy Montano

Seidel Schroeder puts people first, and I think that Brenham does that as well. – Sean Hart



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Student Quotes

While people still want their streets paved, they also want to be able to take their kids to a park, playground or a performing arts center. – Mayor Darling McAllen through Victor Torres

I love McAllen and the Rio Grande Valley and it was not until I left home and came to Austin that I really gained this new appreciation of my city. – Alyssa Garcia

Success in Kerrville is much different than success in larger cities such as Austin... personal and business success is defined by being able to provide for your family and give back to the community. – Josh Bestor

Jeremy feels that there are big opportunities for young creatives who are moving from the big cities into smaller communities, like Kerrville. – Josh Bestor



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