

Shepherd Scholars
Application for Summer 2021 Internship
Office of Engaged Learning
Baylor University

The Internship

As a member institution of the Shepherd Higher Education Consortium on Poverty (SHECP), Baylor's Office of Engaged Learning offers undergraduate students an opportunity to pursue internships throughout the United States in communities affected by poverty. SHECP Scholars learn first-hand about the multiple dimensions of poverty in the United States by working for eight weeks alongside people and organizations that align with their professional interests—in healthcare, law, ministry, or economic and community development, for example—to help improve communities and empower people struggling under the weight of poverty.

This fully-funded internship allows Scholars to live in community with other interns in cities across the US. SHECP Scholars also participate in an opening and closing conference, which equips them for their internship, allows them to reflect on and process their experiences, and invites them to present academic research and possibly prepare that research for publication.

While graduating seniors are not eligible for this program, continuing undergraduate students at Baylor may apply.

This summer, the internship will begin Thursday, June 3rd and continue through Sunday, August 1st. Shepherd Scholars work with organizations that fit their academic program of study and professional goals in order to develop their experience and skills for future civic involvement and employment. SHECP provides housing for participants, some travel assistance, and a per diem to cover food and necessities (i.e., metro pass, bus pass, gasoline). Baylor provides a travel assistance as well.

Application Process

Students who plan to apply for the Shepherd Scholars Program should declare their intention by emailing Dr. Hogue at andrew_hogue@baylor.edu before **November 23**. At that point, students will be furnished with a unique link to be used for uploading their application materials. Applications should be submitted before Thursday, December 10, with priority given to students who apply early. Some applicants will be invited to interview with a selection committee via Zoom sometime after December 10.

Application Components

- (1) CV or resume
- (2) Transcript (an unofficial copy is fine)
- (3) One letter of recommendation from a professor, Baylor staff member, previous or current employer, or community leader who can speak to your readiness for an internship through the Shepherd Higher Education Consortium on Poverty. Recommendation letters should be addressed to "SHECP Selection Committee Members." While the selection committee would like for letters to address your academic merit, level of maturity, flexibility, and readiness for a challenging, independent, professional learning experience, letters should not address specific internship placements. Letter writers should submit their letters before the application deadline to Amanda.Nowlin@baylor.edu with the subject line "SHECP Recommendation Letter."

(4) Statement of Purpose (1 single-spaced page, 12-point font, 1" margins)

Please integrate your responses to these questions in one coherent statement that describes your academic program of study and professional goals:

- Why do you want to be a Shepherd Scholar?
- What kinds of internships have you identified as your top choices for a summer placement as a Shepherd Scholar? You can access a database of internships at <https://www.shepherdconsortium.org/about-internships/internships/>.
- How would this internship contribute to your academic and professional goals?

(5) Video submission (under 3 minutes)

- What have you **experienced** in your life so far and what **personal attributes** do you possess that will assist you in the challenge of living and working in a new environment, especially with people who have been marginalized by poverty? Please use specific examples.