



PUBLIC POLICY & DATA RESEARCH INTERN DESCRIPTION: Spring 2026

United Ways of Texas (UWT) is seeking a highly motivated intern to support policy research, data gathering, and analysis that will inform UWT's advocacy strategy for the 2027 legislative session and beyond. This internship is designed for students interested in public policy, data-driven decision making, and the nonprofit sector

The intern will gain hands-on experience working with **ALICE in Texas data**, **211 Texas Information & Referral Network data**, and **Built for Texas economic impact reports**, with a specific focus on identifying and documenting **barriers faced by ALICE households**, including transportation access, workforce participation, affordability, and regional disparities.

This position offers a meaningful opportunity to directly support UWT's work advancing systemic change through data-informed advocacy.

This internship is supported by the [RGK Center for Philanthropy and Community Service](#) at the LBJ School of Public Affairs. All applicants must be currently enrolled students at the University of Texas at Austin and meet the following eligibility requirements:

- **Continuing undergraduate, graduate, or PhD student at UT Austin (graduation date no earlier than Summer 2026)**
- In good academic standing (a minimum GPA of 3.0 and not on academic probation)
- Students should not have received prior internship funding through the RGK Center or the LBJ School

The internship stipend will be distributed directly to the student through the LBJ School Fellowships office on the payment terms listed in the job description.

KEY RESPONSIBILITIES

The Policy & Data Research Intern will assist UWT staff with tasks such as:

- Collecting, organizing, and synthesizing data from ALICE, 211 Texas, Built for Texas, and other relevant sources used in UWT's policy and advocacy work.
- Conducting policy research on issues related to economic mobility, nonprofit sector impact, financial stability, health, and education.
- Creating summaries, briefs, and visualizations using data to support UWT advocacy.
- Assisting in the development of data-informed messaging and materials for UWT members and stakeholders.
- Supporting the preparation of policy analyses and background documents.



- Participating in virtual meetings, webinars, or policy discussions as appropriate.

QUALIFICATIONS / EXPERIENCE

- Completion of at least 60 hours of college credit.
- Interest in public policy, advocacy, data analysis, or the nonprofit sector.
- Strong analytical, verbal, and written communication skills.
- Ability to work independently, manage multiple tasks, and synthesize complex information clearly.
- Familiarity with Microsoft Word and Excel. Experience with data visualization tools or platforms is a plus but not required.
- Detail-oriented with strong organizational skills.

HOURS & COMPENSATION

- **15-20 hours per week**, flexible scheduling Monday–Friday between 8 a.m.–5 p.m.
- **10-week internship**, beginning early to late February
- \$3,000 scholarship, distributed by the LBJ School
- Strong performance during the Spring 2026 internship may be considered for a **full-time Summer 2026 internship**, depending on organizational needs, funding, and intern availability.

ABOUT UNITED WAYS OF TEXAS

United Ways of Texas (UWT) is the state association for Texas United Ways, united in a vision for a future where all Texans thrive. We strengthen and support nearly 70 local United Way organizations through statewide collaboration, resources, and data-driven policy engagement—building local organizational capacity while enhancing the collective impact of United Ways in communities across Texas. To learn more about our work, visit www.uwtexas.org.

HOW TO APPLY



Interested applicants should send a cover letter, resume, and writing sample to Miranda **Price** at Miranda.price@uwtexas.org. Please include **"Policy & Data Research Intern"** in the subject line. Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis.