The Digital Politics Fellowship ($1,750 per semester; $3,500 for academic year)

Description:

The Digital Politics Studio (DPS) is seeking applicants for its fellowship position for the 2018-19 academic year. Digital Politics Fellows will work with Dr. Bryan Gervais, coordinator of the DPS, for 10 hours a week, on average. The fellowship is meant to provide the student with practical research experience, including a technical skillset, as well as some experience as an instructor and supervisor. Among the responsibilities the DPS Fellow may be tasked with are the following:

- Assisting with DPS research projects. Tasks may include collecting and coding of social media data and the designing and conducting behavioral experiments. In carrying out research responsibilities, the Fellow may learn:
    - How to use automated collection programs for gathering social media data and associated metadata
    - How to use machine learning (artificial intelligence) learning program for coding social media data
    - Skills related to the management of "Big Data"
    - How to use software designing for carrying out survey experiments and professional public opinion polls
- Carrying out clerical tasks relevant to the administration of the DPS
- Maintaining DPS social media and web pages
- Coordination/supervision of undergraduate research assistants working for the DPS
- Teaching Assistant for POL 3244
    - During the spring 2019 semester, the DPS Fellow will serve as the teaching assistant for the undergraduate course POL 3244: Mass Media and Public Opinion. The responsibilities will include running a 1 hour lab twice a week, in which the Fellow will help students to design their own surveys.

Criteria:

Incoming and current graduate students are eligible. Current students must have accrued a cumulative GPA of 3.3 or higher during their graduate study at UTSA, and incoming students must have accrued a cumulative GPA of 3.3 or higher during their undergraduate career to quality for the fellowship. Proficiency with Microsoft Excel is required, and prior research experience is preferable (but not required). Students with interests in digital communication, American politics, political communication and/or political psychology are especially encouraged to apply.

Interested students should submit an a resume/cv, and a brief statement of no more than 300 words outlining (1) why they are interested in the fellowship, and (2) any prior research or other relevant experience. Applications are due **June 30, 2018 and should be sent to bryan.gervais@utsa.edu.**