Home To Texas Program

City Council
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What is Home to Texas?

- A scholarship-funded, 9-week summer program

- Connects UT Austin students with their hometowns through internships & research

- Encourages students to explore local career opportunities

- Supports community engagement and talent retention

Benefits to Corpus Christi

Retain local talent

Strengthen connections between students & local businesses

Promote community development through internship participation

Foster future leaders who understand local values

Benefits to Employers

- Gain highly motivated, educated interns

- Bring in fresh ideas & perspectives

- Advance stalled projects with extra support

- Build connections with UT Austin for future recruitment

Internship Experience

Full-time, 9-week internship with a local employer

Conduct research on community challenges & opportunities

Enroll in a UT Austin summer research & professional skills course

Attend an end-of-program community event

Roles & Responsibilities

Communities (City of Corpus Christi):

- Identify & promote internship opportunities
- Assist with scholarship funding
- Organize the end-of-program celebration

Employers:

- Provide a meaningful internship experience
- Offer mentorship & professional development
- Collaborate on student projects & research

Students:

- Work a full-time internship in Corpus Christi
- Conduct community-focused research
- Participate in professional development coursework

Proposed Partnership & Funding Model

- Each student receives a $5,000 scholarship

- UT Austin contributes $2,500 per student

- Local stakeholders (Type B) contribute $2,500 per student

- Corpus Christi anticipates 5 students participating

- Total funding request: $12,500 from the Type B Economic Development Fund

- During the During the 2-10-25 Type B Meeting, the board held a public hearing and approved a motion to approve an agreement in the amount not to exceed $12,500.00 for the University of Texas at Austin's Home to Texas Program.

Questions?