WHERE TEXAS MEETS THE WORLD
Live, learn and intern in Washington, D.C.
U.S. Congressman Bill Archer (Ret.)

NOBILITY IN PUBLIC SERVICE
“One of our goals in founding the Archer Center was to encourage young people to look seriously at public service as a career. I have seen many talented people forego careers in government for positions elsewhere, claiming that the nobility of public service was a thing of the past. But we think it’s a thing of the future—and it starts here at the Archer Center.”

HISTORY OF THE ARCHER CENTER
Founded in 2001, the Archer Center coordinates the University of Texas System’s academic programs in Washington, DC. The signature program, The Bill Archer Fellowship, was created under the leadership of former Congressman and U.S. House Ways and Means Committee Chairman Bill Archer. The Archer Center strives to promote a love of public service and educate the future leaders of not only Texas, but the world.

FELLOWSHIP
The Archer Fellowship brings highly motivated UT System students to our nation’s capital to participate in internships, rigorous academic courses and enriching cultural experiences. Fellows gain a sense of accomplishment and the confidence to achieve their dreams.

INTERNSHIP
Students choose their internships based on personal, professional and academic goals. From Capitol Hill to the White House, from the U.S. Supreme Court to CNN, Archer Fellows have gained real-world experience in D.C.’s most prestigious institutions.

SCHOLARSHIP
Archer Fellows are enrolled in 12 hours of coursework and maintain full-time status at their home campus. Archer courses focus on public policy, advocacy and power; Fellows are encouraged to connect the classroom to the Washington D.C. experience.

FRIENDSHIP
Archer Fellows live together in houses just blocks from Union Station and the Supreme Court in the heart of historic Capitol Hill. Each semester, Fellows form close and lasting bonds based on their shared experiences.
“My Archer Fellowship experience and internship on Capitol Hill paved the way for my first job out of college working for a U.S. Congressman from Texas. The semester in Washington, D.C. prepared me to begin a career dedicated to public service.”
James Williams, Spring 2007

FORMER FELLOWS HAVE ALSO WON MANY PRESTIGIOUS AWARDS, INCLUDING TRUMAN, MARSHALL AND FULBRIGHT SCHOLARSHIPS.

“Having been present in the White House on the morning of September 11, 2001, I experienced firsthand a turning point in U.S. history. My experiences in Washington during my Archer Fellowship semester were the topics of conversation with every law firm I interviewed with, and with judges and attorneys in my subsequent law school career. Undoubtedly, the Archer Fellowship Program was a positive and motivating force in my academic career.”
Christine Powers, Fall 2001

“The Archer Fellowship not only helped us mature into responsible individuals, it developed in us a unique balance of leadership, innovation and dedication.”
Umer Khan, Spring 2005

“Washington D.C. is where I defined my past, created an unforgettable present, and chose a path to my future. It is in Washington where both Texas and I, met the world.”
Maya BouAli, Spring 2009

AFTER GRADUATION, ARCHER ALUMNI LIVE AND WORK ALL OVER THE WORLD. CURRENTLY, ALUMNI ARE WORKING IN INTERNATIONAL POLICY ARENAS FROM AFRICA AND THE MIDDLE EAST TO LATIN AMERICA.

Fellows are now in positions that influence our world. Alumni embark upon professional and public service careers, or continue their studies at graduate school. Distinguished institutions such as Stanford Law School, the London School of Economics, Harvard University’s Kennedy School of Government, Yale University’s School of Medicine, and the LBJ School of Public Affairs have been the next step in Fellows’ professional development.

Fellows who return to Washington, D.C. work in a variety of government and public service careers. Following graduation, former fellows have been offered positions at prestigious organizations such as:

- **The White House**
- **U.S. State Department**
- **Office of the U.S. House Majority Leader**
- **CBS News**
- **National Geographic**
- **The Brookings Institution**
- **Teach for America**
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Gina Garcia, Spring 2001

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“I almost let financial strains prevent me from taking advantage of this wonderful opportunity. Fortunately, I was able to apply myself, develop some fundraising skills and finance my semester in Washington. The extra time I had to invest was well worth the opportunity to live, learn and study in D.C. I also discovered that people care and want to see you succeed. Hopefully, future students won’t face the same obstacles I did, but I would encourage anyone to do what it takes to become an Archer Fellow. It was well worth the sacrifice.”

Michelle Robinson, Fall 2005

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“The Bill Archer Fellowship Program was an amazing experience. Along with an extensive network of contacts, I also made life-long friendships that I will forever cherish. I was able to land my ideal job with the invaluable insight and exposure I gained from this program. I now live in the D.C. area and work for a top global consulting firm.”

Jessica Kerrigan-Ortegon, Fall 2005