The TOWER Fellows Program gives accomplished individuals the opportunity to explore, discover, reflect, and enrich their lives through a personalized academic experience.

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

We live in a time when many successful individuals are expanding their horizons. The TOWER Fellows Program offers a new way to engage with the university community, enhancing life journeys, and creating a future that promotes healthy, productive and values-based living. We invite you to join us on a nine-month adventure, leveraging the tremendous resources of a world-class research university, located within the vibrant culture of Austin, Texas.

“The TOWER Fellows Program is an amazing opportunity for accomplished individuals from all walks of life to explore, discover, reflect and prepare for whatever they decide comes next,”
—Gaylen Paulson, Associate Dean and Director of Texas Executive Education at the McCombs School of Business

TOWER Fellows Program Vision

TOWER is designed to provide Fellows with a world-class opportunity for:

- Exploration
  Experiment. Try new things. LEARN.

- Community
  Interact. Connect with peers and others. GROW.

- Self-Discovery
  Recalibrate. Optimize your wellness. IMPROVE.

- Transformation
  Change. Find a new path. RENEW.

INDIVIDUALIZED EXPLORATION AND DISCOVERY WITH ENDLESS POSSIBILITIES

As a TOWER Program Fellow, you will work collaboratively to craft a personalized curriculum of courses and seminars from across the Austin campus. Program staff, Faculty Advisors, and your peers will be there to bounce ideas off of and help you craft a curriculum that is a perfect match to your goals. With over 12,000 courses available, you gain access to a breadth and depth of study as big as The University of Texas itself. You will participate in intergenerational classroom learning, as well as enjoy discussions and dedicated lectures on major societal and intellectual issues that affect each of us.

And, you will exchange ideas with other Fellows and faculty, achieving a rich cross-pollination of knowledge. Take those classes that you never got a chance to take in college the first time around. Sit in on lectures by professors who wrote some of your favorite books. Discuss topical issues with world-renowned experts, and debate policies with undergrad or grad students looking to you for advice as they start their own journeys. Selective programs like the TOWER Fellows Program (as well as Harvard’s Advanced Leadership Initiative and Stanford’s Distinguished Careers Institute, both of which inspired the TOWER Fellows Program) give individuals a chance to explore, discover, and think about what comes next.
PROGRAM OVERVIEW

LEARNING AND CONNECTING
As you explore all that the TOWER Fellows Program has to offer, there will be many opportunities for learning beyond the classroom, including:

- Discussion Seminars, Faculty/Fellow Dialogues, and Colloquia on topics spanning the intellectual breadth and depth of The University of Texas at Austin
- Dialogue among TOWER Fellows, mentors, students, faculty, and community members at social and dinner events stimulates long-lasting friendships based on common interests and passions.
- Evening receptions and discussions with prominent UT and industry leaders
- Connections to UT entrepreneurship competitions, research centers, and other networking and mentoring events
- Social events ranging from receptions and tours to participation in the extensive array of arts and athletics programs at The University of Texas at Austin
- Other optional resources such as executive coaches offering transition-planning services and wellness-related services (at individual expense)

LIFE JOURNEY AND SELF FULFILLMENT
As a TOWER Fellow, you will have the opportunity to work with faculty and other professionals as you reflect on your life and chart your future course.

“University education should not be limited to just young adults. People are changing careers now more frequently, and are still active much later in life. This place is a fertile environment for exploration and self-fulfillment, and this program will provide people with the platform for an exciting period of discovery and reinvention.”

—Isabella Cunningham, the Stan Richards Chair in Advertising and Public Relations Strategy at the Moody College of Communication and Faculty Director for the TOWER Fellows Program
TOWER FELLOWS PROGRAM PARTNERS

TOWER Program Fellows are welcome to invite their life partner/spouse to participate in the program with them. The partner may come as a full-time Fellow or can join in a part-time capacity at a reduced cost.

NINE MONTHS IN WONDERFUL AUSTIN THAT WILL CHANGE YOUR LIFE

The University of Texas at Austin is one of the most creative, energetic, and interdisciplinary learning environments in the world. Austin itself is an eclectic city with an entrepreneurial spirit and an enthusiasm for innovation, which makes it the perfect environment for exploration and self-fulfillment.

SELECTION PROCESS

The TOWER Fellows Program runs on The University of Texas at Austin academic year, from August 2018 through May 2019.

Applications for the 2018/2019 academic year will be accepted from March 2018 through July 2018 on a rolling basis. TOWER Fellows Program faculty will review all submissions, and finalists will be interviewed in person or by telephone.

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