

# Intern Spotlight:



## Meet Taylor!



**Name:** Taylor Seaver

**Major:** Interdisciplinary Studies (Masters)

**College:** College of Liberal Arts

**Internship:**

UTRGV Center for Mexican American Studies,  
*Student Experience Intern*

**How did you obtain your internship?**

I applied through UTRGV's Handshake platform, submitted a resume, along with reference letters, and went through an interview process.

**What did you do during your internship? What were your responsibilities/duties?**

My internship consisted of frequent community engagement, collaboration with campus organizations, research pertaining to history and ethnic studies, as well as content creation, and management of the work site. Day-to-day work was mostly content creation, constant communication with faculty, staff, and students, as well as communication with RGV organizations like LUPE. Monthly duties included preparing for community events, like academic conferences, symposiums, and other gatherings.

**What was the exciting aspect of your internship?**

The most exciting part of my internship was being able to combine my senior thesis with the work I had to do at CMAS. I was able to get my research funded and presented at a national conference in Denver, Colorado. Besides travel and research, being a part of a space that promoted diversity was also very exciting; I was always learning something new.

**What recommendations do you have for other students about doing an internship?**

I recommend that students work on gaining friendships and professional relationships with their colleagues, it will help the student improve communication skills as well as make the work environment friendlier and better! I also recommend treating it like any other job be on time, do your work, and remember that you are there to learn, so do not be afraid to make mistakes.

**How has the Career Center supported you in your career development?**

The Career Center was in constant communication with me during my internship, always providing online and on-campus sources of information. I always felt like I could reach out, and I never felt alone, which really helped as a first-time intern.