**Political Science Internships**

**Fast Facts**

**Fall 2015 – Spring 2024**

• Locally, 211 students have participated in POLS Legislative, Government, Research, and Legal Internships. Twenty-seven Internships have been established in the Rio Grande Valley.

• In addition, 44 Interns have been selected and served as State Capitol Interns for four regular legislative sessions in Austin.

• The university has assisted the 44 Austin State Capitol Interns with $407,000 to defray expenses for the 85th, 86th, 87th and 88th Legislative Sessions.

• 38 UTRGV students have participated in POLS courses as Archer Fellows, enrolled in 342 POLS hours (9 hours each). Fourteen Fellows in the past five years have been POLS majors or minors.

• 15 POLS faculty have mentored 61 Research Interns since Spring 2016, the first semester of Research Internships. Research Interns have provided 10,149 hours of assistance to their Scholar/Mentors.

• The local Legislative, Government and Legal Interns have contributed 30,031 hours of service to local and state governments in their Valley communities.

• The 44 State Capitol Legislative Interns in Austin have contributed more than 27,502 documented hours of service to the State of Texas and their RGV Legislators: Spring 23 - 6,160; Spring 21 - 6,389; Spring 2019 – 7,376; Spring 2017 - 7,577

• The Texas Senate and House have honored the Austin Interns in Resolutions and recognized them publicly in 2017, 2019, 2021 and 2023.

• 15 Legislative Interns have been hired as full-time legislative staff employees.