

Debra Brooks Feazelle Internship Award



Award campaign facts in brief

- Your contribution goes to an endowment, that carries forward Debbie Feazelle's vision of providing opportunities to aspiring public administrators.
- This award, the first of its kind among MPA programs in the United States, compensates students for their service as interns in smaller cities or nonprofit organizations.
- The MPA program at UNT, with an enrollment of 130 students, is ranked as one of the nation's top in the area of city management. Debbie earned her MPA degree from UNT in 1989
- This award benefits smaller cities and nonprofit organizations by providing them with a qualified graduate intern to assist in providing technical and managerial assistance.
- In order to select and place the first Debra Brooks Feazelle Interns by September 2007, your support is needed today.



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Why this award?

The Master of Public Administration program at the University of North Texas is establishing an endowment to honor Debbie's professional service to city government, opening up new opportunities for public service to young leaders, and vibrant friendship that she extends to everyone she meets.

She has 28 years of experience in local government including service as the finance director of Euless, McKinney, and La Porte; as assistant and then deputy city manager of Lubbock; and most recently as city manager of La Porte, Texas. Debbie has donated many hours to promoting professional excellence through her service as a board member or president of the Texas City Management Association, Government Finance Officers Association of Texas, and the Government Finance Officers Association of the U.S. and Canada.

Most recently, Debbie was the driving force behind the creation of the TCMA internship program that provides supplemental funding to MPA students completing an internship in a Texas city. Five students were selected in 2006 as the inaugural cohort of TCMA interns.

Her enthusiastic leadership style has led to service on various community boards including a six-year term on the board of directors of the Lubbock Affiliate Chapter of the Susan G. Komen Foundation.

How will this award work?

As an endowment, only the income will be used to provide partial or full matching awards to qualified MPA students.

Students must have completed the internship preparation course and be eligible for appointment to a public management internship.

Recipients of the Debra Brooks Feazelle Internship Award will complete their 440-hour internship with a qualifying small city or nonprofit organization. The employer, if financially capable, will be expected to provide a partial salary match.

Interns will receive their award as hourly compensation during the duration of their employment. In the future, if growth in the endowment warrants, the award may also be used for the tuition and fees of interns while enrolled as graduate students at UNT.

This award is one of the first of its kind among MPA programs in the United States. Rather than a scholarship, students must earn the award through their service as an intern. It also gives smaller cities and nonprofits access to qualified graduate interns.

Who is qualified to receive the internship award?

Recipients of the Debra Brooks Feazelle Internship Award will be selected by the Scholarship Committee through a competitive process.

Candidates must be enrolled full-time in the MPA program and must possess exceptional potential for leadership in city government or in the nonprofit sector.

Candidates must demonstrate a commitment to and interest in serving smaller communities or nonprofit organizations.

WHAT WILL YOUR GIFT MEAN TO DEBBIE?

On Debbie's retirement, we are asking her many friends to say "thanks" for making public service a more noble calling by sending a generous gift that will carry forward her legacy.

Make your check payable to "UNT Foundation," and on the memo line indicate that it is for the Debra Brooks Feazelle Internship Award.

Then mail your gift of appreciation to
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