



A University-Business Learning Partnership

ENERGY INSTITUTE INTERNSHIP

at the

TEXAS RAILROAD COMMISSION, GAS SERVICES DIVISION

University of Houston, College of Business Administration

Objective

- To create an annual summer research internship which focuses on commercial aspects of the natural gas industry in Texas, the U.S. and North America and the integration of business and public policy through the TRC's regulatory and policy activities in Texas.

Student Qualifications/Requirements

- The student must be an MBA or Ph.D. within the CBA or in the joint MBA-J.D. program (CBA and Law Center) with strong academic credentials. The student should be competent in economics and statistics and demonstrate interest in or familiarity with energy law and regulation. It is preferable that applying students have strong computer skills.
- It is not necessary that the student have an energy industry background, but strong interest is a prerequisite.
- The student must enroll in independent study credit hours and complete a research paper based on work performed at the TRC.

Student Selection

- Student selection will be competitive.
- Selection will be drawn from a pool of candidates after notice of the internship is posted in the CBA.
- Deadline for student applications will be two weeks from date of notification. Final selection will be made two weeks after the close of applications.
- Once a qualifying student has been selected, that individual will meet with directors and staff at the TRC Gas Services Division.

Identification of Student Projects and Oversight of Student Research

- The scope of research to be conducted by the student will be determined through interaction between the CBA Energy Institute and the TRC Gas Services Division. The Institute will solicit input from its network of corporate underwriters, advisory board members and senior associates.
- Topics will be proposed by the Gas Service Division based on current activities, research and data needs to support TRC responsibilities and current and future issues affecting the natural gas industry and commercial development of natural gas in Texas, the U.S. and North America.
- Academic oversight of student research will be the responsibility of the director of the Energy Institute in concert with participating faculty from the CBA and Law Center. The student also will be able to seek input from Institute corporate underwriters, advisory board members and senior associates.

Distribution of Results

- Upon completion of all requirements associated with the internship, the student research paper will be published through the Institute and available to critical audiences of the Institute.
- The Institute will work with the student to ensure publication of completed research in academic and trade publications. A specific goal is to achieve student research products of sufficient quality for publication in *The Energy Journal*, the leading business-academic, peer-reviewed publication dedicated to energy research.

Students will also be encouraged to present results in appropriate industry conferences and seminars, with assistance from the Institute to identify prospective opportunities.

Funding and Administration

- Internship support (salary and benefits) will be provided through the Institute at a rate commensurate with CBA internships for full-time summer employment plus a per diem and lodging allowance. The Institute will also provide a reasonable allowance for certain expenses, to be identified with the selected student. Funding for the internship will be drawn from Institute corporate underwriting.
- The Institute will provide all necessary administrative support.