

Hello/Hola/Salut from the Department of Language, Literature, & Cultural Studies!

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1) PEACE CORPS INFO SESSION – TOMORROW, 5:00-5:30



**PEACE
CORPS
INFO SESSION**

Serving in the Peace Corps is a great way to immerse yourself in a new culture, learn a new language, and have the experience of a lifetime.

Join us at this information session to:

- Learn about Volunteer experiences
- Ask questions about service
- Gain tips to guide you through the application process

TUESDAY, APRIL 5, 2022

5:00 – 5:30 PM



VIRTUAL EVENT
[Zoom Link](#)



PEACECORPS.GOV

If you require reasonable accommodations when attending a Peace Corps event, please contact Michaela Cheatham (mcheatham@peacecorps.gov) and provide details of the reasonable accommodation you are requesting.

Join the students in Dr. Horacio Sierra's ENGL 438: Senior Seminar class as they speak with a Peace Corps alumna/representative to learn more about how to serve our country overseas through the Peace Corps after graduation. Zoom Link: <https://bowiestate.zoom.us/j/4090540458>

2) PODCASTING WORKSHOP – TOMORROW, 11:00-1:00



3) TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY STEP PROGRAM



Have you ever considered a career in higher education? Would you like to earn a Master's Degree for free? Are you interested in teaching at a top-tier research university? Do you want to meet other students who want to learn how to:

- o Study language, its origins, its uses, its meanings,
- o Study literature, the history and theory behind it, and its rich connections to social justice, the environment, and science and technology,
- o Examine and compare the literary works of other cultures, and

o Build web sites, learn to edit writing for style and understanding, and make things easier for people to use?

We are looking for students with a passion for literature, creative writing, technical communication, linguistics, and all things English. Join us and you can conduct research, teach, and engage in other scholarly activities to speak truth to power and shape our intellectual, political, and cultural landscapes.

Apply to STEP and compete for a chance to earn a free master's degree. Learn how to teach people to think and write and start your academic career taking classes with world class faculty, in state-of-the-art facilities, alongside an increasingly diverse group of fellow graduate students. Help us bring new ideas and perspectives to English. Real change has to be on purpose. The opportunity is there for the taking.

Those selected will take, for free, a graduate course taught by a TTU English professor in the late summer of 2022. For the onsite portion of the course, which focuses on teaching college English, they'll receive free room and board, in addition to paid transportation to and from the workshop. The class will be challenging, requiring them to prepare and present a lecture on writing to TTU composition students. They'll even respond to and evaluate student work.

Our hope, through this project, is to encourage talented underrepresented students to consider a career in higher education. In fact, as an incentive, those students admitted to STEP who successfully complete the course, then later their undergraduate degree, will be offered a free Master's Degree in English or Technical Communication at TTU. Further, they will also receive a two-year graduate teaching assistantship which comes with a competitive stipend. All total, it is an academic award of more than \$80,000.

Click here for more information: <https://www.depts.ttu.edu/english/step/index.php>

4) PAID INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITY: SAFE COMMANDING HEIGHTS



The Organization: SAFE Commanding Heights is a bipartisan initiative dedicated to advancing reliable sourcing – and reducing unsustainable dependencies – for products and materials essential to America’s energy, transportation, and national security needs. Commanding Heights is a part of the SAFE family, a coalition of initiatives advancing transformative transportation technologies that enhance America’s energy security covering autonomy, re-imagined mobility, electrification, and grid security.

The Role: The Summer 2022 Communications Intern will work with the Commanding Heights communications team to enhance awareness of priorities to the public, Congress, industry, and allies abroad. The position will begin in early June and conclude in August, flexible upon the candidate’s schedule. The intern is expected to work 20 hours a week, with compensation of \$16/hour. Ability to travel to the downtown DC office at least three days a week to work in person is required.

The intern will work directly with the communications team on topics covering:

- Industrial supply chains
- Critical minerals
- Semiconductors
- EVs and batteries
- Policy recommendations and legislative efforts

Responsibilities will include, but not limited to:

- Compiling daily news clips
- Monitoring social media and crafting content
- Drafting messaging materials including newsletters and promotional blasts
- Maintaining press lists and researching media contacts
- Providing event support
- Assisting with the organization’s website
- Other general program support

Knowledge, Education and Experience:

- An undergraduate student in good academic standing

- Demonstrable interest in communications and public affairs
- Excellent writing skills, detail oriented, quick learner, professional manner
- Familiar with social media platforms, including Twitter, LinkedIn, and Facebook
- Willingness to learn multiple issues and policy matters
- Proficiency in Microsoft Office
- Experience with WordPress and Campaign Monitor preferred, but not required
- Authorized to work in the United States

Location: We work onsite in SAFE offices located in downtown D.C. We require COVID vaccinations, masks, and prudent distancing, but are collaborative, collegial, and have fun.

To Apply: Please send to careers@secureenergy.org with subject "Communications Intern" a 1-page cover letter, resume, and 500-1,000 word writing sample.

5) BSU COAST GUARD SCHOLARSHIP

THE BSU COAST GUARD COLLEGE STUDENT PRE-COMMISSIONING INITIATIVE (CSPI) OFFERS:

- FULL TUITION, fees, and textbook funds for rising juniors and seniors who qualify
- Active duty pay, housing allowance, healthcare
- Guaranteed career path & job security (must serve minimum 3 years AFTER graduation).

RESPONSIBILITY FOR SCHOLARSHIP:

- 2.5 GPA (Full-Time)
- 4-hours weekly service
- 8-week Basic Training
- 17-week Officer Candidate School

Scan this code to express interest and/or apply!

Deputy Senate Liaison
LCDR Lt. Shonda Holmes
1st AA female pilot, Coast Guard

The BSU partnership with the Coast Guard is a one-of-a-kind scholarship designed for motivated individuals who demonstrate a high caliber of academic and leadership excellence and who desire to serve their country through the United States Coast Guard.

The Bowie State University Coast Guard College Student Pre-Commissioning Initiative (CSPI) Program offers a host of benefits including:

- Full Tuition payment, fees, textbook allowances, and additional academic resources for rising juniors and seniors who qualify.

- Active duty pay (up to \$3600/month), including housing allowance, and guaranteed healthcare.
- Guaranteed career pathways and job security after the completion of your bachelor's degree and Officer Candidate School.

To qualify for the BSU CSPI Scholarship Program:

- Students must maintain a 2.5 GPA, and must be a junior or senior when they apply. Freshmen and sophomores can still express interest for pre-selection, mentorship, and additional perks!
- Students must be at least 19 years of age, but no older than 27 years of age by the date of September 30 of their application year.
- Students commit to a 4-hour a week service to the Coast Guard during their undergraduate years.
- Students commit to 8-week Basic Training Course and a 17-week Officer Candidate School after graduation, which ushers candidates into one of 5 career paths: Cyber Security, Aviation, Prevention (Ashore), Response (Ashore), Afloat (Cutter).

If you are interested in applying for this year's scholarship, click here: <https://bowiestate.edu/academics/special-initiatives/coast-guard-partnership/interest-form.php>

6) MAN THE BAY PROGRAM

UrbanEd Academy (UEA) is a San Francisco Black-led nonprofit with the mission of building equity in education through representation leadership in and around schools. Our "Man the Bay" (MTB) initiative is a vision requiring 100 male teachers of color with a potential to impact 40,000 students of color in San Francisco. We have placed teachers in 8 different Bay Area schools and our 3rd cohort of Black male teacher fellows is set to enter a credential program by the end of this school year.

Man the Bay is not just a career opportunity, it is a calling:

- Classroom Employment - Salary
- Paid Housing in San Francisco
- Culturally Relevant Workforce Training and Support
- Fully Paid Teacher Credentialing
- 360° Social Support

As a city and a country, we are experiencing a teacher representation crisis that's impacting student achievement.

LESS THAN **2%** OF TEACHERS ARE BLACK MEN

LESS THAN **3%** OF TEACHERS ARE LATINO MEN

Yet research shows that the influence of having a Black teacher can make a monumental difference in a Black student's life.

Low-income Black students, who had one Black teacher in elementary school were	Black students that had one Black teacher in high school were	Black students that had one Black teacher in high school were
29%	13%	32%
LESS LIKELY TO DROP OUT OF SCHOOL	MORE LIKELY TO ENROLL IN COLLEGE	MORE LIKELY TO ENROLL IN COLLEGE

UEA has adopted a unique, multi-tiered approach to ensure it is successful in fulfilling its mission.

- BRIDGING THE ACHIEVEMENT GAP THROUGH CLASSROOM REPRESENTATION
- FORMING SOUND PARTNERSHIPS TO CURB DISPLACEMENT
- STRENGTHENING THE COMMUNITY THROUGH DIRECT PARTICIPATION

Are you ready to make an impact? Learn more at www.urbanedacademy.org/mtb

Click here for more information: <https://urbanedacademy.org/mtb/>

7) DRIFTERS EMERGENCY STUDENT GRANT

The Drifters Emergency Student Grant is a \$10,000 grant awarded annually to degree-conferring institutions whose student enrollment is primarily comprised of students from underrepresented backgrounds. These grants have been given to numerous colleges and universities to help students to continue their studies. BSU was awarded the grant at The National Drifters, Inc. 63rd national Convention in August 2019. As a result, Juniors/Seniors in the Department of Language, Literature, & Cultural Studies experiencing an emergency need for tuition assistance, housing assistance, course materials, meal planning, or transportation assistance are eligible to apply. Please Contact Professor Lane (alane@bowiestate.edu) or Dr. Basena (dbasena@bowiestate.edu) for an application form.

8) SIGMA TAU DELTA



Sigma Tau Delta welcomes new members. This year's Induction Ceremony will be held the first week of May.

Membership Requirements:

- Candidates for undergraduate membership must have completed a minimum of two college courses in English language or literature beyond the usual requirements in freshman English. The candidate must have a minimum of a B or equivalent average in English and in general scholarship and must have completed at least three semesters or five quarters of college course work. Candidates for undergraduate membership need not be majoring or minoring in the discipline of English.
- Candidates for graduate membership who did not hold undergraduate membership must be enrolled in a graduate program in English or one of its specializations, have completed six semester hours of graduate work or the equivalent, and have a minimum grade point average of 3.3 on a 4.0 scale.
- Lifetime Membership Fee: \$80. \$40 goes to the Nu Nu chapter, which will bestow you with Honor Cords and a Medallion at your Induction Ceremony that you can wear during graduation. The other \$40 goes to Sigma Tau

Delta's national office, which will supply you with your Sigma Tau Delta society pin and certificate.

To learn more about Membership Benefits, please click here: <http://english.org/members/benefits.shtml>

If you are interested in becoming a member, please e-mail hsierra@bowiestate.edu

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