BUSH SCHOOL MARKS OF DISTINCTION

In just over 10 years, the Bush School of Government and Public Service has gained an international reputation for academic excellence, a distinguished faculty of academicians and practitioners, leadership development and commitment to nonpartisan public policy research. Every aspect of the School’s growth and development has been guided by its mission to educate principled leaders for public and international service. Listed below are just a few of the benchmarks which highlight the Bush School’s remarkable success.

NATIONAL RANKINGS

One of the youngest schools of public affairs, the Bush School already has been recognized as one of the best, ranking in the top 13% of schools of government by the 2009 edition of U.S. News and World Report.

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

Leadership skills are essential for success in public service, whether in government or the nonprofit sector. The Bush School’s Public Service Leadership Program—unique among peer graduate institutions—integrates leadership development into the curriculum; provides workshops, speakers and self-assessment; and conducts relevant research and outreach. The Emerging Leaders Initiative within the Nonprofit Management Program is a professional development program designed for young leaders already working in the nonprofit sector, education, or state and local government.

CAPSTONE PROJECTS

Capstone projects are integrative, team-based, applied research projects required of all students. Led by a faculty member on behalf of a client agency, these projects require students to think independently, frame and analyze issues, function in teams, apply their academic knowledge and skills, and communicate effectively. Capstone projects have been conducted for such diverse clients as the Congressional Research Service, the National Intelligence Council, the State of Texas, Grameen Capital India, Minnesota Council of Nonprofits, and the World Bank, among others.

CAREER DEVELOPMENT

Career development workshops, faculty and staff mentoring, and a rich array of services and resources help to chart students on their chosen career path. Over 70% of Bush School graduates choose public service careers, working for agencies and organizations such as the Defense Intelligence Agency, the Department of Homeland Security, Government Accountability Office, NASA’s Johnson Space Center, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, American Heart Association, and various agencies of Texas state and local government.

RESEARCH AND GRANT ACTIVITY

Bush School faculty members are a unique mix of distinguished academics, noted diplomats, public servants, and nonprofit leaders who are widely recognized for their expertise in key public policy areas. The faculty and the School’s research institutes have garnered more than $17 million in external contracts and grants from public and private sources to study and report on major national and international policy issues.

SPEAKER PROGRAMS

Students have regular opportunities to engage with high profile individuals working in both the public and private sector. Co-location with the Bush Presidential Library and its sponsored speaker series has brought noted individuals such as former presidents, vice presidents, chiefs of state, secretaries of state, Director of the Office of Management and Budget, Chair of the Council of Economic Advisors, the President of the Council on Foreign Relations, and distinguished academics to the campus. Bush School students have the opportunity to interact in the classroom and seminar settings with these leaders, engaging in frank and open conversations.