BUSH SCHOOL PARTNERSHIPS AND COLLABORATIONS

Over the years, the Bush School has developed important partnerships and collaborative relationships that enhance the School’s academic, research, and public service programs and activities. In partnering with other colleges within Texas A&M University, community organizations, and national and state agencies, the emphasis is always on creating linkages and mutual arrangements that benefit Bush School students, expand and enhance research efforts, and serve the larger public.

ACADEMIC COLLABORATION

Developing joint-degree programs with other academic units at Texas A&M University has been a major focus. These programs enable students majoring in political science, economics, sociology, and international studies to enroll in the Bush School at the beginning of their fourth year of undergraduate study and earn both their bachelor’s and graduate degrees in five years. Because of the School’s close ties to various colleges at the University, Bush School students also can enrich their education by taking specialized courses available only at a major research university like Texas A&M. The participation of expert faculty from across the campus at the Bush School further expands students’ educational experiences. The prestigious Lone Star National Security Forum, co-hosted by the LBJ School of Public Affairs at the University of Texas at Austin, is just one example of the inter-university collaborations supported by the Bush School.

RESEARCH PARTNERSHIPS

Many other partnerships are created through the School’s research institutes. For example, the Institute for Science, Technology and Public Policy has partnered with over 200 researchers from The Texas A&M University System and other U.S. universities on research proposals, funded projects, and scholarship. This includes working with thirty-six departments and numerous research centers, institutes, and programs. The Institute’s collaborations include a diverse group of partners, from Texas A&M’s agricultural economics department and the Texas Transportation Institute to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality to the U.S. Department of Energy.

EXCHANGES

The Scowcroft Institute of International Affairs partners with the U.S. Army War College’s Senior Service College Fellowship program, which promotes cooperative academic exchanges between army officers and civilian academic institutions. This intellectual exchange promotes research on topics of strategic relevance to the Army and the Institute, and increases the knowledge and awareness of national security affairs among Bush School students and faculty. A series of exchange agreements between the School and other universities and institutes across the globe also enrich student learning.

STUDENT CAPSTONEs

The student capstone research projects that address challenges faced by clients are another opportunity for the Bush School to work with private, public, and independent sector partners. Capstone clients have included the Congressional Research Service, the U.S. Department of State, the World Bank, the United Way of Texas, the RAND Corporation, as well as local organizations. A recent collaboration with the City of Bryan was the Poverty Reduction Workshop, which brought city leaders together with Bush School professionals to address this growing problem. The School’s highly praised annual Nonprofit Management Workshop is sponsored by local businesses and agencies such as Citibank, the Arts Council, and Project Unity, and engages nonprofit professionals from the entire community.

CERTIFICATES

Certificate programs are another venue for collaboration and partnership. For example, the Certificate in National Security Affairs is administered by the Bush School in cooperation with the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory and Texas A&M’s Nuclear Security Science and Policy Institute (NSSPI).

PRESIDENTIAL CENTER

One of the School’s most important partnerships is with the Bush Presidential Library and Foundation. Their support, and that of individual and corporate donors, makes possible a host of speakers and conferences available to Bush School faculty and students. The Lenore and Francis Humphreys International Speakers Program and the Scowcroft Institute’s International Affairs Seminars are just two of the many joint programs that expand our students’ horizons.