

## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

### **THECB awards \$4.8 million to higher ed institutions for internship and apprenticeship programs**

April 7, 2022, Austin, TX – The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) has awarded \$4.8 million in grant funding to 23 Texas higher education institutions. The grants are designed to help Texas college students access internship and apprenticeship opportunities to strengthen the education to workforce pipeline, drive student opportunity, and advance the state’s economic competitiveness.

The awards are part of two programs: the [Work-based Learning Opportunity Grants – Internships](#) and [Work-based Learning Opportunity Grants – Apprenticeships](#). These programs are supported by the Governor’s Emergency Education Relief (GEER) Funding.

“Creating more opportunities for students to gain professional experience and hands-on training is critical to meeting our goals for *Building a Talent Strong Texas*,” said Commissioner of Higher Education Harrison Keller. “Together, these grants will bolster the talent pipeline and offer meaningful work-based experiences that drive students into competitive careers and increased economic mobility.”

#### **Work-based Learning Opportunity Grants – Internships**

This program is aimed at supporting or expanding existing, off-campus internship programs by:

- Converting non-paid internship programs to paid work-based learning opportunities for students;
- Increasing the number of students participating in paid work-based learning opportunities;
- Increasing wages for students participating in paid work-based learning opportunities; and/or
- Providing financial support to student interns with demonstrated need.

Institutional awardees:

- Austin Community College: \$250,000
- Dallas College: \$250,000
- South Texas College: \$250,000
- Tarleton State University: \$250,000
- The University of Texas at Arlington: \$250,000
- The University of Texas at Austin: \$250,000
- The University of Texas at San Antonio: \$250,000
- University of Houston-Clear Lake: \$250,000
- University of North Texas: \$250,000
- Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi: \$249,886
- Palo Alto College: \$225,000
- The University of Texas at Permian Basin: \$225,000
- The University of Texas at Tyler: \$190,500
- Texas Woman's University: \$175,000
- Angelo State University: \$151,296
- Texas Southmost College: \$140,107
- Texas State Technical College System: \$135,829
- Blinn College District: \$125,316
- Collin County Community College District: \$102,240
- University of Houston -Victoria: \$78,678
- Texas A&M University-San Antonio: \$55,200

### **Work-based Learning Opportunity Grants – Apprenticeships**

This program is aimed at supporting or expanding existing apprenticeship programs by:

- Supporting training costs;
- Providing financial support to student apprentices with demonstrated need;
- Expanding Registered Apprenticeship Programs;
- Developing pre-apprenticeship programs;
- Encouraging participation from non-traditional student and employer populations; and/or
- Faculty development in high-value career and technical training credential pathway.

### Institutional awardees:

- Dallas Community College District: \$165,000
- South Texas College: \$164,974
- San Jacinto Community College District: \$149,400
- El Paso Community College District: \$136,000
- Collin County Community College District: \$27,500
- Blinn Community College District: \$15,208

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*The mission of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) is to serve as a resource, partner, and advocate for Texas higher education, resulting in a globally competitive workforce that positions Texas as an international leader. The agency works to support the state's higher education goals, found in Texas' strategic plan for higher education, [Building a Talent Strong Texas](#). THECB can be found online at [highered.texas.gov](http://highered.texas.gov).*