Changing the World Starts at Home!!

Home to Texas (HTT) is a summer internship program that encourages University of Texas undergraduates to work in their hometowns by providing well-paid internships and experiences designed to help them understand the underlying values of their home communities.
• A collaborative program between the IC² Institute and the School of Undergraduate Studies that will:
  – Connect UT students with the underlying values of their home communities through summer internship experiences, and
  – Provide an engaged student presence for UT Austin in traditionally underserved communities around the state of Texas
Program Components

• Student selection
• Internship matching
• Student engagement through:
  – Training
  – Internship
  – Fitted community research project
• Expert mentorship
• Regional recognition
• Peer-mentorship
• Student reporting
2019 Pilot Program

Texas Communities Engaged:

- Amarillo
- Brenham
- Kerrville
- McAllen

McAllen Team
Blog Reports

Home to Amarillo
Ming Schneider
UT Austin Sophomore

Back to Brenham
Sean Hart
UT Austin Junior

McAllen, Texas Welcomes HTT
Sharon Flores,
UT Austin Class ‘88
Pilot Program Outcomes

• Successful engagement:
  – 9 Students in 4 communities in 2019
  – Local UT alumni

• Successful connections:
  – Local community leaders through student interviews and local events
  – Partners to export Home to Texas model around the state
Data in Progress

- Final student reflection essays and community data
- Detailed student feedback and evaluation
- Detailed employer feedback and evaluation
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