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**City of Gainesville, Bob Graham Center for Public Service announce undergraduate fellowship opportunity**

The City of Gainesville and the University of Florida Bob Graham Center for Public Service have partnered to establish a fellowship opportunity for undergraduate UF students during the 2017-2018 academic year.

The University of Florida and the City of Gainesville have outlined several areas for collaboration between the university and the city to help solve problems using more productive, creative and efficient methods than those used in the past. A formalized fellowship program aimed at empowering civic-minded University of Florida students offers one promising solution.

The fellows' work will be project-based, consisting of four eight-week components (two each semester), and will focus on digital services, research and prototyping, engagement and visual design. Fellows will work closely with one another, city departments and organizational leadership to complete objectives. Up to four fellows will work part time (10 to 15 hours a week) during the fall and spring semesters.

"We are very pleased to offer our students this opportunity to work with experienced and talented city leaders in Gainesville and to provide our students with some exciting opportunities to address local problems," said Dr. David Colburn, the director of the Bob Graham Center for Public Service.

The fellowship program will be directed by the City of Gainesville's City Manager's Office in collaboration with the Bob Graham Center for Public Service.

"We are excited to connect with the tremendous talent at the University of Florida for the benefit of the entire Gainesville community as we co-design a New American City. We look forward to establishing a formalized and ongoing collaboration with our partners at the Bob Graham Center for Public Service, which will provide their students with a lasting experience of positively impacting our local citizens," said Dr. Carrie Blanchard Bush, the city's director of strategic initiatives

Each fellow will work across functional areas such as strategic planning, Citizen-Centered Gainesville, communications and marketing, human resources, the City of Gainesville Department of Doing, and others.

Applications for the fellowship are due May 15, 2017.

For more information and to find the application, go to <http://www.bobgrahamcenter.ufl.edu/content/city-gainesville-local-government-fellowship>.

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*The Bob Graham Center was established in 2006 with the goal of creating a community of students, scholars, and citizens who share a commitment to revitalizing the civic culture of Florida and the nation. Former Governor and U. S. Senator Bob Graham founded the Center as a place where students acquire the skills and knowledge to become informed citizens, with the expressed purpose of strengthening the nation's democratic institutions. Located in the middle of campus in Pugh Hall, the Center stands at the cornerstone of the University's academic, intellectual and civic life.*