

# UTD Jindal School's Progressive Stance on Service: Social Engagement Credit Required

Business students at UT Dallas' Jindal School of Management are now required to fulfill social engagement and community service requirements in order to earn their degree. Dallas nonprofit and global service learning provider, Bright Light Volunteers, chosen as an approved partner to provide opportunities to fulfill new social engagement requirements.

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Bright Light Volunteers joins UTD Jindal OutReach in its commitment to provide Jindal School undergraduate students opportunities that enable them to use their skills and time to REACH OUT AND REACH OTHERS.

In keeping with the Naveen Jindal School of Management's mission providing innovative education and graduating well-rounded citizens whose education has prepared them for rewarding, productive lives in a constantly changing world, the Jindal School enriched their undergraduate curriculum with the addition of a social engagement requirement in fall of 2018. This social engagement requirement will enhance student's education by giving them the opportunity to apply classroom knowledge in practical settings. Assisting in community endeavors will enhance understanding of class materials and foster personal and social skill development while strengthening bonds in the community.

As part of [Bright Light Volunteers'](#) commitment to promote the mission of UTD Jindal's OutReach program they have committed to provide social engagement opportunities for students that will:

Enhance community-university relations by maintaining the Jindal School vision of a strong synergistic partnership within the DFW community by providing service and support to the community while promoting a spirit of public-mindedness and bringing new energy and perspectives to community work.

Grow students' professionalism by increasing leadership and teamwork skills while building connections with professionals and community members and adding unique community experiences to their professional resumes.

Enrich students' personal development and interpersonal skills by increasing communication, accountability, and cultural competency while improving social responsibility.

Produce well-rounded students who demonstrate a complex understanding of problem solving, critical thinking and the ability to work collectively to address common societal issues.

Alma Garcia, Community Engagement Specialist and Board Member extraordinaire at [Bright Light Volunteers](#), is thrilled with the news of the partnership: "We love this! Programs that promote citizenship and leadership are essential in education. We are proud to have the opportunity to provide Jindal students with hands-on work that



Bright Light Volunteers Founder, Catherine Greenberg, understands the value of social engagement and community service initiatives & partnerships.

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### About Bright Light Volunteers:

Bright Light Volunteers is a 501(c)(3), non-profit organization, designed to empower program participants and community partners through education and service. Specifically, our programs adhere to global service-learning best practices, which combine community service with both experiential learning in the field and online coursework through our university partner. Our vision is to make the world a brighter place by creating a more peaceful, just, interconnected world where global challenges and opportunities are met by educated, compassionate, global citizens and leaders.

### About the Naveen Jindal School of Management:

The Jindal School is the largest of UT Dallas' eight schools, with a fall 2017 enrollment of more than 9,100, about half of whom are graduate students. The school provides a wide variety of classes on campus and online, flexible scheduling and a convenient location. An innovative institution, UT Dallas has a Carnegie R1 research classification (Doctoral Universities – Highest research activity). It is located in a suburban setting 20 miles north of downtown Dallas and enrolls more than 27,600 students in a broad array of bachelor's, master's, and doctoral degree programs.

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