



Associate Dean for Research and Graduate Studies

Leadership Profile

Fall 2025 – Spring 2026



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Executive Summary

The Erik Jonsson School of Engineering and Computer Science (Jonsson School) at The University of Texas at Dallas (UT Dallas) seeks a dynamic, innovative, collaborative, and visionary leader to assume the role of Associate Dean for Research and Graduate Studies (ADGRS). Nominations and personal interest are invited.

UT Dallas is one of the top comprehensive public research universities in Texas and the nation. Designated as a Carnegie R1 institution for “very high research activity,” UT Dallas offers a diverse selection of 160 academic programs across seven schools. The University is a leader in education and research for areas such as cybersecurity, artificial intelligence, bioengineering and nanotechnology. Its research centers and interdisciplinary collaborations — such as the expanded partnership with UT Southwestern Medical Center and the opening of the \$120 million, 150,000-square-foot Texas Instruments Biomedical Engineering and Sciences Building on the medical center’s East Campus — continue to attract significant federal funding, further enhancing the University’s national and global influence. UT Dallas’ dynamic 645-acre campus is in Richardson, Texas, less than 17 miles from downtown Dallas.

The Jonsson School houses six academic departments: bioengineering, computer science, electrical and computer engineering, materials science and engineering, mechanical engineering, and systems engineering. The School operates one of the most extensive internship programs of its kind, with nearly 600 student placements annually at hundreds of Dallas-area companies. The Jonsson School is also one of the fastest growing engineering and computer science schools in the U.S. In recent years, the School has created four new departments and ten new degree programs, while maintaining an undergraduate student body whose average SAT scores are among the highest of any public university in Texas. It offers seven undergraduate degree programs, nine master’s programs, and eight doctoral programs and ranks as the No. 1 best undergraduate engineering program in North Texas among public universities, according to *U.S. News and World Report*.

The Associate Dean of Research position was established in January 2013. Since this time, the School’s research portfolio has grown significantly in terms of size, with research expenditures increasing from \$43M to \$65M and an increase in federally funded research from 36% to 52%. The corresponding increase in cross-disciplinary multi-PI projects has expanded, along with greater collaborative projects with outside universities and collaborating research partners. Last year, the Jonsson School Associate Dean for Research office processed 430 proposals totaling \$304M, with many cross-department and university collaborations. With this increase in research activity, there has been a corresponding increase in administrative logistics support needed to maintain and advance the school’s research agenda. Graduate studies has recently been added to the portfolio to create better synergies and collaborative opportunities for both areas.

Reporting to the Dean, the ADGRS will help shape and execute a strategic vision that prioritizes the growth of the research ecosystem within the school. Specifically, the ADGRS will enhance the research infrastructure, support faculty in securing funding, leverage existing external partnerships, creatively build new collaborations, and facilitate the dissemination of research outcomes. This is achieved by fostering and advancing research collaborations, identifying and structuring new opportunities of benefit to the school, promoting strategic internal and external partnerships, and ensuring the necessary School-wide practices and systems of support for the scholarly work of the faculty, staff, and students at the school.

The ADGRS is expected to collaborate with the School’s constituents to further strengthen their engagement, productivity, and reputation across school-wide research thrust areas of Advanced Manufacturing, Energy and Science Technology, Health Innovations, Semiconductor Science and Technology, and Transportation Science and Engineering. As a member of the executive leadership team, the ADGRS also is expected to take an active role in University initiatives and leadership. The appointment commences for the fall 2026 semester. To submit a nomination or express personal interest in this position, please see Procedure for Candidacy at the end of this document.

Role of the Associate Dean for Research and Graduate Studies

Essential Duties and Responsibilities:

- Maintain a strong acumen regarding the federal strategic policy and funding environment and match the school's research expertise to take advantage of future funding programs.
- Identify and cultivate collaborative relationships with funding agencies, including government, industry, private foundations, and other institutions that support research, professional development, and outreach.
- Mentor faculty through the grant proposal development process and successful completion of externally funded research projects.
- Work with the University's Office of Sponsored Programs to manage pre- and post-award research administration and compliance functions, including the research budgets and resource commitments pertaining to external grants and contracts.
- Prepare research reports and maintain research records as required by the school, the University, and accrediting organizations.
- Develop and implement strategies to promote dissemination of the school's research at local, University, and national conferences and meetings.
- Coordinate workshops related to proposal development and faculty professional development (including promotion, tenure, pre-tenure, and post-tenure) for the Jonsson School faculty.
- Oversee research compliance, responsible research conduct, ethics, and safety, and certified approvers.
- Approve proposal routing forms, other research funding requests, and manage requests for cost-share/matching.
- Serve as the point of contact for research conflict of interest.
- Liaise with the VPR's office on matters related to technology transfer and entrepreneurial activities.
- Represent the school at the ASEE Research Council and other relevant academic groups.
- Oversee and manage external reviews of major school-wide research centers and supervise leadership of funded research centers and facilities.
- Direct and manage all aspects of the school's graduate programs and graduate students, including serving on the graduate programs committee.
- Maintain an active research program, mentor doctoral students, and engage in classroom teaching.

Opportunities and Expectations for Leadership

Drive Research Excellence and Innovation

The next ADRGS will play a pivotal role in accelerating the school's rapidly expanding research enterprise. This is a rare opportunity to shape and execute a bold, forward-thinking vision that strengthens the school's research ecosystem and positions UT Dallas as a national leader in engineering innovation. The ADRGS will spearhead efforts to enhance research infrastructure, empower faculty to secure significant research funding from federal agencies, industry partners, and state initiatives, while also pursuing large-scale, multi-institutional grants and collaborative research opportunities.

The ideal candidate will be a proven, prolific researcher with the passion and ability to elevate the research careers of others while driving large-scale initiatives and team science collaborations. With Texas emerging as a global hub for semiconductors, launching its own stock exchange, and investing heavily in advanced fields like nuclear engineering, the environment is primed for transformative growth.

Strengthen research infrastructure and data

The next Associate Dean will be a catalyst for innovation in research administration, bringing cutting-edge best practices to strengthen and modernize the school's research infrastructure. This leader will implement advanced tracking and analytics systems to deliver real-time insights for annual reporting and progress measurement, empowering the dean and school to make data-driven decisions on strategic priorities and investments. By building a robust, faculty-centered infrastructure, the ADRGS will create an environment where researchers have the tools, resources, and support they need to thrive and compete at the highest levels.

Reimagine Graduate Education

The Associate Dean will also lead a bold transformation of graduate education within the school. This includes developing an innovative, sustainable funding model that supports multi-year Ph.D. commitments, expanding fellowship opportunities, and increasing the recruitment of top domestic talent. As a strategic leader, the Associate Dean will design and implement forward-thinking approaches to graduate student recruitment, retention, and success; ensuring that the school remains competitive and attracts exceptional scholars who will drive research excellence.

Build Strategic Partnerships and Foster Collaboration

The ADRGS will serve as the primary ambassador for research and graduate education within the school and beyond. This individual will be a dynamic connector and trusted leader, adept at cultivating strong relationships across the UT Dallas community. The Associate Dean will work in close partnership with the Office of the Vice President for Research to align school priorities with university-wide initiatives and amplify the impact of large-scale research efforts. This leader will unite faculty across disciplines to drive ambitious, team-based science collaborations and position the school as a hub for innovation and discovery. A deep understanding of the diverse research interests and strengths within the faculty will be essential, enabling the Associate Dean to identify synergies, build interdisciplinary teams, and champion opportunities that elevate the school's research profile nationally and globally.

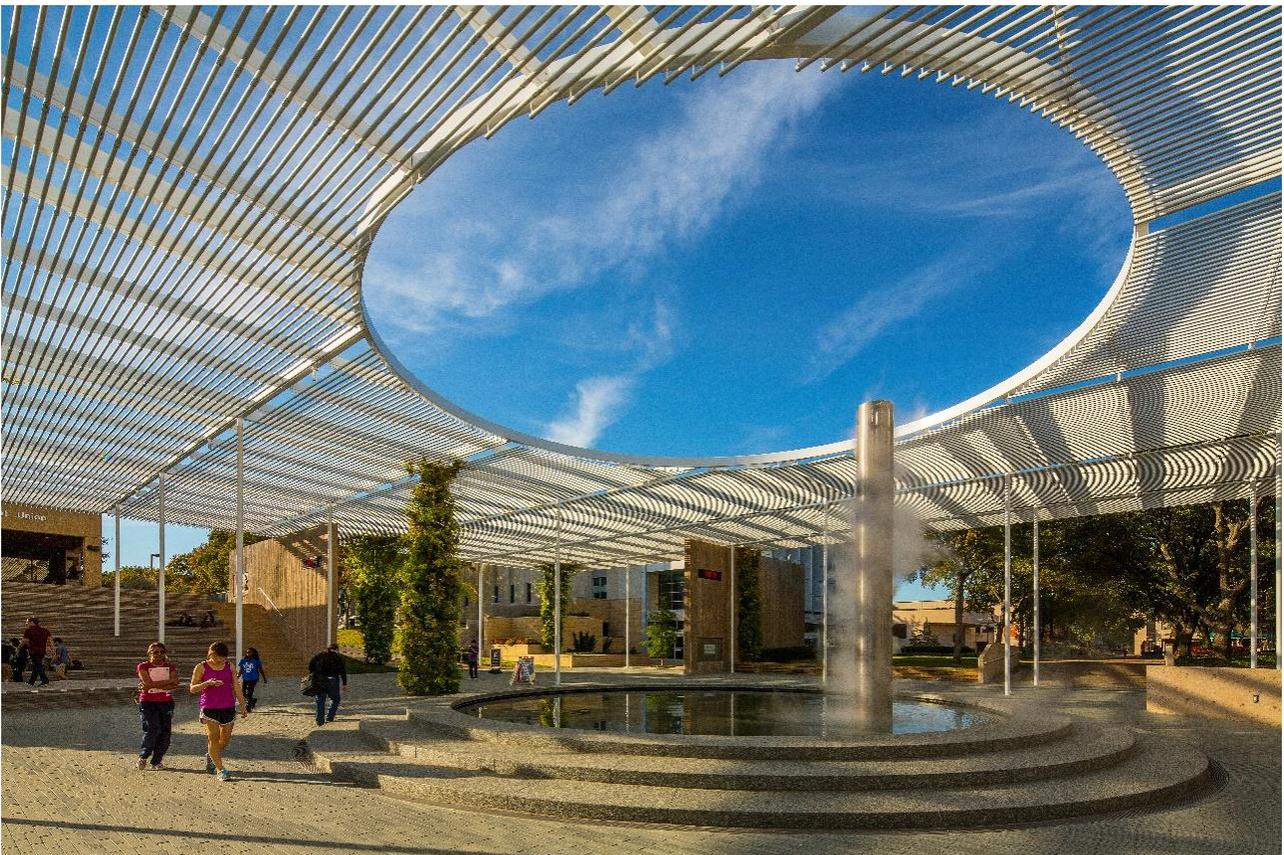
Professional Qualifications and Personal Qualities

Minimum education and experience:

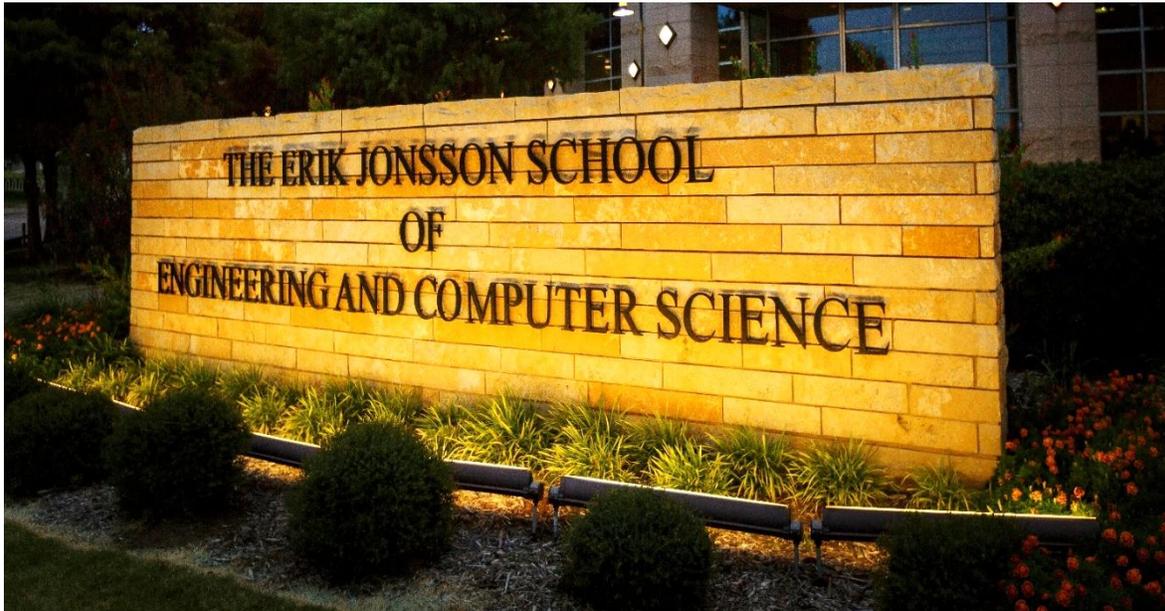
- An earned Ph.D. or equivalent in one of the instructional areas of the school (or a closely related field).
- Distinguished record of excellence in research, teaching, and service that is commensurate with appointment to an associate or full professor in one of the school's six academic departments.
- A strong research record and ability to develop and mentor others to successful research and scholarly activities, including working across multiple disciplines, addressing critical issues for the research community, and attracting external funding.
- Proven research leadership, interdisciplinary collaboration experience, and administrative ability with the interpersonal skills that would enable them to work with diverse constituents.

Preferred experience:

- Demonstrated ability to work effectively in a highly collaborative, engaging, and dynamic environment comprised of individuals with a range of backgrounds, skills, and perspectives.
- A record of producing research and scholarly or creative achievements that enhance the program and the discipline.
- Ability to deliver high-quality teaching using evidence-based practices to effectively engage students from a range of backgrounds and experiences.



About Erik Jonsson School of Engineering and Computer Science



The Erik Jonsson School of Engineering and Computer Science (Jonsson School) houses six academic departments, and is one of the fastest growing engineering and computer science schools in the U.S. The school operates one of the most extensive internship programs of its kind, with nearly 600 student placements annually at hundreds of Dallas-area companies.

Mission

The mission of the Jonsson School is to:

- Deliver state-of-the-art high-technology engineering degree programs for the State of Texas and beyond.
- Produce versatile students equipped not only with technical skills, but also with innovative and entrepreneurial skills.
- Address problems of critical societal need through research aimed at the creation of new engineering knowledge and technology transfer to industry.
- Develop partnerships with government and the private sector to apply new knowledge for economic growth and high-tech job creation in order to strengthen existing regional firms, promote the growth of new regional firms, and create new high-paying private sector jobs.
- Provide leadership and outreach to nurture tomorrow's leaders in science, mathematics and high-technology education and business.

Departments

[Bioengineering](#): The department's mission is to advance healthcare in Texas and beyond through innovative, collaborative education and research that engages students and clinicians to meet the community's needs. The \$108 million, 220,000-square-foot Bioengineering and Sciences Building [was dedicated in 2016](#) and became the largest academic building on campus. The four-story building connects to the Natural Science and Engineering Research Laboratory for easy access and interdisciplinary collaboration. The Texas Biomedical Device Center, a

collaborative effort engaging researchers from biomedical engineering and other disciplines who work toward creating new biomedical technologies and therapies, is housed in BSB.

Computer Science: The Department of Computer Science offers degrees in computer science and software engineering as well as interdisciplinary degrees in telecommunications engineering and computer engineering. UT Dallas is centrally and strategically located in the heart of a high-technology corridor, which is home to thousands of cutting-edge tech companies. With more than 100 dedicated faculty members and an annual expenditure of over \$9 million on research across its focus areas, the UT Dallas CS department is one of the largest and most dynamic departments of its kind in the United States.

Electrical and Computer Engineering: The Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering addresses complex technical problems using computing and science-based approaches. The mission of the Electrical and Computer Engineering Program is to provide excellent education in modern electrical and computer engineering practice. Graduates are highly qualified for rewarding and successful careers in a diverse range of electrical and computer engineering fields.

Materials Science and Engineering: The Department of Materials Science and Engineering at UT Dallas focuses on the study of advanced materials - including metals and their composites, polymers, silicon, and biomaterials - and their potential use in various applications. The department's mission is to initiate highly collaborative endeavors and, using the diversity of the department as a source of innovation and technical excellence, bring the scientific breakthroughs necessary for industry and government initiatives, making the department a global leader in educating students and exceeding stakeholders' expectations.

Mechanical Engineering: The Department of Mechanical Engineering, created just over ten years ago, focuses on problems of global significance. Its degree programs are expressly tailored to meet the most current needs of the 21st-century mechanical engineer, providing instruction in micro-thermodynamics, micro-fluidics, and other key areas. Seven teaching labs for undergraduates reinforce the engineering theory taught in lectures through hands-on experimentation. Currently, more than 1,100 students are enrolled in the bachelor's degree program, and over 170 are pursuing master's and doctoral degrees.

Systems Engineering: The Department of Systems Engineering focuses on the interdisciplinary study of systems and management. Researchers across the University contribute to the study of systems engineering, and students prepare for advanced engineering management roles. Building on the success of the master's program in systems engineering and management, the department launched the Bachelor of Science in Systems Engineering cohort in Fall 2025. Systems engineering encompasses a broad range of applications, including energy, healthcare, information technology, finance, cybersecurity, defense, and mechatronics. This new degree is broad and flexible, allowing students to combine engineering with fields like business or healthcare.

Degree Partnerships

The Jonsson School offers several degree programs and certificates in collaboration with other UTD schools. These include:

- Jointly with Economic, Political and Policy Sciences (EPPS)
 - BS in Computational and Geospatial Science (admin by EPPS)
 - BS in Cybersecurity Technology and Policy (admin by ECS)
 - MS in Cybersecurity Technology and Policy (admin by EPPS)
- Jointly with Natural Sciences and Mathematics (NSM)
 - BS in Data Science (admin by NSM)
 - Data Science Certificate (admin by NSM)

- Jointly with the Jindal School of Management (JSOM)
 - MS in Systems Engineering and Management (admin by ECS)
 - Systems Engineering Certificate - Traditional (admin by JSOM)
 - Systems Management Certificate - Professional (admin by JSOM)
 - Cybersecurity Systems Certificate (admin by JSOM)

School of Engineering and Computer Science Centers

- [Batteries and Energy to Advance Commercialization and National Security \(BEACONS\)](#)
- [Center for Applied AI and Machine Learning \(CAIML\)](#)
- [Center for Applied AI at The Richardson Innovation Quarter with UT Dallas Expertise \(CAIQUE\)](#)
- [Center for Atomically Precise Fabrication of Solid-State Quantum Devices](#)
- [Center for Control Science & Technology \(CCST\)](#)
- [Center for Imaging and Surgical Innovation \(CISI\)](#)
- [Center for Robust Speech Systems \(CRSS\)](#)
- [Center for Smart and Connected Mobility \(COSMO\)](#)
- [Center for Software Technologies to Improve \(Human\) Performance \(h-STIP\)](#)
- [Texas Analog Center of Excellence \(TxACE\)](#)
- [Texas Biomedical Device Center \(TxBDC\)](#)
- [Wind Energy Center at UTD](#)
- [Center for Harsh Environments Semiconductor Systems \(CHESS\)](#)

School of Engineering and Computer Science Institutes

- [Cyber Security Research and Education Institute \(CSI\)](#)
- [Institute for Data Analytics \(IDA\)](#)
- [Institute for Intelligent Energy Systems](#)

Degrees Awarded: 2023-2024

- 1471 Bachelor of Science
- 795 Master of Science
- 97 Doctor of Philosophy

Total degrees: 2,363

Enrollment: Fall 2025

- 7302 undergraduates
- 886 masters students
- 652 doctoral students

Total students: 884

At a Glance

- 170+ Tenure or Tenure track faculty
- \$82.4M in research awards for FY 2024
- 57% of institutional research awards
- 480+ High-Tech internships in 2024



Corporate Partners

The Jonsson School has a rich legacy of corporate involvement. UT Dallas was founded by Eugene McDermott, Erik Jonsson, and Cecil Green, the founders of Texas Instruments. Erik Jonsson also served in several civic capacities, including serving as mayor of Dallas at a critical point in the city's history. The name "Jonsson School" reflects the ongoing engagement with industry and the surrounding community.

Executive Council

The Jonsson School [Executive Council](#) was established in 2019 and includes community and industry leaders, philanthropic partners, university leaders, faculty, and distinguished alumni who contribute to strategic planning initiatives specifically for the Jonsson School.

Facilities

State-of-the-art facilities are integral to meeting the Jonsson School mission of being a global leader in engineering and computer science education and research. In recent years, leaders have purchased and built multiple facilities to keep pace with school growth and meet the evolving needs of society.

The Jonsson School facility resources now include one of the largest project design studios in the country, as well as a makerspace area for creative pursuits. One of the most recent buildings is Engineering and Computer Science West (ECSW), which [was dedicated in 2019](#). Building walls are made of glass - turning even elevator, piping, and heating systems into educational opportunities. ECSW adds to the growing list of the Jonsson School facilities that help attract and retain top faculty members and students interested in conducting high-impact research.

The Jonsson School's state-of-the-art infrastructure fosters collaboration and innovation. From the Natural Science and Engineering Research Laboratory to the Texas Instruments Biomedical Engineering and Sciences building, the facilities are designed to create solutions for tomorrow's challenges. Learn more about facilities [here](#).

About the Office of the Associate Dean for Research and Graduate Studies

The Office of the Associate Dean for Research (ADR) fosters the growth of research opportunities within the Erik Jonsson School of Engineering and Computer Science (Jonsson School). The faculty and student researchers work on innovative solutions to complex problems across a wide range of engineering disciplines, collaborating with industry and other academic institutions to deliver research results that positively impact society.

In addition to the Associate Dean for Research and Graduate Studies, the team supporting the office includes:

- Assistant Dean, Research
- Assistant Dean, Graduate Studies
- Director of Graduate Student Success and Recruitment
- Administrative Services Officer
- [Advisory Committee on Research](#)

Research Thrusts

The Jonsson School has identified five research thrusts (advanced manufacturing, energy science and technology, health innovations, semiconductor science and technology, and transportation science and engineering) as emergent areas based on the School's existing research, priorities of individual faculty, research groups/centers, and local, regional, and national needs.

This approach relies on each department and research group/center advancing excellence at their levels and providing opportunities for faculty to connect to these schoolwide convergent themes. Furthermore, it requires a balance between the strength and emphasis of each department and the strength, excellence, and emphasis of the school as a whole.

Advanced Manufacturing: The national need for innovative products and processes aligns with the growth of industry in the Dallas area and Texas.

Energy Science and Technology: Breakthroughs in energy generation, conversion, and storage are critical for improving global living standards, economic advantage, and long-term sustainability.

Health Innovations: North Texas is well-positioned to address persistent health disparities with its ecosystem of hybrid public-private partnerships.

Semiconductor Science and Technology: Semiconductors are a core Jonsson School strength, and continued innovation is critical for national competitiveness and sustainable development.

Transportation Science and Engineering: Continuous advancement will improve the safety, efficiency, and quality of the lives of drivers on the roads and highways of Texas and the United States.

Cross-Cutting Technologies

- Artificial Intelligence
- Cybersecurity
- High Precision Mechatronics
- Human Interaction
- Imaging Science
- Robotics Engineering

About the University of Texas at Dallas

Overview

Founded in 1961 as the private research arm of Texas Instruments and incorporated into The University of Texas System in 1969, UT Dallas is now the top-ranked public university in the North Texas region. It ranks third in the state overall, according to U.S. News & World Report. It is among the fastest-growing public universities in the U.S., driven by forward-thinking academic programs, a collaborative and innovative culture, and strategic investments that have positioned it as a destination institution and an emerging global center for the arts.

UT Dallas is one of the top comprehensive public research universities in Texas and the nation. Designated as a Carnegie R1 institution for “very high research activity,” UT Dallas offers a diverse selection of 160 academic programs across seven schools. Known for its strong emphasis on STEM disciplines intertwined with arts and humanities, UT Dallas is also home to a highly ranked business school.

The University is a leader in education and research for areas such as cybersecurity, artificial intelligence, bioengineering and nanotechnology. Its research centers and interdisciplinary collaborations, including an expanded partnership with UT Southwestern Medical Center and the opening of the \$120 million, 150,000-square-foot Texas Instruments Biomedical Engineering and Sciences Building on the medical center’s East Campus, attract significant federal funding, further enhancing the University’s national and global influence.

UT Dallas’ dynamic 645-acre campus is located in Richardson, Texas, just 17 miles from downtown Dallas. The University’s growth and momentum include more than 2.5 million square feet of new construction in the last eight years. This includes a Student Success Center/Student Union and a third building for the Naveen Jindal School of Management, both of which are expected to be completed in 2026. The Edith and Peter O’Donnell Jr. Athenaeum, a new 12-acre campus cultural district, which opened in Fall 2024, includes a second Dallas location for the Crow Museum of Asian Art and, in 2027, a new music building and a 680-seat performance hall. UT Dallas has become a national destination for art scholars and patrons alike.

Recent campus expansions include the Callier Center for Communication Disorders on the Richardson campus, the Engineering and Computer Science West building, the Sciences Building, the Student Services Building Addition, the Davidson-Gundy Alumni Center, the Brain Performance Institute, and two new student housing apartment complexes.

UT Dallas’ enrollment of more than 30,000 students includes international students from over 110 countries. The campus boasts a vibrant and growing residential community, with 8,000 students living on or near campus. UT Dallas has a loyal alumni base of over 150,000, with the majority staying within the Dallas-Fort Worth area.

Modern, state-of-the-art facilities enrich the student experience at UT Dallas and include access to over 400 student organizations, extensive service-learning opportunities, and a wide array of intramural and club sports. UT Dallas’ expanding intercollegiate athletics program is a member of the NCAA Division II Lone Star Conference, and its chess team is a national power that consistently wins national and international titles and represents UT Dallas in the Pan-American Intercollegiate Team Chess Championship and the President’s Cup.

UT Dallas is committed to expanding access to higher education, providing multiple programs that support first-generation students as well as other initiatives for first-year students of all majors. In particular, the Eugene McDermott Scholars Program offers a full-ride undergraduate scholarship to incoming first-year students who rank in the top academic tenth of the incoming class. The UT Dallas Comet Promise program, part of the UT System’s Promise Plus endowment, fully covers tuition and mandatory fees for undergraduate students with family incomes of \$100,000 or less.

Fast Facts:

- In the 2026 U.S. News & World Report Best Colleges rankings, UT Dallas ranked as the No. 1 public university in North Texas, No. 3 in Texas (behind UT Austin and Texas A&M University), and No. 54 among all public schools nationwide.
- 30,131 students enrolled in fall 2025.
- 73% undergraduate; 27% graduate
- 4,196 freshmen, including 175 National Merit Scholars
- 160 academic programs across seven schools
- 67 bachelor's degree programs
- 62 master's degree programs
- 30 Ph.D. programs
- 1 professional doctorate program (audiology)
- Student-to-faculty ratio: 25-to-1
- Four-year graduation rate: 62% (No. 3 among Texas public universities)
- Six-year graduation rate: 76%
- 90% of freshmen returned
- 61% of UT Dallas graduating seniors have no student debt compared to 50% in Texas and 45% in the nation (2021 TICAS report).
- 62% of undergraduate students receive some form of need- or merit-based financial aid.
- The Princeton Review ranks UT Dallas among its Best Value Public Colleges in the U.S. for 2025.

About the University of Texas System

For nearly 140 years, the University of Texas System (UT System) has improved the lives of Texans and people worldwide through education, research, and healthcare. With 13 institutions that collectively enroll more than 256,000 students, the UT System is one of the largest public university systems in the United States. UT institutions produce more than 66,000 graduates annually, awarding more than one-third of undergraduate degrees in Texas and more than 63% of the state's medical degrees. UT-owned and affiliated hospitals and clinics collectively account for nearly 10.8 million outpatient visits and more than 2.1 million hospital days each year. UT institutions are among the most innovative in the world, ranking No. 1 in Texas and No. 2 in the nation for federal research expenditures.

The UT System is also one of the largest employers in Texas, with nearly 25,000 faculty members - including Nobel laureates and members of the National Academies - and more than 135,000 non-faculty employees, including health care professionals, researchers, support staff, and student workers. The UT System has an operating budget of \$32 billion for fiscal year 2025.

The UT System is governed by a board of nine regents, appointed by the Governor for overlapping six-year terms, and one nonvoting student regent, selected annually by the Governor. Chancellor John M. Zerwas is the chief executive officer of the UT System and reports to the Board of Regents. Institutional presidents report to the Chancellor.



Dallas and the North Texas Region

Dallas, the ninth-largest city in the United States and the third-largest in Texas, is a thriving economic center in a region projected to grow from its current 8.6 million residents to 12.3 million by 2050.

The 12-county Dallas-Fort Worth area, the fourth-largest metropolitan area in the U.S., has become a major hub of corporate headquarters and is home to 43 Fortune 1000 companies, including McKesson Corp., AT&T Inc., Energy Transfer, and American Airlines.

The region's thriving economy provides opportunities for UT Dallas to partner with industry to pursue groundbreaking research and technological advancement, and to support student success.

Texas Instruments (TI) has provided over \$22 million in research funding and faculty development support over the past decade. UT Dallas' ties to TI date back to 1961, when the company's founders established a graduate research center that laid the foundation for UT Dallas.

State Farm has hired over 500 UT Dallas alumni and invested more than \$2.8 million in programs to foster student success. Capital One has contributed more than \$1 million to support student success, and its team members provide industry lectures and workshops, offering students real-world insights. Economic growth has led to a 25% increase in jobs in the region in the past 10 years, creating internship and job opportunities for UT Dallas students and alumni.

Dallas also offers a downtown Arts District that includes the Dallas Museum of Art; the Morton H. Meyerson Symphony Center; the Winspear Opera House; the Dee and Charles Wyly Theatre within the AT&T Performing Arts Center; the Trammell and Margaret Crow Museum of Asian Art, which also has a museum at UT Dallas; the Nasher Sculpture Center; the Dallas Contemporary; and the Dallas Children's Theater. Deep Ellum, immediately east of downtown, originally became popular during the 1920s and 1930s as the prime jazz and blues hot spot in the South.



Procedure for Candidacy

All applications, nominations, and inquiries are invited. Applications should include, as separate documents, a CV or resume and a letter of interest addressing the themes in this profile.

WittKieffer is assisting UT Dallas in this search. For fullest consideration, candidate materials should be received by **February 23, 2026**.

Nominations and inquiries can be directed to:

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The University of Texas at Dallas is an equal opportunity employer committed to providing a learning and working environment that is welcoming, respectful, and inclusive of all members of the university community. The University provides equal employment opportunities to all employees and applicants for employment without regard to any basis prohibited by applicable federal or state law or university policy. This means that no person will be excluded from participating in, denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity sponsored or conducted by the University of any such protected basis.

We are committed to ensuring that all management practices and decisions as well as personnel actions (such as recruitment and hiring practices, compensation, benefits, appraisal systems, promotions, transfers, terminations, and training and career development programs) are based only on valid job requirements and comply with federal and state regulations and university policy. This policy statement serves to remind all employees of their rights and responsibilities under the law.

Personnel policies are reviewed regularly to ensure that veterans and individuals with disabilities are given consideration for all jobs for which they qualify. If you're a veteran or an individual with a disability, we invite you to share your status with UT Dallas. Please visit the [Voluntary Self-Identification page](#) for more information.

Please visit the [Employment and Compensation webpage](#) for more information about employment and management resources.