



STATE OF THE UNIVERSITY

10/19
2021

RICHARD C. BENSON, PRESIDENT



TRANSITIONING TO A
NEW NORMAL
IN RESPONSE TO **COVID-19**

Essential Workers

...protected our campus and provided a reassuring continuity to University operations during the global pandemic.



...helped students by providing food and housing and keeping them engaged and on track.



Essential Workers



...kept our buildings clean and our landscape beautiful.



Essential Workers



...responded
to our
technology
needs.



Comets United





Vaccine Site

Operated a UT Southwestern vaccine site in the UTD Davidson-Gundy Alumni Center from March through June.

During the first few weeks of the semester, vaccinations were given on campus through a collaboration with Walmart.





Fall 2021 featured a return to pre-pandemic scheduling with courses taught mostly in person. A de-densification period was implemented in response to the Delta surge.



Opening Our Community

With allowances for the prevalence of the virus in our community, we have been able to host more sporting events, concerts, lectures, celebrations and other group gatherings.



Student Emergency Fund



Technology needs
for remote learning



Housing and
food insecurity



Medical care and
prescriptions



Students
experiencing job loss

The **Student Emergency Fund** — an additional source of institutional aid for students — was created in coordination with the Office of Development and Alumni Relations, the Division of Student Affairs and the International Student and Scholars Office.

\$32.8M in emergency aid (federal and institutional funds) has been disbursed to more than 17,000 students for unanticipated expenses due to the pandemic.



REMEMBERING DR. HOBSON WILDENTHAL

In Memoriam
1937-2021



Nearly **30 years** at UT Dallas

Established core curriculum
for undergraduate education

Created programs to attract and
retain best students and top faculty

Instrumental in campus
transformation

Encouraged undergraduate research

Fostered the honors programs
that became the Hobson Wildenthal
Honors College

Recipient of the inaugural
Edward M. Ackerman
Leadership Award



SNAPSHOT OF THE NEW ACADEMIC YEAR

UT Dallas ranks



3rd

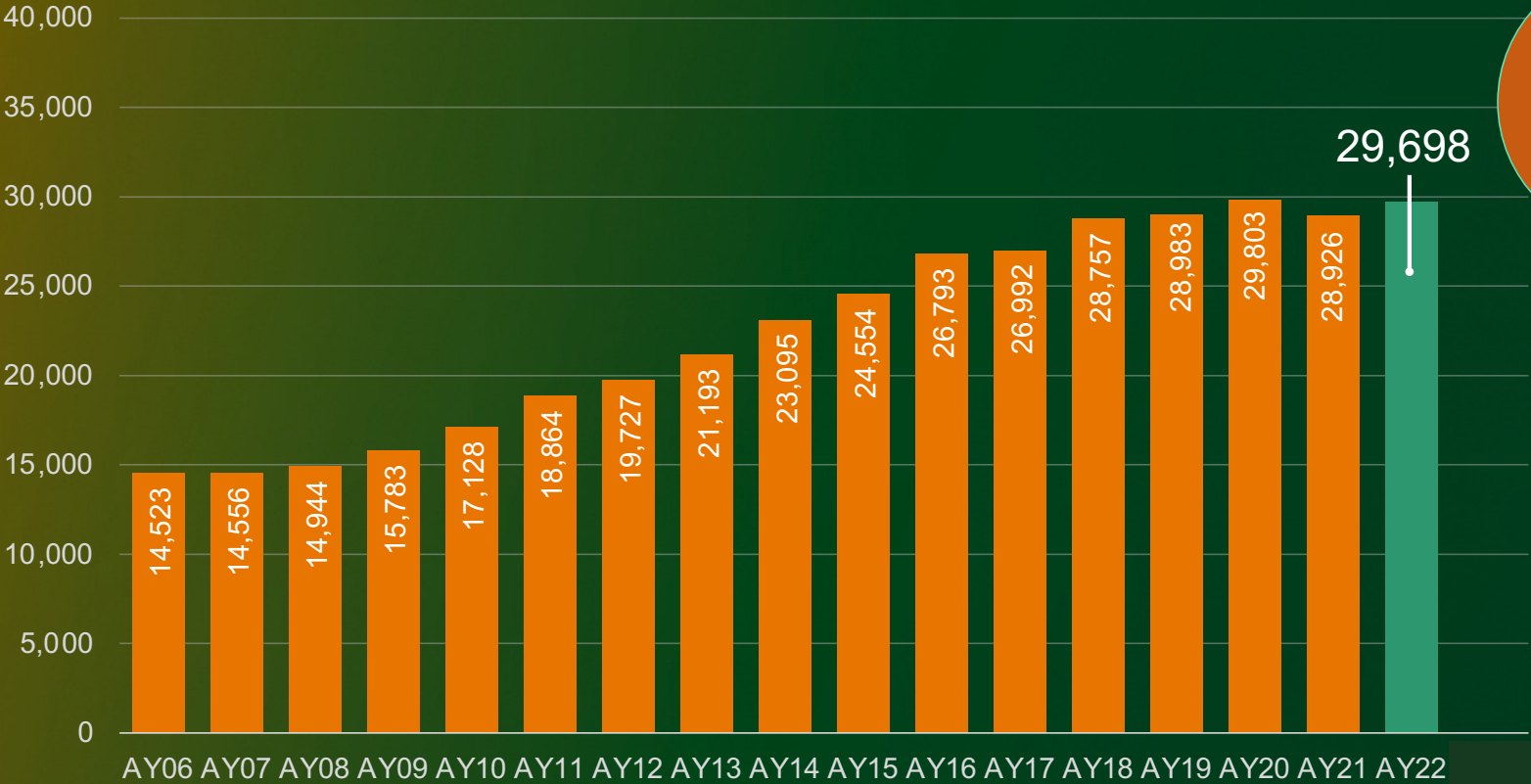
*best public
university in Texas*

(U.S. News & World Report)

[*Read more...*](#)



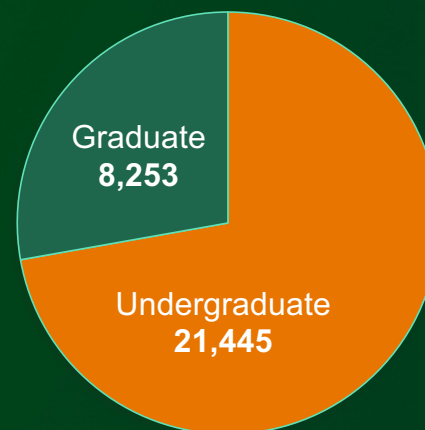
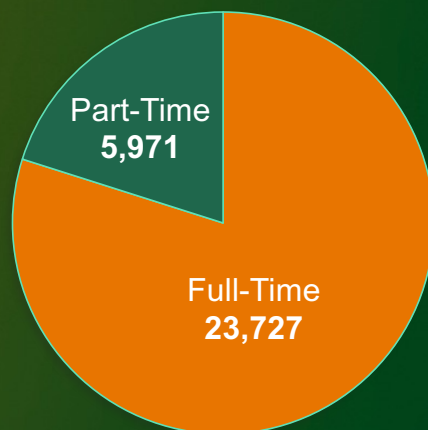
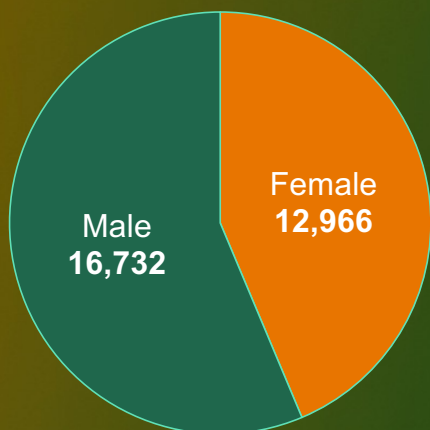
Rapid Growth of Student Body (per Academic Year)



35,000
Strategic
Target AY25



Fall 2021 Student Profile



15 YOUNGEST STUDENT

87 OLDEST STUDENT

Top States:

- Texas (23,767)
- California (225)
- Illinois (75)
- Oklahoma (73)
- Louisiana (63)
- Florida (57)

Top TX Counties:

- Collin (7,174)
- Dallas (6,217)
- Denton (2,291)
- Tarrant (1,426)
- Harris (1,152)
- Travis (1,049)

Top Countries:

- USA (25,237)
- India (2,745)
- China (553)
- Taiwan (120)
- Iran (111)
- Vietnam (106)

29,698

ENROLLED
FALL 2021

43.3%

Bachelor's
degrees awarded
to economically
disadvantaged
students (AY2020)

65.4%

Undergraduates who
received merit- and
need-based aid
(AY2020)

30.4%

Undergraduates
who received
Pell grants
(fall 2019)

Fall 2021, almost **1 in 5** of our undergraduate population is first generation



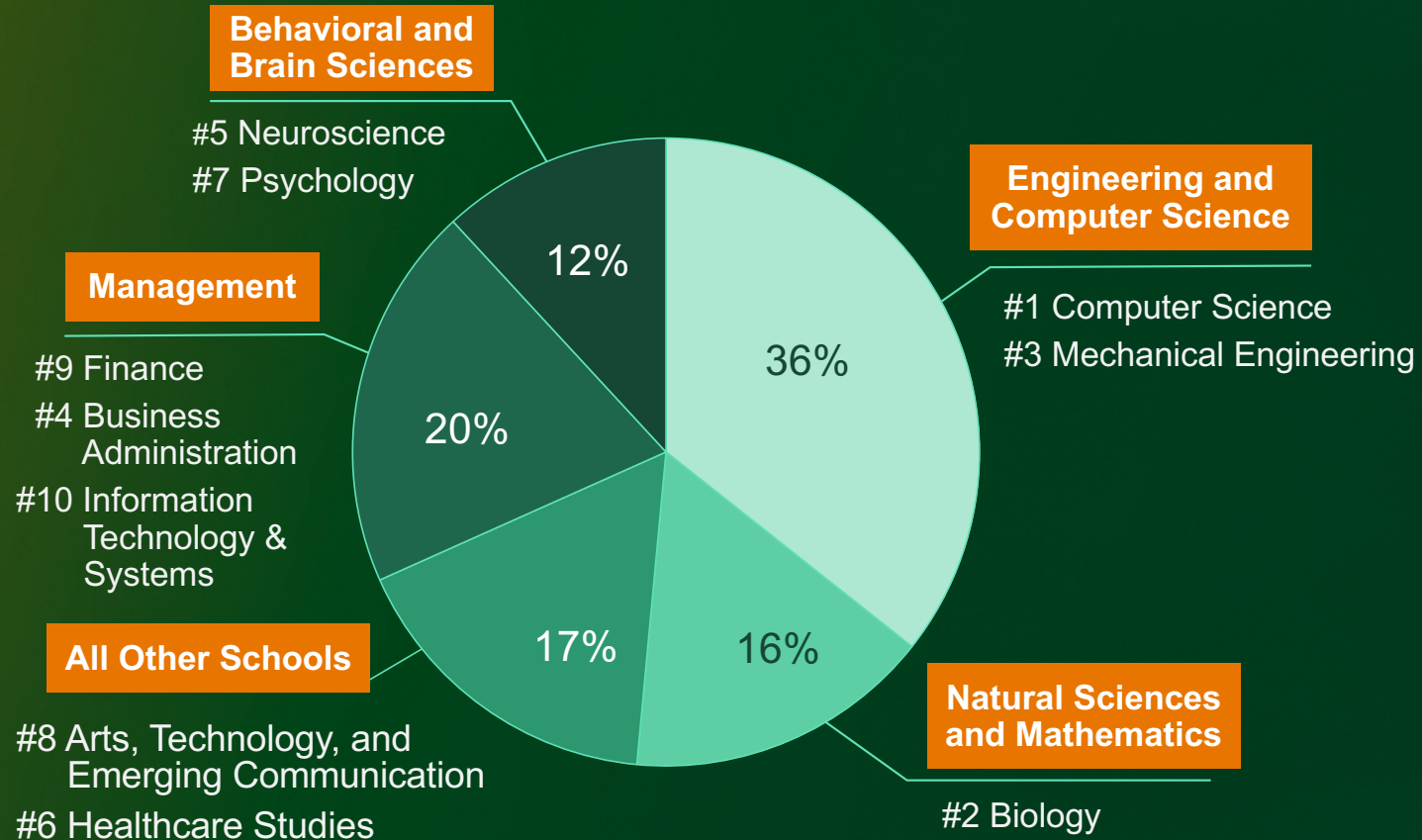
Top Declared Majors of Full-Time Incoming Freshmen

4,042

freshmen
(fall 2021)

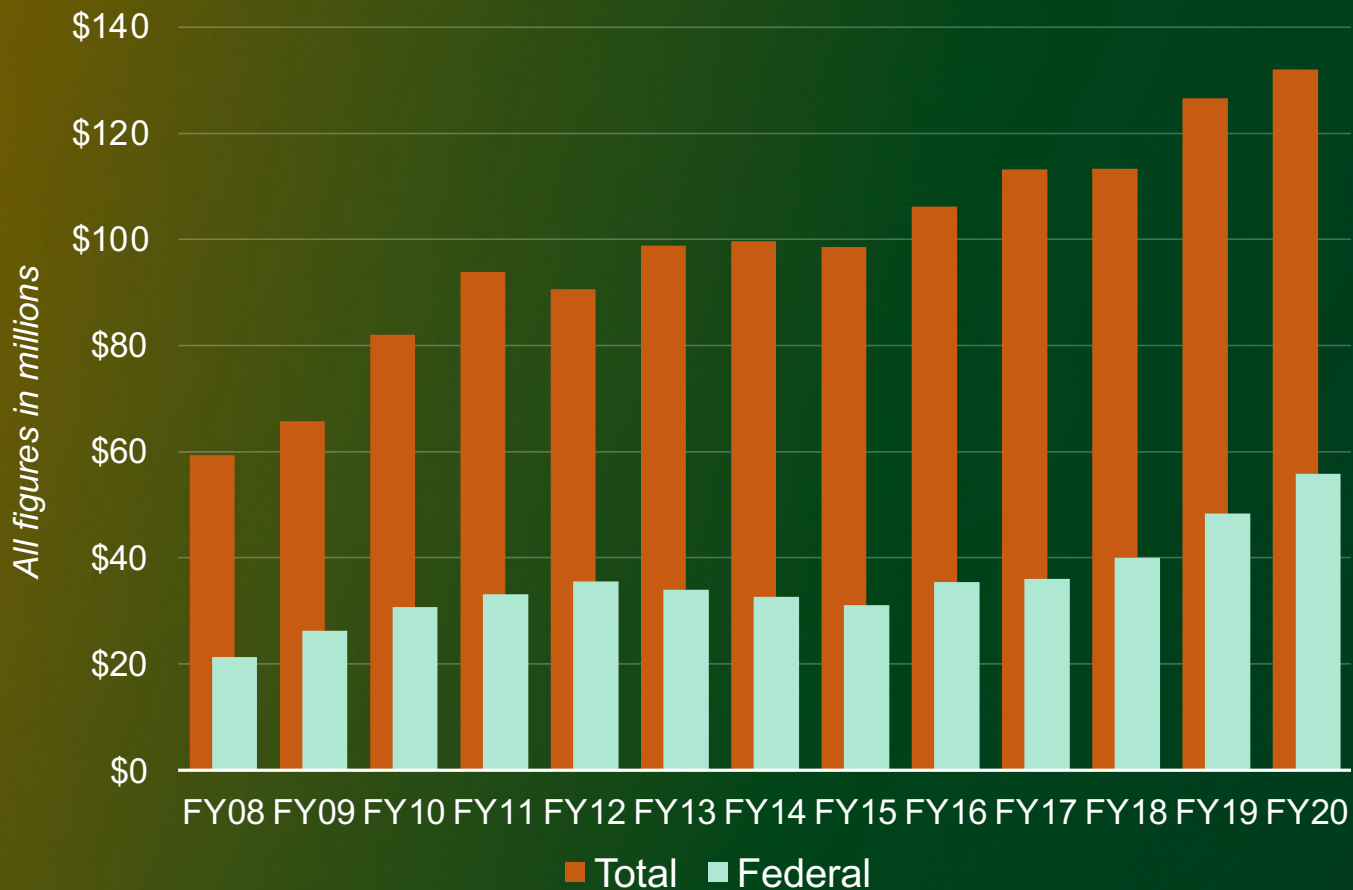
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National Merit Scholars
(fall 2021)





Total and Federal Research Spending





Office of Research

UT Dallas at the Richardson Innovation Quarter

Nexus for **new and existing industries** to partner with UTD and city of Richardson.

5 new research centers and an **extension of the VDC** will be located in the 1,200 acre hub.

Opens early **2022**.

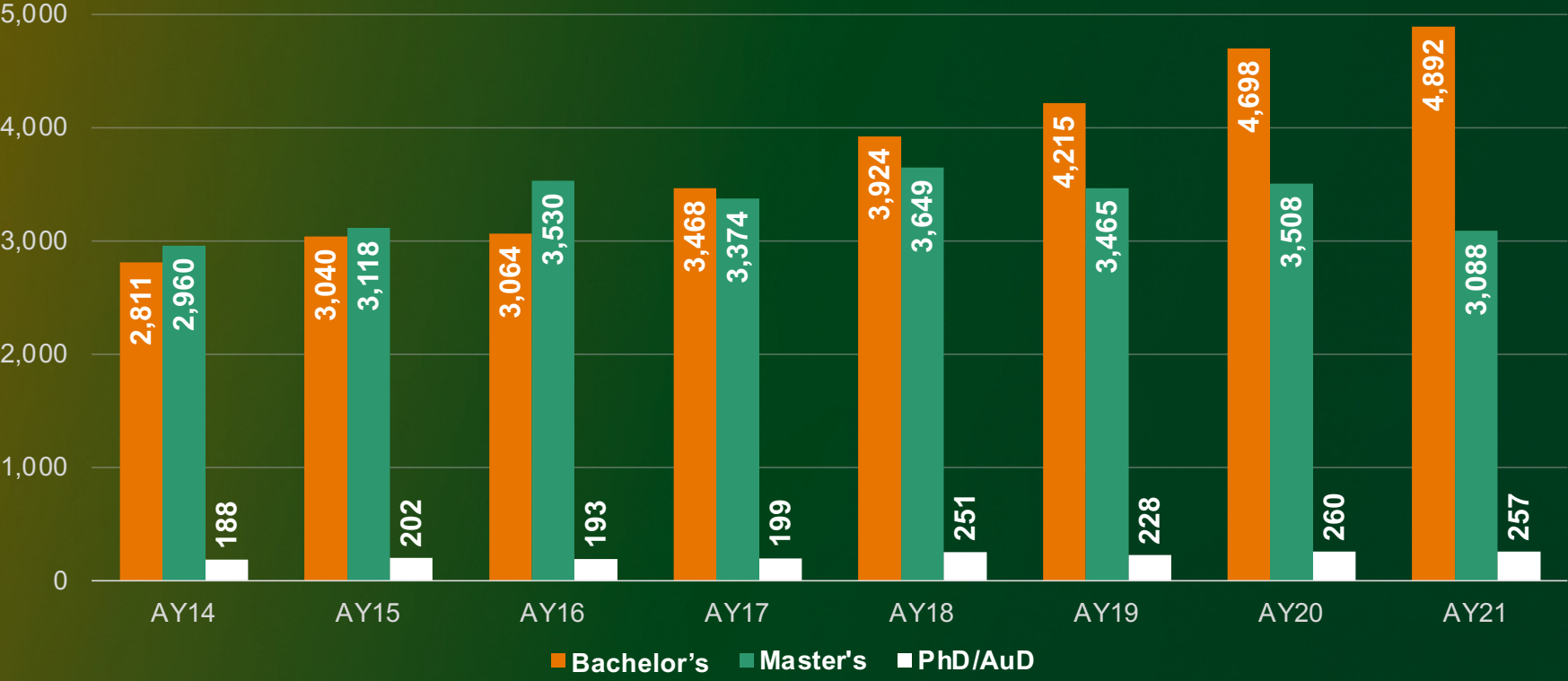
The Office of Research and Innovation recently awarded **\$625K in seed grant funding** to five UT Dallas research teams.

[Read more...](#)





Degrees Awarded by Academic Year





In response to a request from the Student Government, the **Love Jack** sculpture was moved to a prominent location on the **Margaret McDermott Mall**.

[Read more...](#)



Executive Leadership

Dr. Yvette E. Pearson
Vice President

Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

August 23, 2021





Changes in Academic Leadership



Dr. David Hyndman

Dean, School of Natural Sciences
and Mathematics

February 1, 2021



Dr. Nils Roemer

Interim Dean, School of Arts,
Technology, and Emerging Communication

June 1, 2021



Research Award Winners FY21

NSF CAREER Awardees



Anthony Cummings
Geospatial Information
Sciences



Xianming Dai
Mechanical Engineering



Giacomo Valerio Iungo
Mechanical Engineering

Young Investigator Awardees



Caroline Jones
Bioengineering



Lin Jia
Biological Sciences



Gabriele Meloni
Chemistry and
Biochemistry



Tyler Summers
Mechanical Engineering



Shiyi Wei
Computer Science



Hejun Zhu
Geosciences



Yichen Ding
Bioengineering



Jyoti Misra
Biological Sciences

More than \$40M has been awarded through these programs since 2004.



23 New Tenured/Tenure-Track Faculty

Arriving between Nov. 2020 and Oct. 2021

Of the 23 new tenured and tenure-track faculty, these received STARS or Rising STARS awards from UT System PUF, totaling \$1.6 million.



STARS



Rising STARS

A&H

Dr. Laura Hyunjhee Kim
Dr. Maurine Ogbaa
Dr. Songyao Ren

BBS

Dr. Jerillyn Kent

ECS

Dr. Waseem Abbas ★
Dr. Gu Eon Kang ★
Dr. Kyle McCall ★
Dr. Joshua Summers ★
Dr. Yu Xiang

EPPS

Dr. Anne Burton
Dr. Sivaram Cheruvu
Dr. Brenda Gambol
Dr. Jessica Hanson-DeFusco
Dr. Andrew Krajewski
Dr. Yeungjeom Lee
Dr. Lauren Pinson
Dr. Allison Russell
Dr. Anton Sobolev

JSOM

Dr. Samir Mamadehussene

NSM

Dr. Nicholas Dillon ★
Dr. David Hyndman
Dr. Purna Joshi ★
Dr. Darshan Sapkota ★



Endowed chairs and professorships are the *highest academic award* the University can bestow.

These endowments provide funds to advance research and instructional programs.

[Read more...](#)

BBS



Theodore John Price,
Angela Shoup

EPPS



Rodney J.
Andrews

NSM



Vladimir Gevorgyan, David W. Hyndman,
Bruce M. Novak

ECS



Bhavani M. Thiraisingham, Stephanie G. Adams,
Kevin W. Hamlen, Murat Kantarcioglu

JSOM



Elena Katok



2021 President's Teaching Excellence Awards



Jeremiah J. Gassensmith

School of Natural Sciences and Mathematics

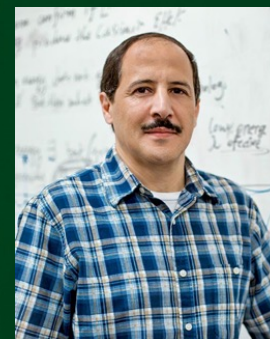
Award in Undergraduate Instruction (tenure-track)



Mary Beth Goodrich

Naveen Jindal School of Management

Award in Undergraduate Instruction (non-tenure-track)



Mustapha Ishak-Boushaki

School of Natural Sciences and Mathematics

Award in Graduate/Professional Instruction



Dani Fadda

Erik Jonsson School of Engineering and Computer Science

Award in Online/Blended Instruction



Kristina Kirk

School of Arts and Humanities

Award for Teaching Assistants



Teaching Awards



2021 Regents' Outstanding Teaching Award

Carol Cirulli Lanham

School of Economic, Political and Policy Sciences





Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP) for Retention Rates

New Transfer Student Success (NTSS) is UT Dallas' Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP)

- Multiyear project
- Enhances transfer support services
- Engages all new transfer students
- Includes a transfer mentor program
- Creates an Office of Student Transition Programs



NTSS is part of “Orbit: Keeping New Comets on Course” for all new students.



Institute for Innovation and Entrepreneurship

Blackstone LaunchPad

Venture Development Center

Capital Factory Collaboration

*Adaptive3D was one of the first
to launch through the VDC.*

*Focused on large-scale manufacturing
of 3D-printed specialized plastic and
rubber materials.*

*Adaptive3D was acquired by Desktop
Metal Inc. in May 2021.*



Adaptive3D Founder
Dr. Walter Voit BS'05, MS'06



INSTITUTE FOR INNOVATION AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Blackstone LaunchPad (BLP) and Techstars

- Lead institution for 10 UT System Blackstone LaunchPads in Texas
- Among top 3 in BLP network out of 46 in the world
- Resources for students, alumni, faculty and staff, including 5,000 of sq.ft. co-working space

Venture Development Center

- 22,000 sq.ft. incubator space including office and co-working facilities
- Access to clean room space, dry/wet labs, video conference capabilities
- Co-leader for Venture Mentoring Service for UT System

Collaborating with Capital Factory

- Most active early-stage tech investor in Texas
- \$50K investment challenge in partnership with UT Dallas Seed Fund and Big Idea Competition
- Mentoring and co-working relationship for UT Dallas faculty and student startups, including shared events and venture capital ecosystem
- Only Tier-1 research university member for the Innovation Council, including AWS, BAE, Cisco, IBM, Microsoft and others



THE PRINCETON REVIEW RANKINGS

- #10** Best Graduate Program for Entrepreneurs
- #18** Best Undergraduate Program for Entrepreneurs

INSTITUTE FOR INNOVATION AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

- 23** companies in the Venture Development Center
- 240** ideas submitted in startup competitions

IN FISCAL YEAR 2021:

- 40** patents issued
- \$4.8** million license revenue

OFFICE OF TECHNOLOGY COMMERCIALIZATION

- 235** currently active patents
- 206** patents pending
- 56** active licenses/options



Ensure all students have access to computers

- Incoming freshmen – Fall 2021
- All undergraduates – Fall 2025
- Helps maximize learning by leveraging technology.
- Builds upon all that we learned in 2020 and 2021.

[Read more...](#)





Living Our Values

Top 10% Scholarship

Enables UT Dallas to attract additional highly talented, under-represented students.

175 students who received Top 10% awards enrolled in fall 2021.





NSF ADVANCE Grant

ASPIRE²

(Adapting Successful Practices to foster an Inclusive, Respectful and Equitable Environment)

Led by Dean Stephanie G. Adams and Provost Inga H. Musselman.

Enhances efforts to recruit and retain more women tenure-track faculty members in STEM fields.

Focuses on climate, identification and recruitment, and retention and advancement.

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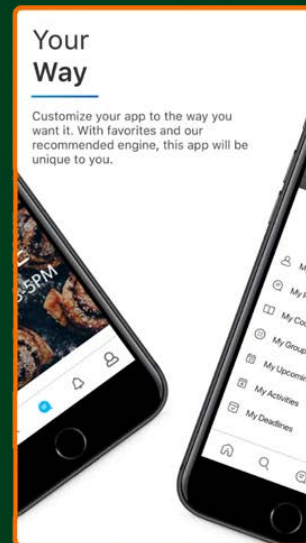
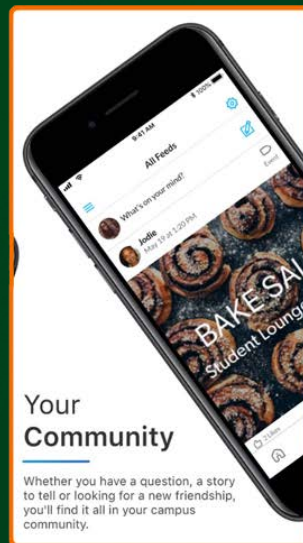
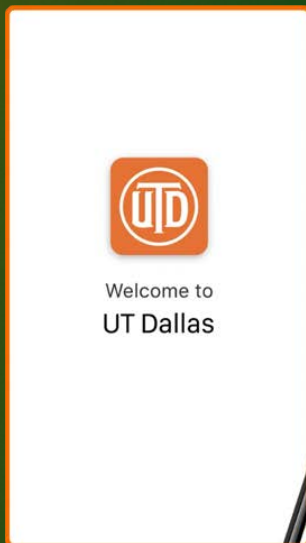


New & Improved Mobile App

Connects students via chat, allows them to look at records in real time, find campus dining and offers wayfinding

To-date,
13,892
Downloads

Get it on the
App Store or
Google Play by
searching "UT
Dallas."





6,399

participants in

124

Living Learning
Community
programs

3,537

participants in

247

Residential Life
programs

Amid the pandemic, University Housing carried on, offering a range of activities.



Living Our Values

55

students
participated in
inaugural event

In partnership with Student Transition Programs, the
Multicultural Student Welcome
was added as part of new student orientation programming.



Multicultural Center

61
Virtual live-streaming
events with
5,410
attendees

97%
Of participants rated
programs very good or
excellent



[Read more...](#)



[Watch Video...](#)

2020-21 Events

During the pandemic, the Multicultural Center adapted its traditional programs to hybrid or virtual formats, including the annual MLK Celebration Breakfast and the Multicultural Achievement Ceremony.



Diversity Scholars Program

256

Students received scholarships since 2010

81%

Identify as Latinx or Black/African American

52%

Are majoring in STEM fields

63%

Identify as women



Examples of ODEI Initiatives and Programming

**Community
Engagement**

**Future Comets
Program**

**Diversity Scholars
Program**

**G-Force Mentor
Program**

**Galerstein
Gender Center**

**Safe Zone Ally
Training**

**Culture of Equity
Training**

**“LilyPad” Lactation
Facilities**

**Institutional
Diversity Initiatives**

**Employee Resource
Groups**

**DiversAbility
Annual Summit**

**Diversity Awards
Ceremony and Soiree**

Multicultural Center

**Comets Cultural
Conversations**

**Celebración
de Esperanza**

**Juneteenth
Week of Celebration**



UTD



Best of the Best
lgbtq-friendly campus



20th Anniversary
CAMPUS
Pride

UT Dallas is currently ranked the #1 most LGBTQ-friendly campus in Texas.

(Campus Pride/Best Colleges)

[Read more...](#)



Athletics

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ASC Championships
Men's Cross Country
Women's Golf
Women's Tennis
Baseball





Athletics

NEW TO UTD

Men's & Women's Indoor/Outdoor Track and Field

Increasing the
University's list of
varsity athletics
programs to 17





Esports won its second Collegiate Starleague Smash Ultimate National Championship.



Program continues to build momentum and is one of the most competitive in the country. [Read more...](#)



Athletics

Karen Alvarez
Junior, Marketing

NCAA Elite 90
Winner in women's golf





Athletics

Kathy Joseph Recent Graduate

Reached *national semifinals* in doubles and singles

Named *All-American & Academic All-American*



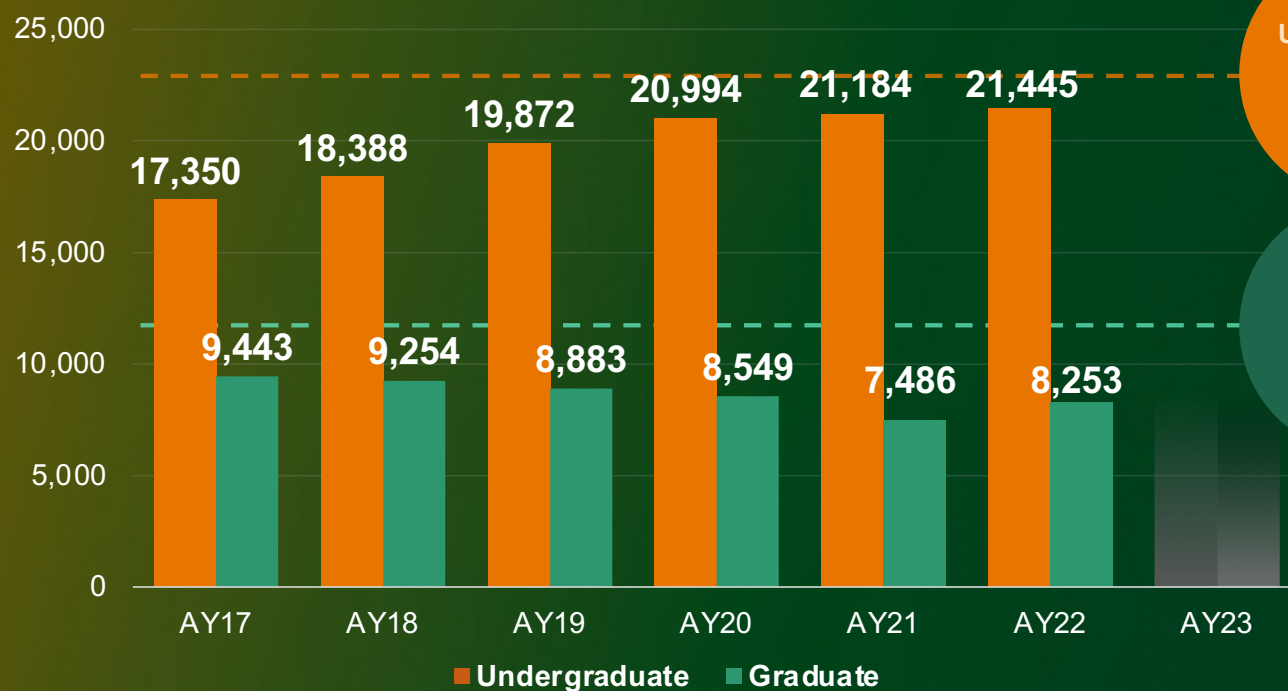


PROGRESS TOWARD QUANTITATIVE MEASURES



Progress Toward Quantitative Targets for Academic Year 2024-25

Undergraduate and Graduate Enrollment



Record undergraduate enrollment AY2022.

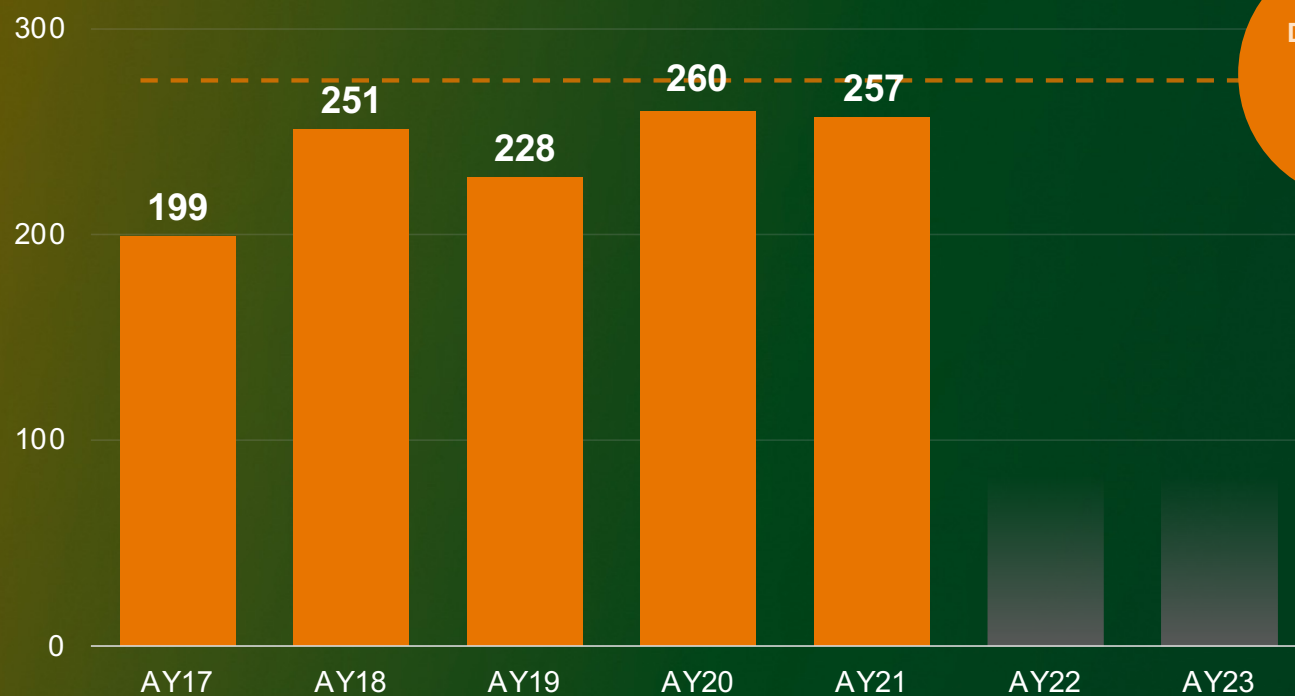
Graduate enrollment is recovering.





Progress Toward Quantitative Targets for Academic Year 2024-25

Doctoral Graduates



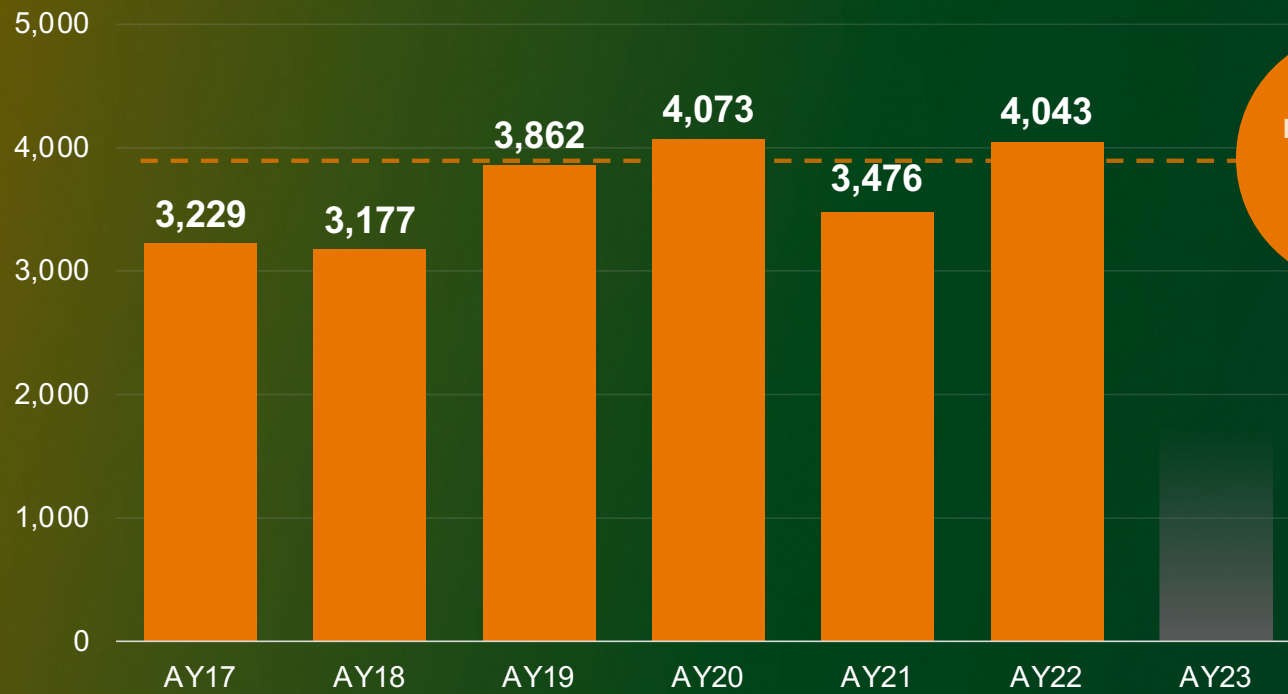
DOC GRAD
TARGET:
275

AY2021 included
244 PhD graduates
and 13 AuD
graduates



Progress Toward Quantitative Targets for Academic Year 2024-25

First Time in College Freshmen



FTIC
FRESHMEN
TARGET:
3,900

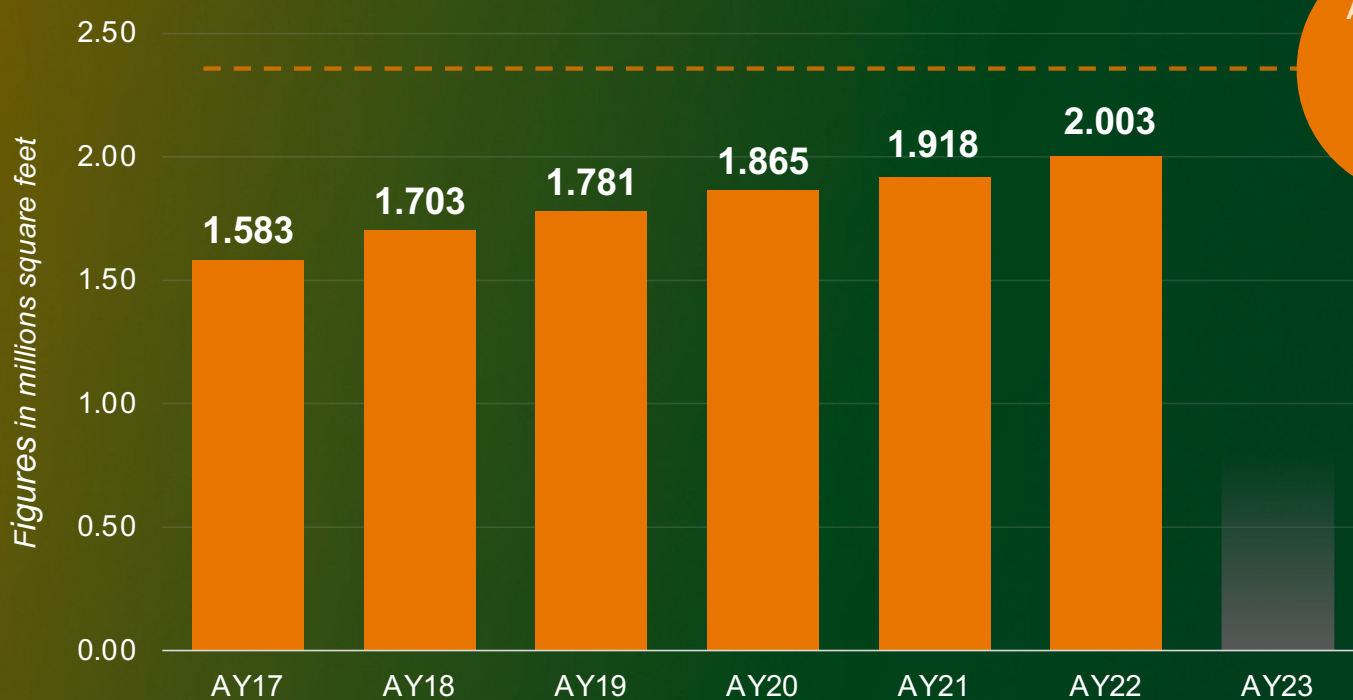
Recovered growth
in FTIC freshmen
enrollment.





Progress Toward Quantitative Targets for Academic Year 2024-25

Academic Space



ACADEMIC
SPACE
TARGET:
2.400

An ambitious goal to address instructional and research needs for a fast-growing university.





Tenure-System Faculty



**T-S FACULTY
TARGET:
625**

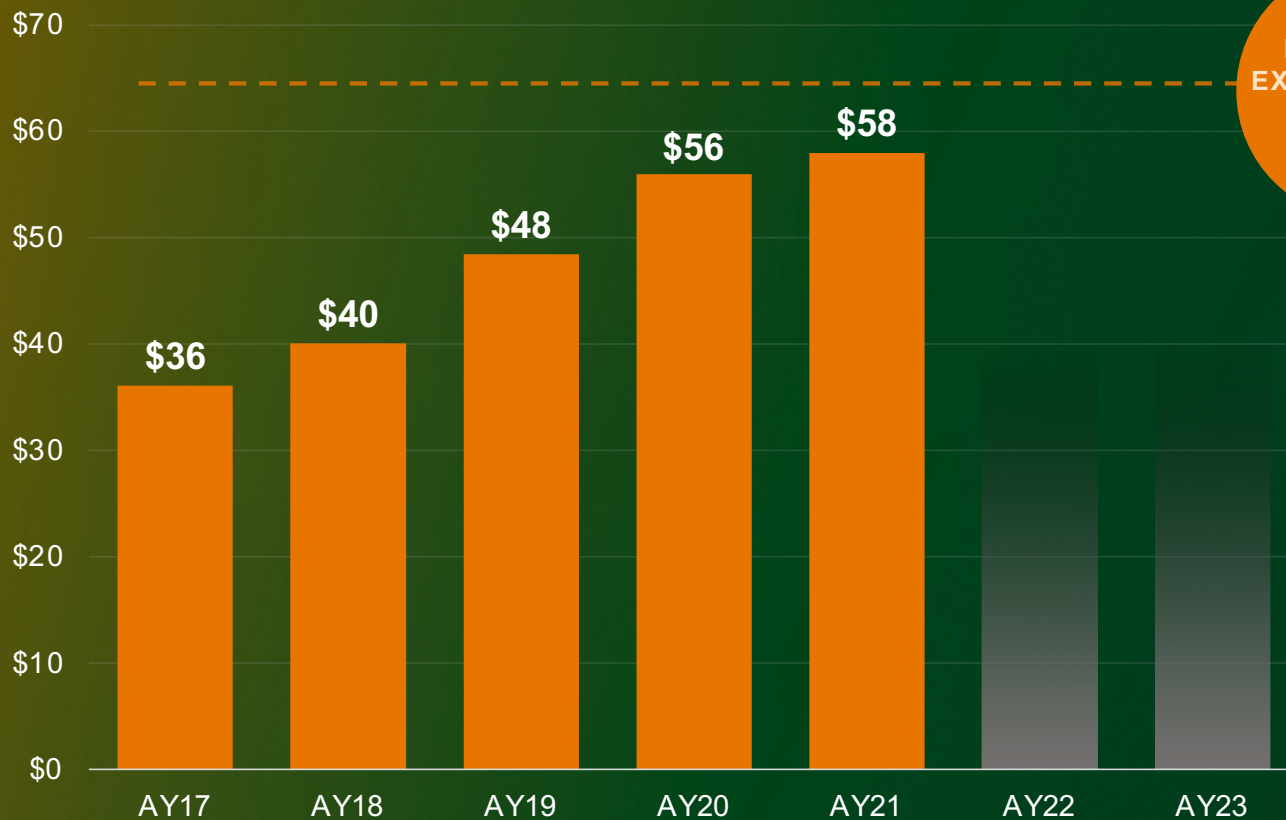
As was the case last year, our aggressive hiring plan has been hindered by the pandemic.





Progress Toward Quantitative Targets for Academic Year 2024-25

Federal Research Expenditures (millions)

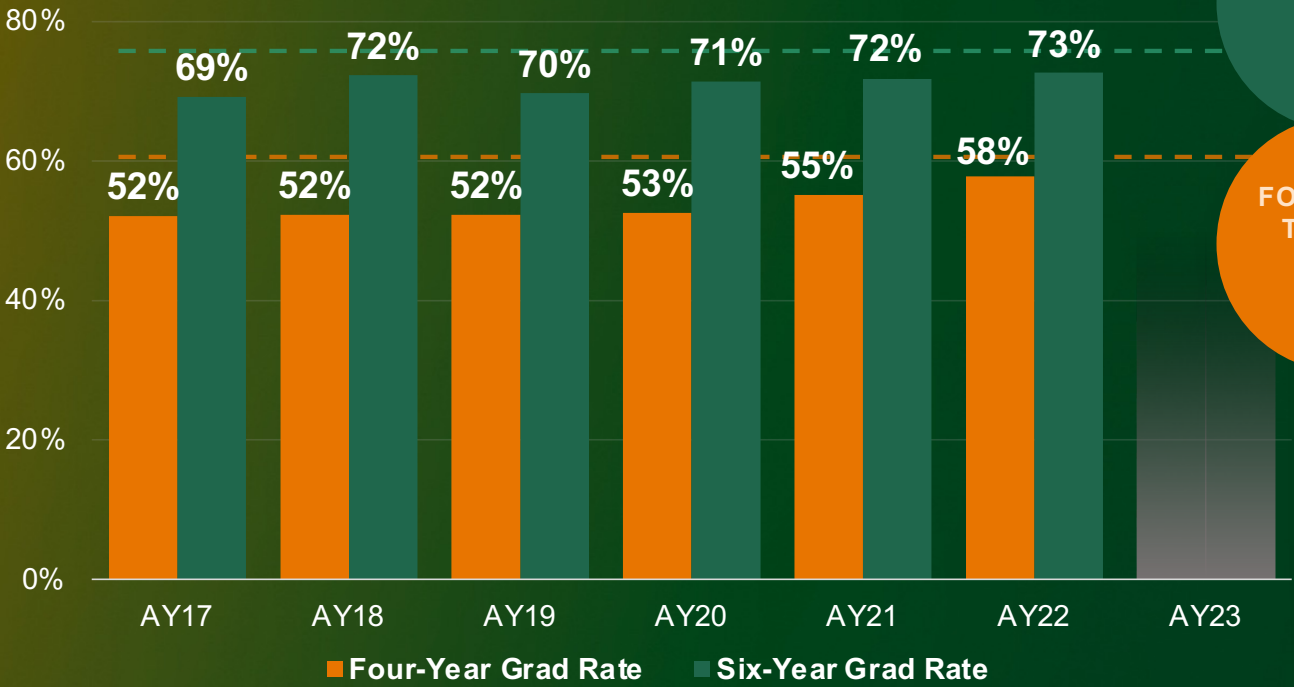


FEDERAL
RESEARCH
EXPENDITURES
TARGET:
\$65

New target reflects significant growth in 4 years, fueled by robust research endeavors.



Four-Year* and Six-Year** Graduation Rates



SIX-YEAR TARGET: **75%**

FOUR-YEAR TARGET: **60%**

The ORBIT program is helping improve retention for first-year students.

UTD is among the top 3 public universities in Texas for graduation rates.

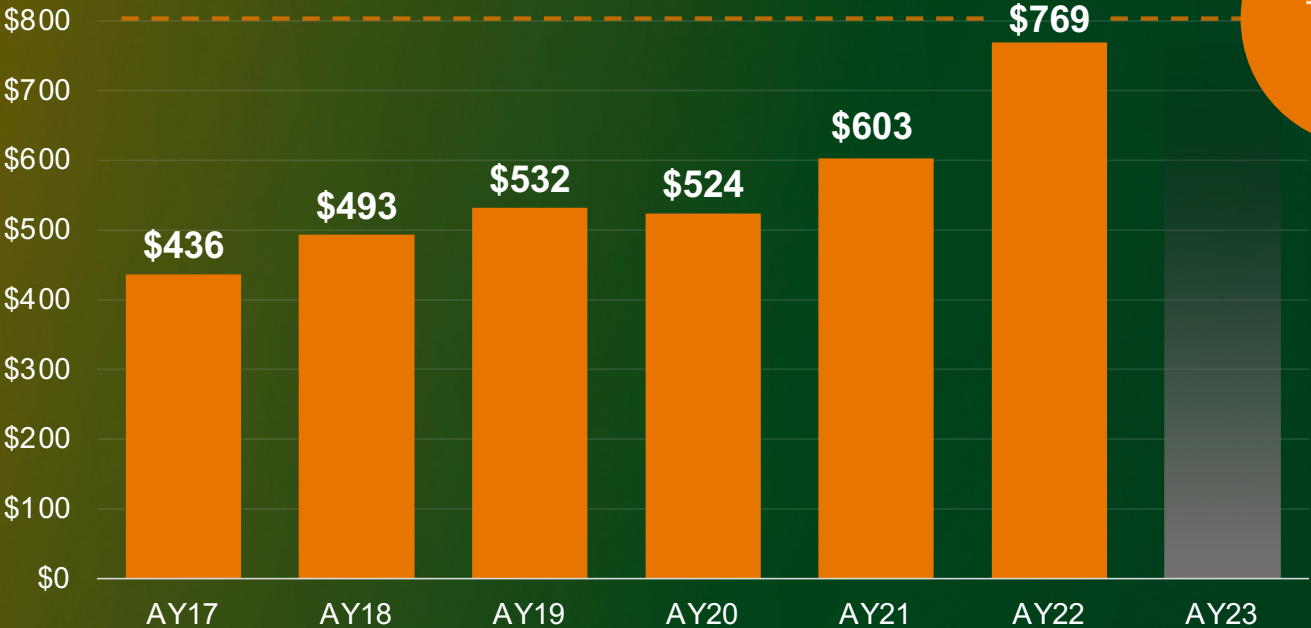
*Percentage of FTIC freshmen who arrived four years prior to the census date and had graduated.

**Percentage of FTIC freshmen who arrived six years prior to the census date and had graduated.



Progress Toward Quantitative Targets for Academic Year 2024-25

Endowment (millions)



**ENDOWMENT
TARGET:
\$800**

New Dimensions comprehensive campaign recently launched and will help reach the target.



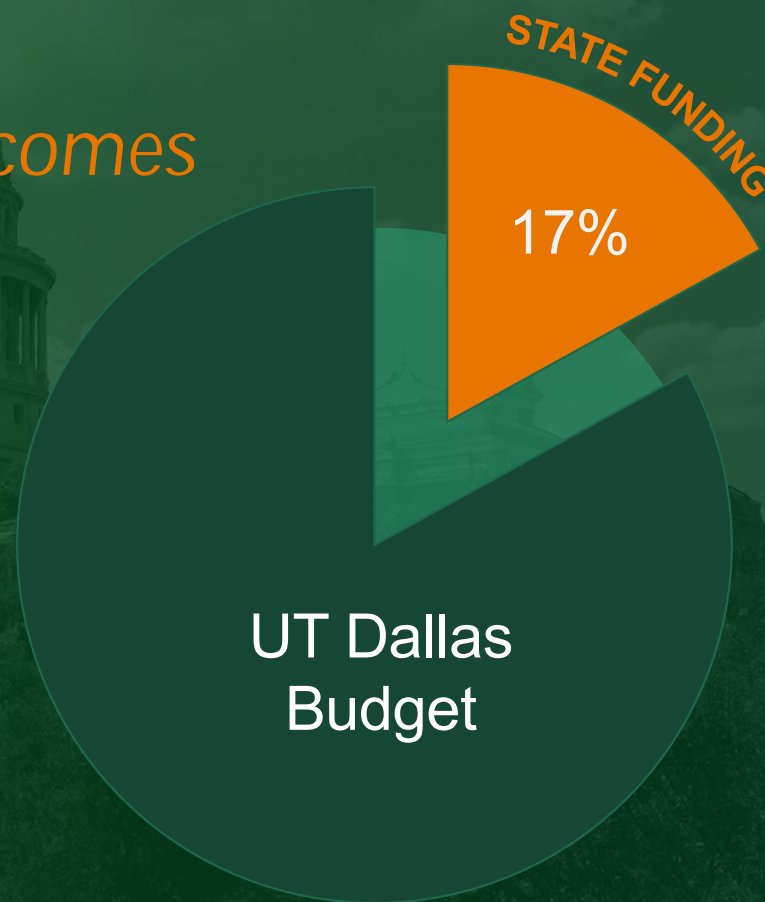
***OUR BRIGHT
FUTURE***



87th Legislative Session Outcomes

Formula General Revenue Appropriations increased by **\$30.7 million** over previous biennium. These funds will provide a much needed bridge as UTD recoups from financial losses due to the pandemic.

UT Dallas received **\$12.4 million** of the **\$33.25 million** allocated for the Texas Research Incentive Program (TRIP).





Texas Research Incentive Program (TRIP) funding for the FY22-FY23 biennium:

\$33.2M

Current backlog of funding is over \$200 million for all eight schools

Texas Tech University
\$36.5 million

UT Arlington
\$9.9 million

University of North Texas
\$29.8 million

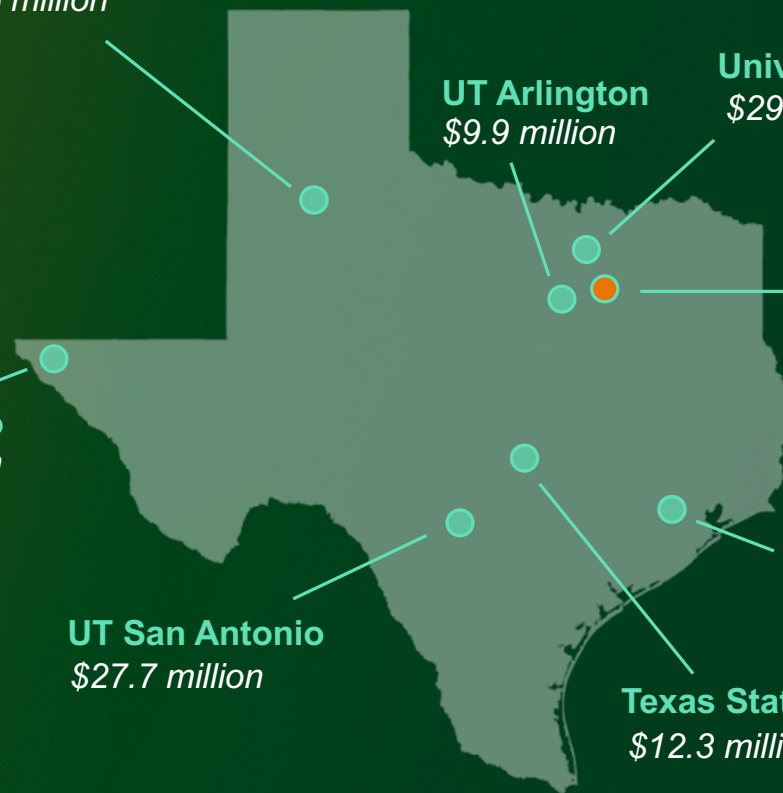
UT Dallas
\$47.6 million

UT El Paso
\$2.8 million

UT San Antonio
\$27.7 million

University of Houston
\$65.9 million

Texas State University
\$12.3 million



Projections for Fiscal Year 2022

- Core Fund Revenue **10% higher** than FY2021.
- Expenditures are **below projections** for revenue.
- Small budget **surplus**.

\$57.5 M from federal stimulus funding helps address COVID-19 projects and recovery of lost revenue.



FY2022 Actions

- Funding for expanded diversity, equity and inclusion initiatives.
- Restarted construction planning.
- Merit and market salary increases.
- Increased funding for student accessibility services.
- Partial restoration of FY2021 budget reductions.
- Enrollment growth funding.
- Restoration of T/TT faculty expansion program.
- New study abroad financial model.



Financial Planning for Fiscal Year 2023

- Proposal to increase tuition and fees in Fall 2022.
- Sustain growth in graduate student enrollment.
- Continue refining merit scholarship program.
- Monitor long-term COVID impact on auxiliary operations (housing, dining, etc.).



Office of Facilities and Economic Development

UTD Water Tower

The tank for the new million-gallon city of Richardson water tower now rises above Synergy Park Blvd, just northeast of Northside at UT Dallas.





Office of Facilities and Economic Development

Campus Landscape Enhancement: Phase 3

Phase 3 enhances the pedestrian experience, improved signage at the entrances to campus, restored Cottonwood Creek and created a tree canopy through the campus core.





Electric Vehicle Charging Stations



Twelve stations distributed around campus parking garages and parking lots.

Plans are underway to secure five additional stations for expanded use.



UT Dallas DART station opens in 2024 on the Silver Line

The UT Dallas station is one of 10 stops on the Dallas Area Rapid Transit's Silver Line.

The 26-mile commuter rail line will cross through Collin, Dallas and Tarrant counties, taking passengers from Plano to the Dallas Fort Worth International Airport.



Biomedical Engineering and Sciences Building



*Joint UT Dallas and
UT Southwestern
research facility.*

*Located on the UTSW
East Campus in the
Medical District of Dallas.*

*Groundbreaking to take
place in November.*

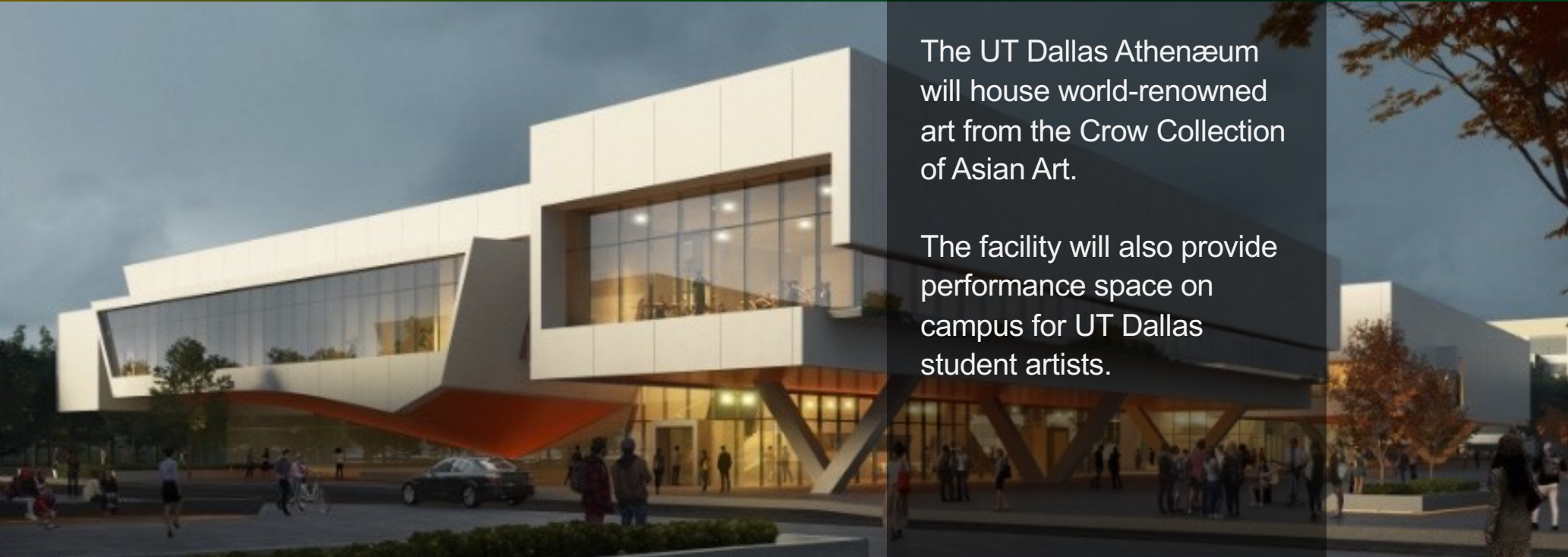
*UT System is providing
\$90 million in PUF funds
for the building.*

The Athenæum - Phase I



The UT Dallas Athenæum will house world-renowned art from the Crow Collection of Asian Art.

The facility will also provide performance space on campus for UT Dallas student artists.





Points of Pride



The Association for Advancement
of Sustainability in Higher
Education - Gold 2020



8 LEED Certified
Buildings



Sierra Club Cool Schools

#120 in the U.S. (September 2020)

"Green College"

The Princeton Review 2021
Guide to Green Colleges



Bicycle Friendly
University - Bronze

2020-2024
The League of
American Bicyclists



Future of the Office of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

- Defining ODEI mission and vision
- Cultivating a **JEDI** culture
(justice, equity, diversity and inclusion)
- Building on **Living Our Values**
recommendations





Office of Information Technology

Expanded wireless internet capabilities

Offered a Student Laptop Loaner Program

Collaborated on the Student Technology Initiative

Made available Microsoft Teams training for faculty and staff



Opened the TechKnowledge Bar in the Student Union



Office of Development and Alumni Relations

In August, graduates of the **Class of 2020** and portions of the **Class of 2021** were able to attend in-person commencement ceremonies and special celebrations for our newest alumni.





Office of Development and Alumni Relations



Donors to UT Dallas continued to break records during the fifth annual Comets Giving Days spanning **1,969 minutes** on May 26 and 27. Nearly **\$1.4 million** was raised from more than **2,800 gifts** to benefit over 100 campus groups.

[Read more...](#)

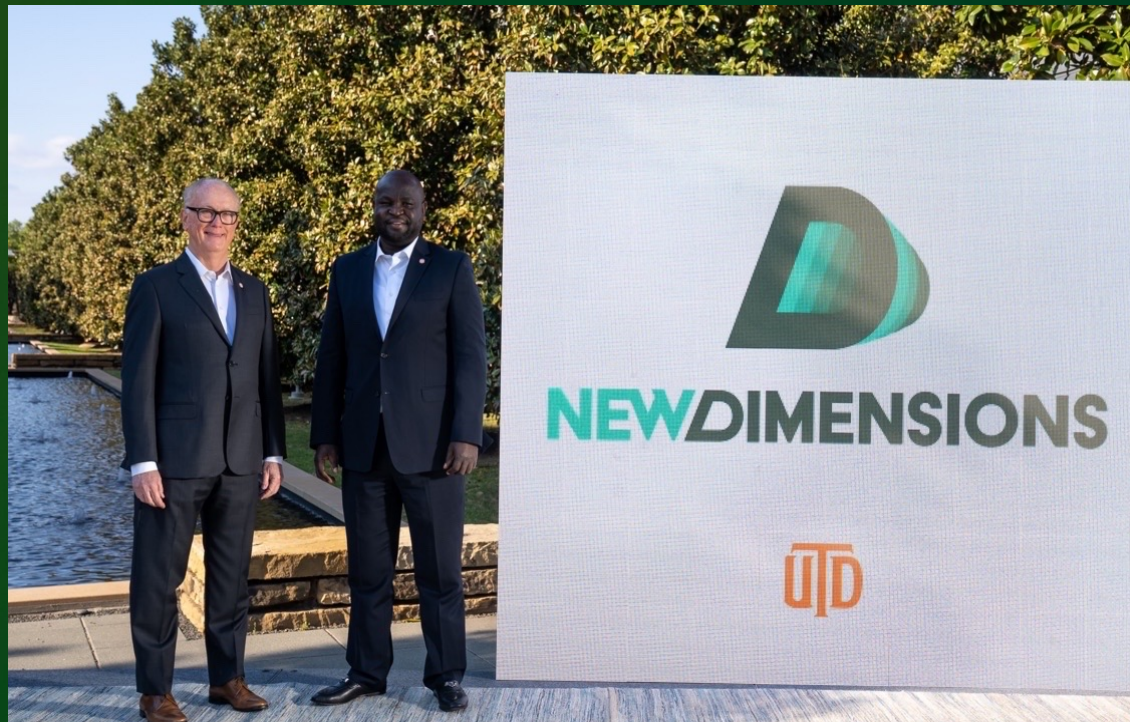




*Public phase
of new comprehensive
campaign launched in
May and will run
through 2025.*

Two UTD graduates – Ron Nash MS'79 and John Olajide BS'04 – are campaign co-chairs.

[*Read more...*](#)



\$320M

\$750M Goal



Office of Development and Alumni Relations



NEWDIMENSIONS

THE CAMPAIGN FOR UT DALLAS

Attract the Best
and Brightest Students

Transform the Arts
on Campus

Enhance Lives Through
Transformative Research



COMETS UNITED DAY
DECEMBER 23

