



State of the University

2024-25 Academic Year



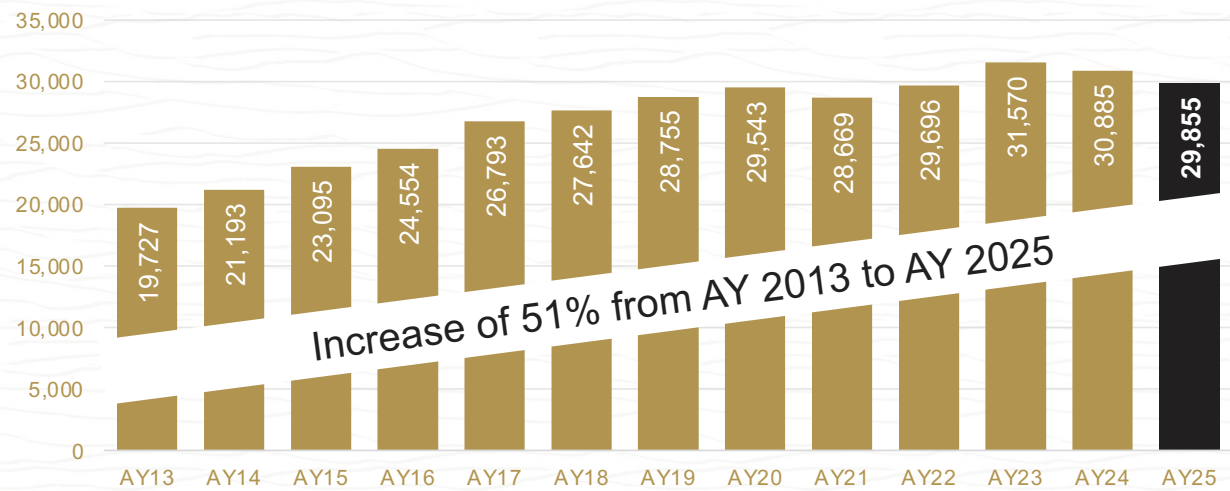
Dr. Richard C. Benson

President

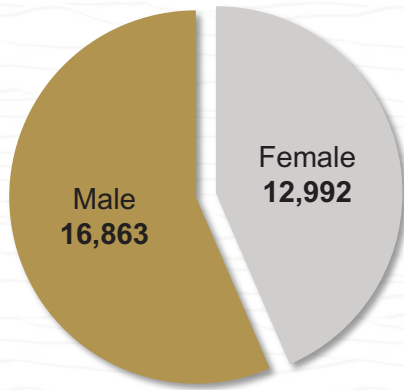


Snapshot of the 2024-25 Academic Year

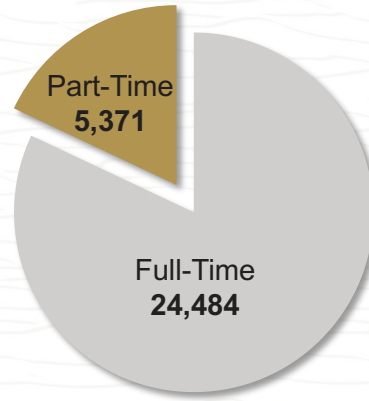
Consistently Among the Nation's Fastest-Growing Public Universities



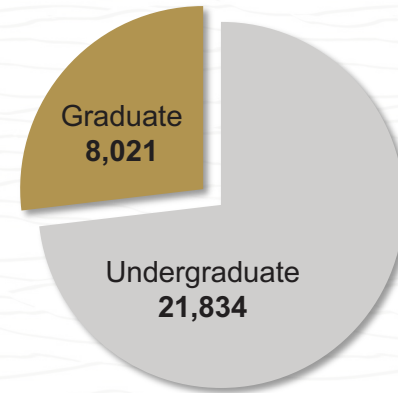
Male / Female



Part-Time / Full-Time



Graduate / Undergraduate



Fall 2024 Student Profile

Top States

- Texas (23,644)
- California (170)
- Illinois (77)
- Oklahoma (77)
- Louisiana (59)
- Washington (53)
- New York (48)
- Arkansas (48)

Top TX Counties

- Collin (7,554)
- Dallas (5,869)
- Denton (2,395)
- Tarrant (1,372)
- Harris (1,083)
- Fort Bend (1,017)

Top Countries

- USA (24,975)
- India (3,247)
- China (405)
- Bangladesh (185)
- Iran (135)
- South Korea (109)

YOUNGEST STUDENT **14**

OLDEST STUDENT **83**

Snapshot of the UTD Student Body

Fall 2024, **29,855** enrolled. Third-highest total enrollment.

Fall 2024, **21.3%** of undergraduate students were first generation.

AY 2023, **39.8%** of bachelor's degrees go to economically disadvantaged students.

AY 2023, **64.6%** of undergraduates were recipients of grants and scholarships.

AY 2023, **29.7%** of undergraduates were recipients of Pell Grants.

National Merit Scholars Fall 2024

$$175 + 1 + 1 = 177$$

Freshmen Transfer Continuing/Newly
National Merit

741 Total National Merit Scholars
currently enrolled at UTD.

**Consistently among top 5
cohorts in the United States.**

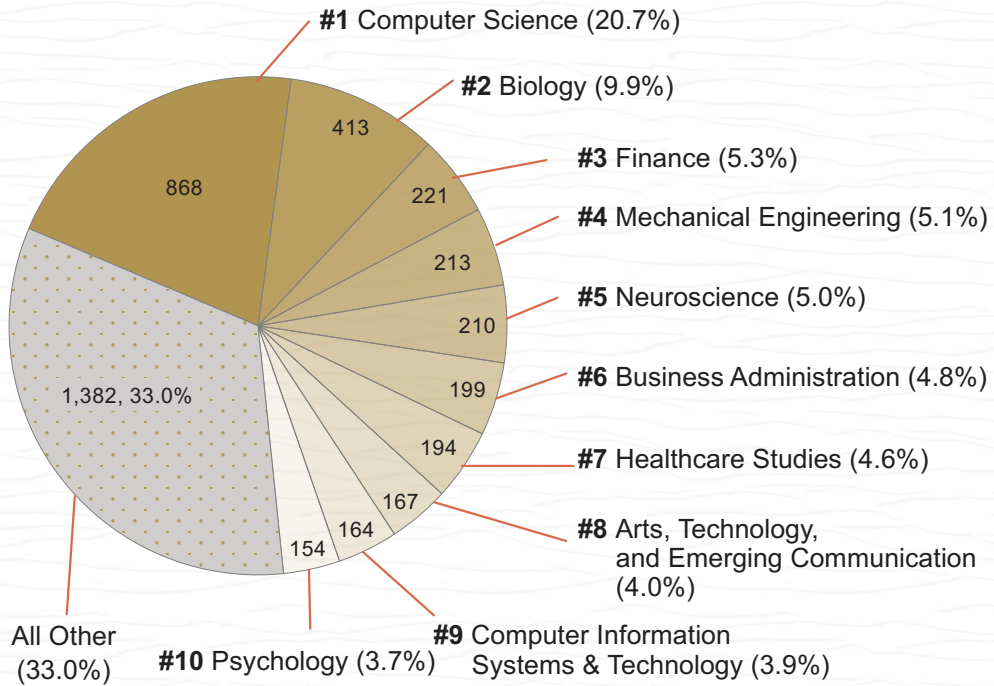


Intended Majors of First-Year Students Fall 2024

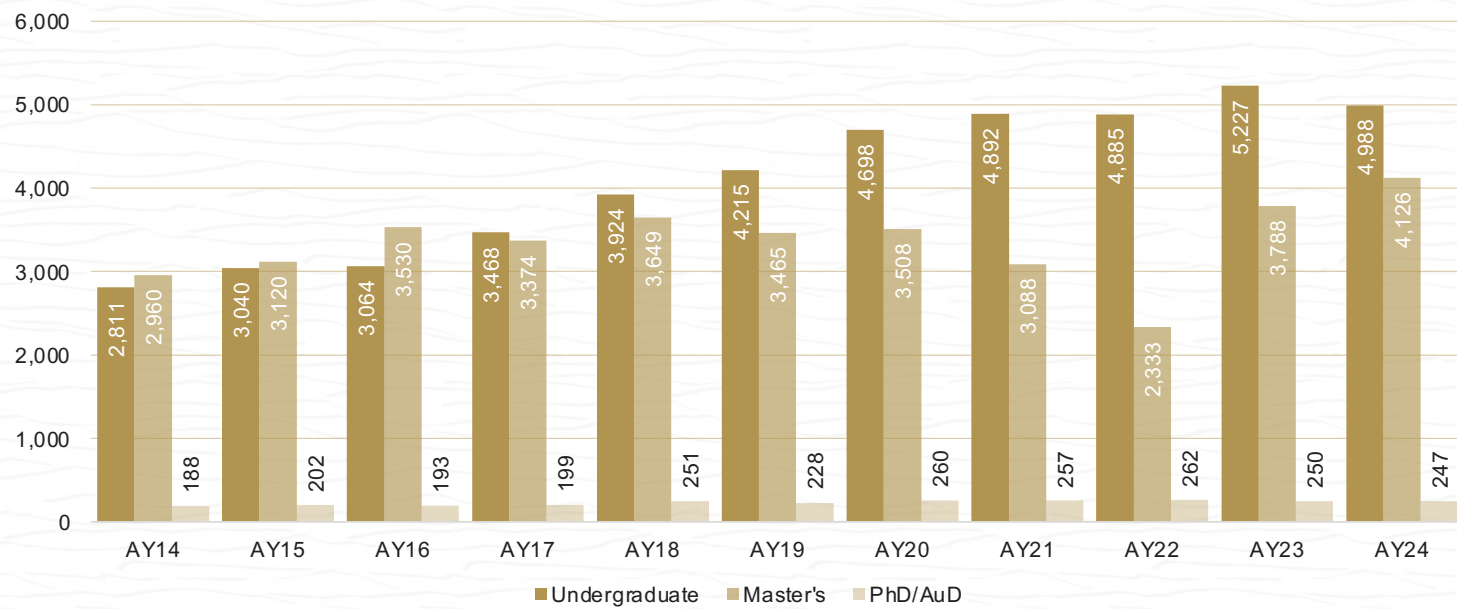
4,185

Freshmen

Second-largest cohort
in UT Dallas history.



Degrees Awarded By Academic Year



Top Public Universities Among National Universities

Comparative Rankings



*UT Dallas has risen
20 places in two years,
from 72 to 52.*

U.S. News & World Report

2025 National Universities – Top Public Schools

Texas Public Institutions	Ranking
UT Austin	7
Texas A&M	21
UT Dallas	52
University of Houston	74
Texas Tech	116

New in the Division of Student Affairs

- **Basic Needs Resource Center** opened in August as a hub for students experiencing housing, food and clothing insecurity.
- **Intercultural Programs Office** expanded to incorporate and recognize culture and heritage celebrations.



Comets Volunteer

Between the Office of Student Volunteerism and Fraternity and Sorority Life, Comets

- Volunteered 66,249 hours.
- Equivalent of \$2.2M economic impact toward improving local communities.

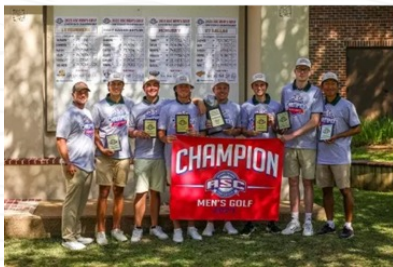
Weeks of Welcome features a Volunteer Expo as an opportunity for students to “window shop” for volunteering opportunities all over Dallas.





5 Championships

Men's Soccer | Men's Golf | Women's Golf
Women's Tennis | Men's Basketball





2024 Accolades

191 Academic All-ASC Selections.

3 ASC Distinguished Scholar-Athletes of the Year.

Finished **80th** in Learfield Directors' Cup
(out of 450 institutions).

AY 1998 – AY 2024

49 American Southwest Conference Championships.

49 All-Americans.

18 Academic All-Americans.

44 Inductees and 1 Team to the UTD Athletic Hall of Honors.



Runner **Devan Bailey** (shown) was named ASC Man of the Year.

NCAA Division II Athletics

In July, we were accepted into **NCAA Division II Expedited Membership** and are in the first year of a two-year process.

We have accepted the invitation to join the **Lone Star Conference**. The conference spans 3 states – Texas, New Mexico and Oklahoma.



UTD Power Dancers
Won national title for 2nd consecutive year.



National Cheerleaders Association/National Dance Alliance

Academic Schools Offer New Programs



THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT DALLAS
School of Natural Sciences and Mathematics

New academic program for AY 2024-2025.

**Bachelor of Science
in Biomedical Sciences**



ROTC Program Expands to UT Dallas

UT Dallas has been certified as a Senior Reserve Officer Training Corps Provisional Extension Unit. In support of ROTC, the **School of Economics, Political and Policy Sciences** has added faculty in military science.

Academic Administration

Changes in Academic Leadership



Dr. Courtney Brecheen

Interim Dean
Undergraduate Education

August 1, 2024



Dr. Adam Woods

Dean
School of Behavioral and Brain Sciences

August 15, 2024

Early Career Award Winners FY24

More than **\$80M** has been awarded through these programs since 2004.

National Science Foundation CAREER Awardees



Dr. Xinya Du
Computer Science



Dr. Brian Kim
Bioengineering



Dr. Justin Koeln
Mechanical Engineering



Dr. Berrak Sisman
Electrical and
Computer Engineering



Dr. Mario Wriedt
Chemistry

NIH MIRA



Dr. G. Andrés Cisneros
Physics



Dr. Sheel Dodani
Chemistry, Biochemistry



Dr. Gabriele Meloni
Chemistry, Biochemistry



Dr. Filippo Romiti
Chemistry, Biochemistry



Dr. Hedieh Torabifard
Chemistry, Biochemistry

U.S. Army Medical Research Acquisition Activity



Dr. Kelly Jahn
Speech, Language,
and Hearing

U.S. Army Research Lab



Dr. Yaqing Jin
Mechanical Engineering

NIH-NIDCD



Dr. Pumpki Lei Su
Speech, Language,
and Hearing

50 New Tenured/Tenure-Track Faculty

Of the new tenured and tenure-track faculty, nine received a Rising STARS award from the UT System, totaling almost \$1.65 million.

AHT

Dr. Paula Cuellar Cuellar
Dr. Diana Rojas-Ponce

BBS

Dr. Ryan Boyd
Dr. Jennifer Callahan
Dr. Katherine Damme
Dr. Andrew Eagle
Dr. Diana Tavares Ferreira
Dr. Saul Frankford
Dr. Zirong Gu
Dr. Jiahui Guo
Dr. Noa Ofen
Dr. Puja Parekh ★
Dr. Camilo Ruggero
Dr. Adam Woods
Dr. Leehyun Yoon

ECS

Dr. Rafik Addou ★
Dr. Chen Cao
Dr. Zhiyu Chen
Dr. Nandika D'Souza
Dr. Xu Feng ★
Dr. Xinfang Jin ★
Dr. Zhen Liu ★
Dr. Eric Meyers ★
Dr. Andrew Nemeč
Dr. Zejiang Wang
Dr. Edward White

EPPS

Dr. Soyoung Kwon
Dr. Marcelo Leal
Dr. Erin Litzow

NSM

Dr. Kristina Butler
Dr. Hyunwoong Chang
Dr. Kirill Lazebnik
Dr. Zihao Ou
Dr. Yuki Shindo ★
Dr. Alistair Sterling ★
Dr. Xiwei Tang
Dr. Hong Tian
Dr. Ivan Vasko
Dr. Yun Wei
Dr. Bei Zeng ★

JSOM

Dr. Maya Balakrishnan
Dr. Zenan Chen
Dr. Luis Felipe Varas Green
Dr. Sangyun Kim
Dr. Botir Kobilov
Dr. Ruijiang Gao
Dr. Yilun Li
Dr. Yingzhi Liang
Dr. Hao Pang
Dr. Jimmy Qin

Rising Stars ★



2024 Investiture Ceremony



Eight endowed chairs and professorships were bestowed in 2024.
UTD has more than 175 chairs and professorships.

2024 President's Teaching Excellence Awards



Dr. Christine Veras
Harry W. Bass Jr. School of Arts,
Humanities, and Technology
*Award in Undergraduate
Instruction (tenure-track)*



Dr. Sriraam Natarajan
Erik Jonsson School of Engineering
and Computer Science
*Award in Graduate/Professional
Instruction*



Dr. Katherine Wilds
School of Economic,
Political and Policy Sciences
Award for Teaching Assistants



Dr. Christina Thompson
Hobson Wildenthal Honors College
*Award in Undergraduate
Instruction (non-tenure-track)*



Dr. Oziel Rios
Erik Jonsson School of Engineering
and Computer Science
*Award in Online/Blended
Instruction*



Dr. Malinda Hicks
School of Economic,
Political and Policy Sciences
Undergraduate Advisor of the Year

2024 Provost's Mentoring Awards

**Provost's Award for Faculty
Excellence in Graduate
Research Mentoring**



Dr. Shalini Prasad

Eric Jonsson School of Engineering
and Computer Science

**Provost's Award for Faculty
Excellence in Undergraduate
Research Mentoring**



Dr. Benedict Kolber

School of Behavioral
and Brain Sciences

**Provost's Award for
Excellence in Faculty
Mentoring (tenure-track)**



Dr. Michael Kesden

School of Natural Sciences
and Mathematics

**Provost's Award for
Excellence in Faculty
Mentoring (non-tenure-track)**



Dr. Syed Kaazim Naqvi

School of Interdisciplinary Studies

2024 Provost's Teaching Fellows

Inaugural Year



Kristine Burrough

Harry W. Bass Jr. School of Arts,
Humanities, and Technology



Dr. En Li

Harry W. Bass Jr. School of Arts,
Humanities, and Technology



Dr. Sarah Moore

Naveen Jindal School of
Management

2024 External Teaching Awards



UT System Academy of Distinguished Teachers

Dr. Clint Peinhardt
School of Economic,
Political and Policy Sciences



UT System Regents' Outstanding Teaching Award

Dr. Oziel Rios
Erik Jonsson School of
Engineering and Computer
Science



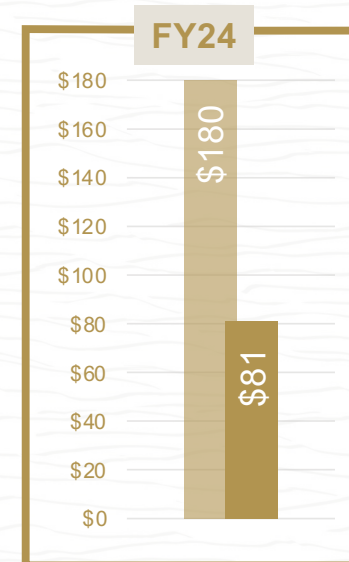
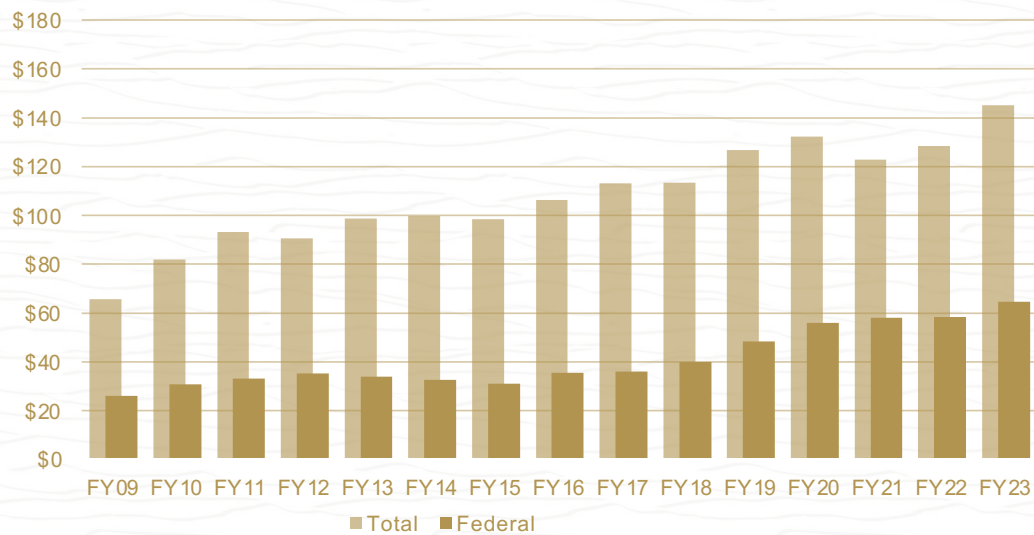
Texas Piper Professor

Dr. Mustapha Ishak-Boushaki
School of Natural Sciences
and Mathematics



Total and Federal Research Expenditures

All figures millions



BEACONS Battery Prototype and Commercialization Center Opens in 2025

\$30 million awarded in 2023 by the Department of Defense to establish the BEACONS center.

New facility will support:

- Gram to kilogram scaling of battery chemistries for market production.
- Pouch and cylindrical cells production.
- R&D expertise.
- AI/ML applications for advanced manufacturing.
- Connect battery innovations to industry partners and investors.

Now under construction, the 15,000 sf prototyping facility will have a 3,500 sf dry room, 400 sf solid electrolyte room, lab area, office, and conference room.



Office of Research and Innovation

We grow entrepreneurs.

At the 2024 Tech Titans Awards, UTD had four finalists in two categories, with two taking home trophies.

Office of Technology Commercialization

- 373 currently active patents and 327 patents pending (21% and 9% increase, respectively).
- 65 active licenses/options (7% increase).
- \$4.9M in license revenue (3% increase).



Dr. Shalini Prasad won the Technology Inventor award for her company, EnLISense, which creates wearable health technology.



UTDesign Capstone was named a Tech Titan of the Future for its mentored work-based student learning. The award was accepted by Assistant Dean Rod Wetterskog.

Office of Research and Innovation

UTD Programs and Outreach
“Pursue Innovation. Discover Yourself.”

- UT Dallas Startup Crawl.
- Graduate Student Poster Competition and Research Showcase.
- New Faculty Research Symposium.
- UTD@SxSW (South by Southwest) scheduled for March 2025 in Austin.



Stellar Year for Research Funding

Received **\$147M** in new research awards,
a 27% increase over last year.

Almost \$7M
in research development funding.

- Seed grants and internal funding proposals.
- Faculty recruitment and retention.
- New and upgraded equipment.
- Graduate student support.
- Travel support and outreach opportunities.



5G Interoperability and Testing Lab

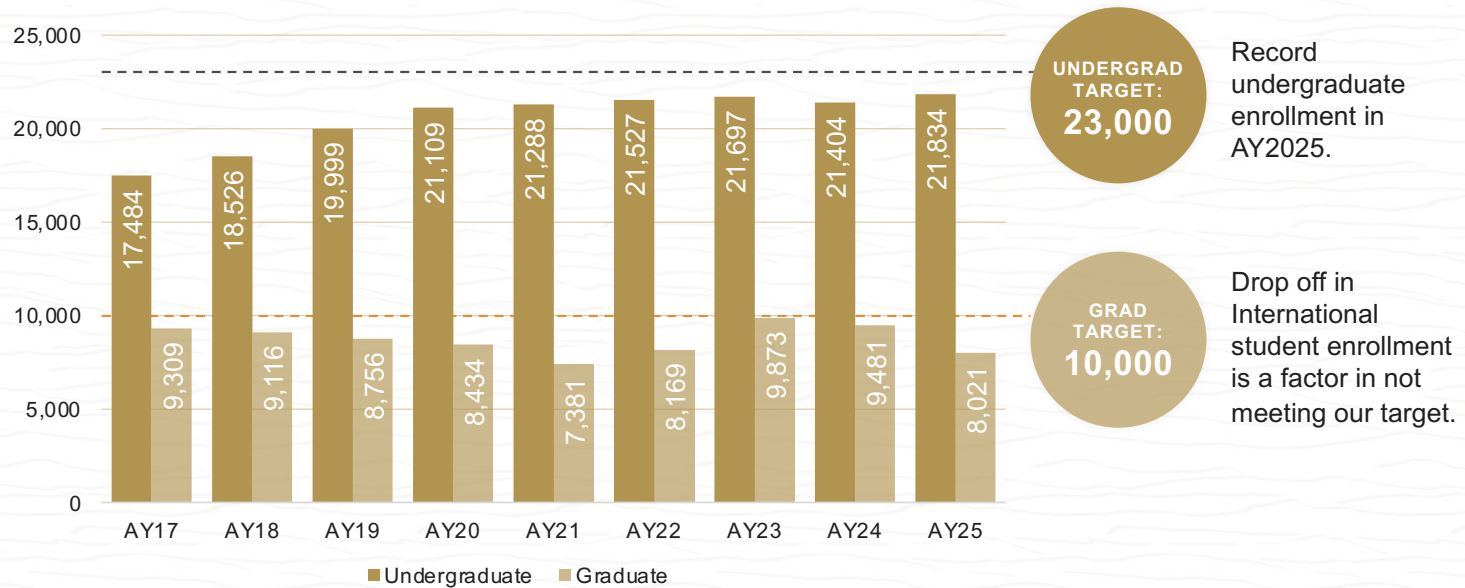
- Directed by Dr. Andrea Fumagalli, the lab is part of an Acceleration of Compatibility and Commercialization for Open RAN Deployments (ACCoRD) consortium.
- More than \$42 million awarded from the National Telecommunications and Information Administration under the CHIPS and Science Act of 2022 to AT&T and Verizon.
- UTD partnering for regional testing of Open RAN (Open Radio Access Network).
- Lab occupies 3,600 sf at the Richardson IQ.



Measuring Our Progress

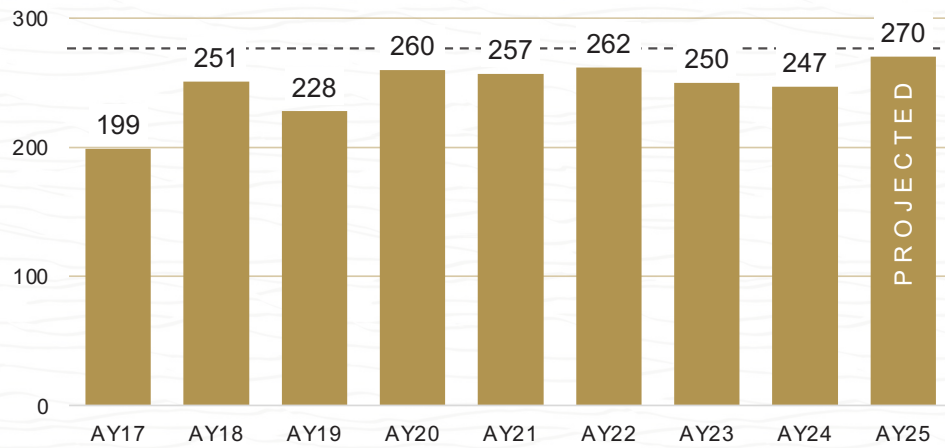
Undergraduate and Graduate Enrollment

Progress Toward Quantitative Targets for Academic Year 2025



Doctoral Graduates

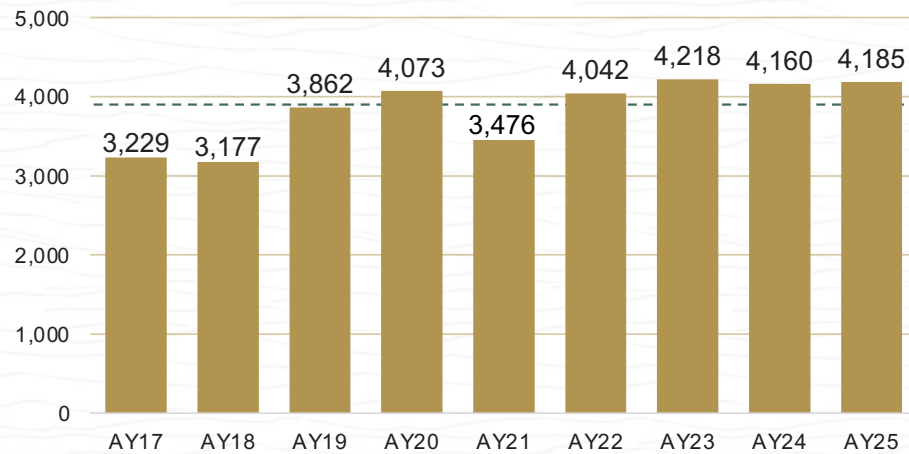
Progress Toward Quantitative Targets for Academic Year 2025



DOC GRAD
TARGET:
275

First-Time-in-College Cohort

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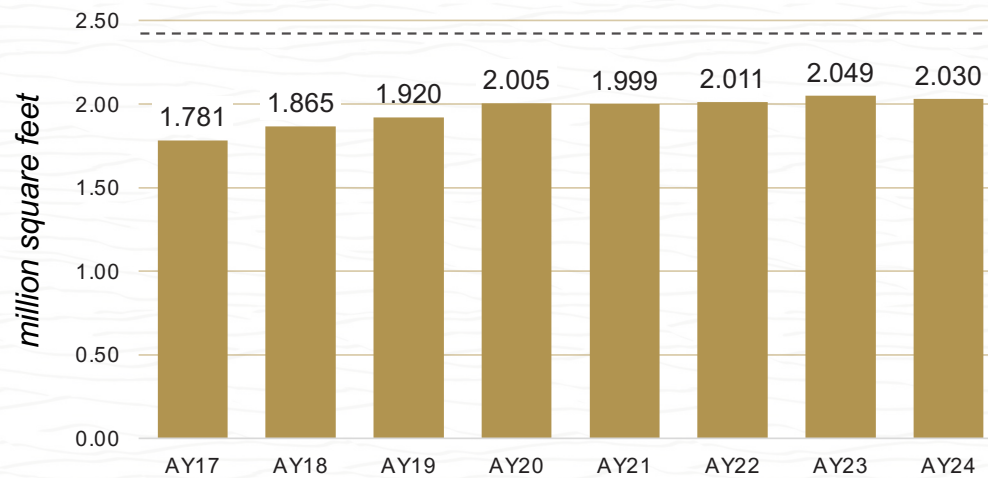


**FTIC
FRESHMEN
TARGET:
3,900**

We have exceeded the FTIC strategic target every year since AY20, except for the COVID-affected AY21.

Academic Space (million square feet)

Progress Toward Quantitative Targets for Academic Year 2025

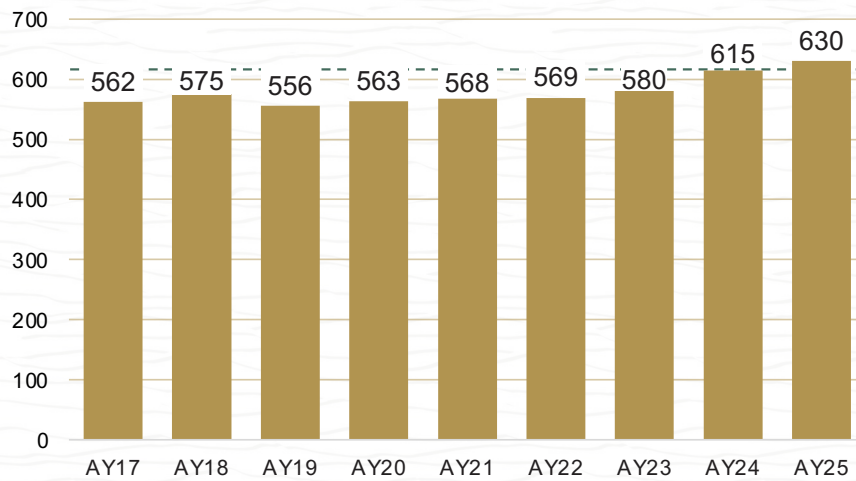


ACADEMIC
SPACE
TARGET:
2.4M

An ambitious goal to keep up with instructional and research needs for a fast-growing university.

Tenure-System Faculty

Progress Toward Quantitative Targets for Academic Year 2025



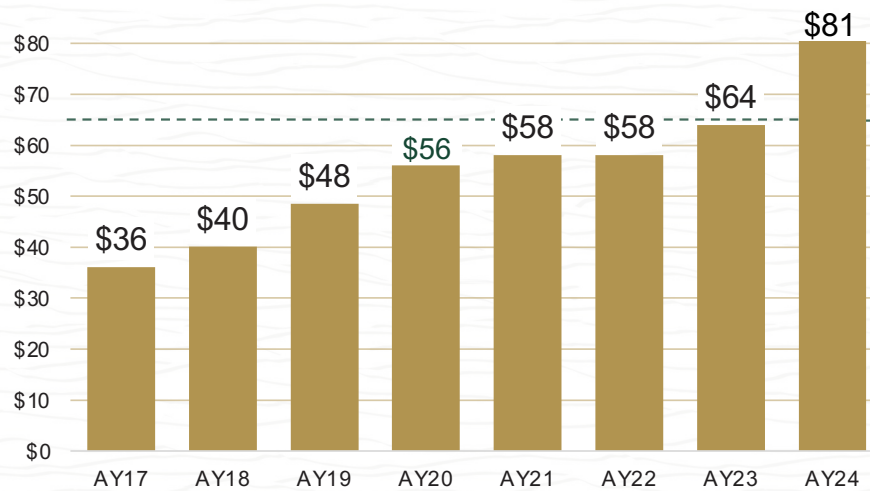
T-S FACULTY
TARGET:
625

An accelerated hiring plan
has been launched.

Exceeded target in AY25.

Federal Research Expenditures (millions)

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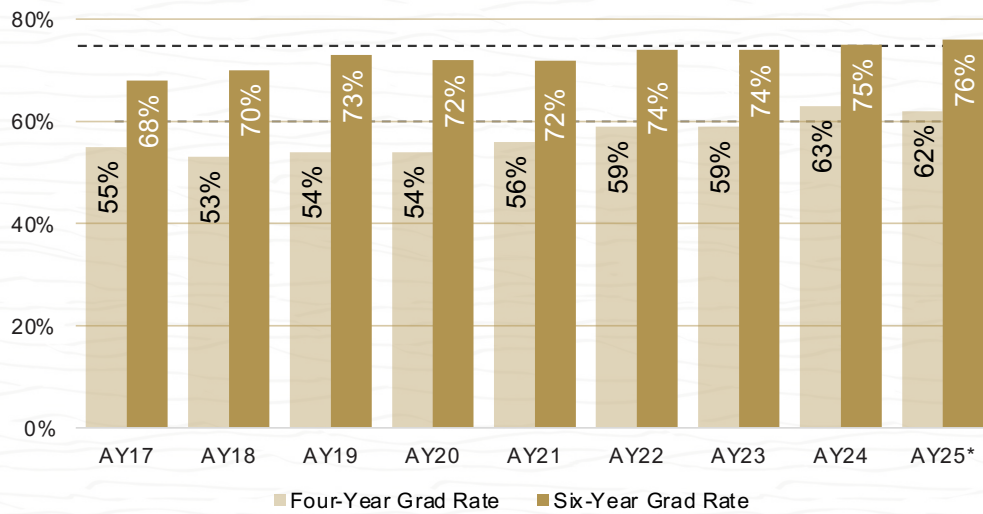


FEDERAL
RESEARCH
EXPENDITURES
TARGET:
\$65M

Expenditures on federal grants and contracts have increased 125% since AY17.

Four-Year and Six-Year Graduation Rates

Progress Toward Quantitative Targets for Academic Year 2025



SIX-YEAR
TARGET:
75%

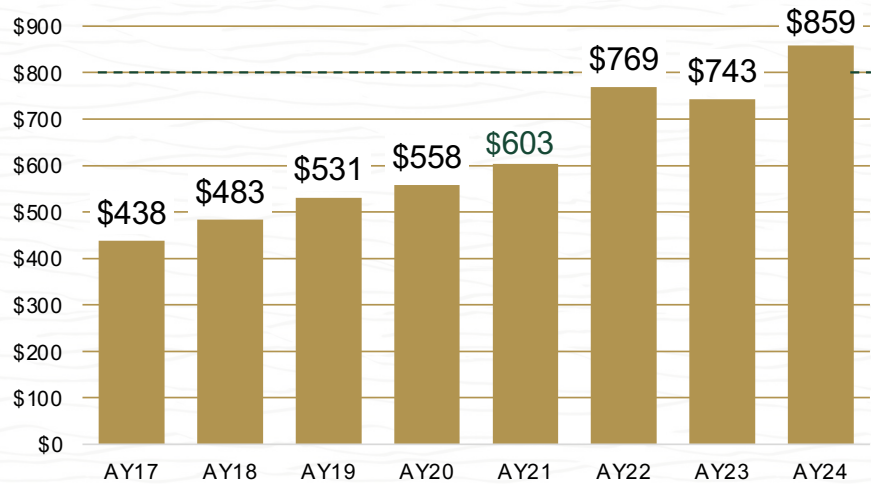
FOUR-YEAR
TARGET:
60%

UTD is No. 3
in Texas public
universities for
grad rates.

Percentage of full-time FTIC freshmen
who graduated after having started four
years prior and six years prior to the
new academic year.

Endowment (millions)

Progress Toward Quantitative Targets for Academic Year 2025



ENDOWMENT
TARGET:
\$800M

New Dimensions comprehensive campaign having great impact.

\$800M endowment target surpassed since January 1, 2024.

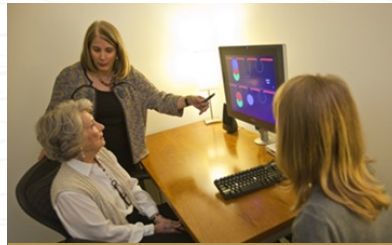
Going Forward

The University of Texas at Dallas...in Dallas

In addition to the main campus in Richardson, UT Dallas has a major presence in Dallas.



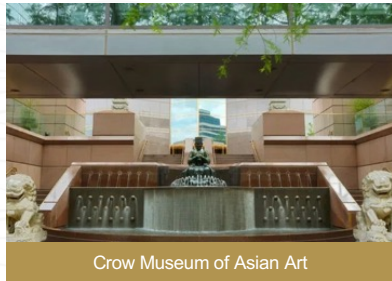
TI Biomedical Sciences and Engineering



Center for Vital Longevity



Center for BrainHealth



Crow Museum of Asian Art



Callier Center



Brain Performance Institute

UT Dallas Leadership in Semiconductors

- **Texas Analog Center of Excellence** - largest and most comprehensive university research center in the world focused on analog and mixed signal circuits and systems. Increases the maximum family income from \$65,000 to \$85,000.
- **North Texas Semiconductor Institute** - leading regional workforce development efforts and harsh environment semiconductor research and development.



Texas Semiconductor Innovation Consortium Executive Committee announcement.

U.S. Congress

Community Project Funding

Secured
FY22-FY24
\$12M

Pending
FY25*
\$3.5M

Pending Requests

Center for Critical Elements from Produced Waters

Comparative Effectiveness of North Texas Workforce
Development Programs for Semiconductors

Open Radio Access (O-RAN) Test
and Evaluation Center



Semiconductor Roundtable hosted by U.S. Rep. Colin Allred



Startup REsearch to Capstone Honors (STRETCH) Community Business Booster

89th Texas Legislature

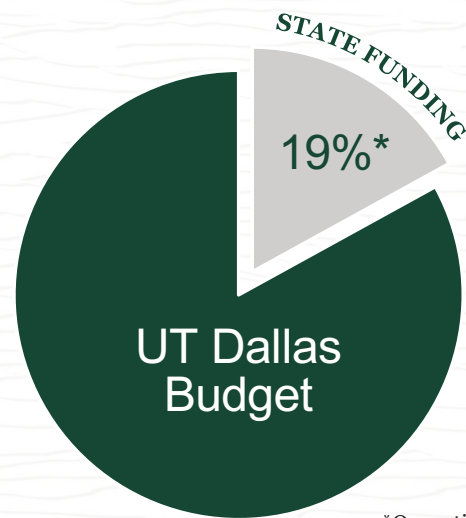
Maintain UTD Funding Gains from Last Session

Formula Funding

Investments made last session had a significant positive impact on core.

National Research Support Fund

- New fund created last session.
- Provides critical funding to support research expansion.
- Biennial research appropriations for only the UT schools.
- Additional investments will accelerate our success.



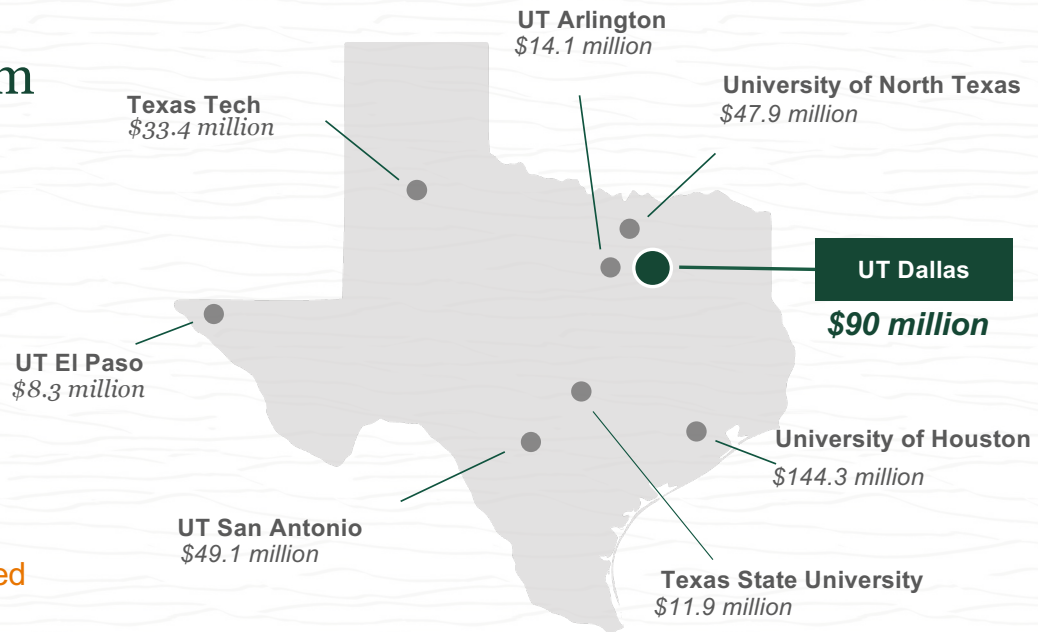
*Operating support

Texas Research Incentive Program (TRIP)

\$398M

Current backlog of funding for all eight schools

The most recent gift matched with TRIP funding was received in 2017.



89th Texas Legislature

New Non-Formula Item Requests

\$36M in Total Requests

- Fentanyl Detection Initiative - \$12M.
- Callier Mobile Audiology Clinic - \$2M.
- Center for Advanced Pain Studies - \$12M.
- Re-Engage UTD - \$4M.
- PTSD Innovations - \$6M.



89th Texas Legislature

Capital Construction Assistance Program

Science, Technology and Utility Facilities

- Multidisciplinary Science and Technology Building - 250,000 sq. ft.
- New North Utility Plant – 20,000 sq. ft.

Total Project Cost: \$310M

CCAP Request - \$150M



Comet Promise Program

- Expanded for incoming Fall 2025 FTIC and Transfer students.
- Increases the maximum family income from \$65,000 to \$85,000.

New university-wide scholarship application and management system for departmental scholarships for the 2025-2026 award year will improve the student experience.



Student Success Center and Student Union



Expected completion in late 2026.

The 360,000-square-foot site will include:

Student Union:

- 800-seat ballroom.
- Sensory Lounge.
- Creativity Lab.
- Demo Kitchen.
- Tabletop Gaming.
- Study Areas.
- Offices including for Student Union Administration, Student Government, Graduate Student Assembly, and Fraternity and Sorority Life.
- Spirit Practice Gym.
- Student Organization Center.
- Student Wellness Center.

Student Success Center:

- Classrooms.
- 400-seat classroom in the round.
- Office of Student Success.
- Office of Undergraduate Education.
- Office of Graduate Education.
- Hobson Wildenthal Honors College.
- International Education.
- Center for Teaching and Learning.
- Educational Technology Services.



The Edith and Peter O'Donnell Jr. Athenaeum

UT Dallas Art Museums

Phase I

Houses the Crow Museum of Asian Art, exhibits from the Dallas Museum of Art, the Brettell Reading Room, and study spaces.



The UT Dallas Art Museums officially opened on September 24, 2024, with a ceremony and ribbon-cutting.



The Edith and Peter O'Donnell Jr. Athenaeum

Performance Hall and Music Building

Phase II

Groundbreaking ceremony was held on Sept. 24, 2024.

When completed in 2026, the almost 67,000 sf building will feature:

- 680-seat performance hall.
- Outdoor performance space.
- Practice and rehearsal rooms.
- Offices and meeting rooms.
- Classrooms.



Naveen Jindal School of Management Phase III

Phase III will provide 125,000 sq. ft. to support growing student enrollment.

Programmatic spaces will include:

- Classrooms.
- Faculty offices.
- Meeting rooms.
- Student flex spaces.
- Study areas.
- Dedicated spaces to support student activities and programs.
- Coffee Shop.



Comets LANding

New esports center to be completed spring 2025

State-of-the-art features include:

- 16,000 square feet of space.
- 80+ stations for PC gaming.
- Console gaming pods.
- Competitive esports arena.
- Ability to host multiple esports tournaments.
- Buffalo Wild Wings restaurant.



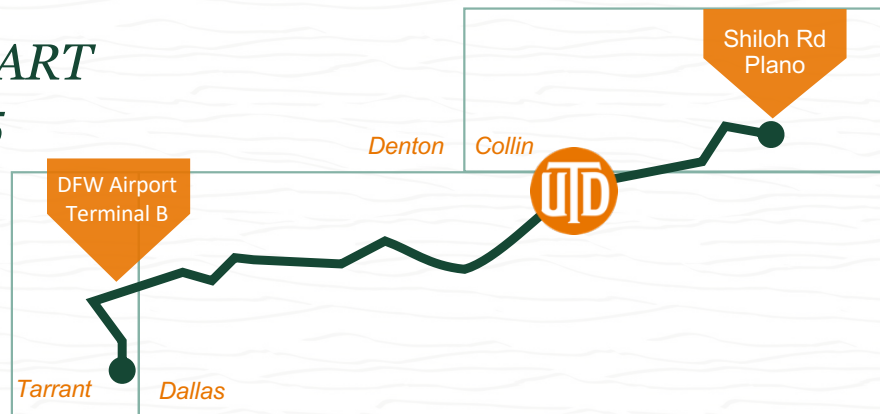
UT Dallas has quickly established itself as one of the country's biggest names in collegiate esports.



UT Dallas station on the DART Silver Line opens late 2025



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



Office of Information Technology

- Implemented Microsoft Copilot (Enterprise AI tool).
- Assisted in building new 5G research lab at the Richardson IQ.
- Deployed new High Performance Computing system (Ganymede2).
- Made Gartner Campus Access available.
- Simplified FAFSA changes and improved other enrollment processes.
- Provided 900+ laptops and loaned 500+ peripherals to students.
- New group study stations and 32" monitors with docking stations in the student labs.
- Partnered with ISO and campus IT to reduce cybercriminal threat.
- Provided solutions to over 65,000 support requests to students, staff and faculty.



Budget and Finance



- UTD financial health continues to be strong.
- Finished FY 2024 with a budget surplus.
- Enrollment decline in FY 2024 reduced operating surplus and funding available for university priorities.
- Enrollment decline in FY 2025 will further reduce funding for new initiatives.
- FY 2025 salary increases and departmental operating increases were reduced because of enrollment declines.
- University leadership is focused on returning undergraduate and master's enrollment to previous levels.

Record Year of Philanthropic Support

- Market value of UT Dallas endowment reached an all-time high of **\$859 million** across **882 total endowments**.
- Total of **8,509 donors** made **18,369 gifts** in FY 24.
- UTD donors contributed **\$1.2 million** during Comets Giving Days, the **fifth consecutive year** to top the \$1 million mark.



NEWDIMENSIONS

THE CAMPAIGN FOR UT DALLAS

Campaign total is **\$420M.**
Campaign Target is **\$750M.**



Attract the Best and Brightest



Enhance Lives Through
Transformative Research



Transform the Arts on Campus



Comets United Day

January 2nd, 2025

Thanks
for listening

