Undergraduate Student Scholarships and Graduate Fellowships
College of Education and Human Development

OVERVIEW
The UTSA College of Education and Human Development (COEHD) is a national and international model for innovative teaching practices, health, professional development, and bi-national/bi-cultural issues. In this role and as one of the leading providers of education professionals in San Antonio, the COEHD has an obligation to ensure that the supply of dedicated and well-prepared professionals meet the needs of the communities it serves. To keep the talent pipeline flowing, the COEHD is committed to providing our diverse, passionate, and motivated student body a rewarding academic experience while also ensuring our students have the resources to be successful from application through graduation and into their careers. With student success as its overarching goal, the college must increase its number of endowed scholarships for its undergraduate students in addition to graduate fellowships for its master’s and doctoral candidates to help them complete their degrees successfully and in a timely manner.

CHALLENGE
The COEHD is committed to providing the resources needed to support the recruitment and retention of the most talented and deserving students, positioning them to be able to complete their degrees in four years without the burden of debt. This is especially challenging for a college where most of its students face significant financial barriers along the way to their degrees. These students often work jobs outside of school to cover their educational and personal expenses. For students whose academic programs require an unpaid teaching residency or internship, these financial concerns become even more critical. To meet this demand and provide effective financial support, the college must find ways to dramatically increase the number of endowed undergraduate scholarships and graduate fellowships available to its most deserving current and prospective students.
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Scholarships make a tremendous difference and help UTSA attract and recognize high-achieving students. The minimum funding level for establishing a Named Annual Scholarship is $1,500 per year with a three-year commitment. An Endowment is perhaps the most enduring gift a donor can make since it is a permanent fund that will exist in perpetuity. Since only the distributions from the endowment’s corpus may be expended, the endowment will be a part of UTSA forever.

Annually, endowments at UTSA generate these awards:

- $25,000 investment generates approximately $1,125 in scholarship support.
- $50,000 investment generates approximately $2,250 in scholarship support.
- $100,000 investment generates approximately $4,500 in scholarship support.

Graduate Fellowships also offer superior experiential learning opportunities for master’s or doctoral students. Fellowships are structured to deliver significant responsibility in a particular specialty. Fellows learn from mentors and world-class research faculty, contributing to research across all industries and impacting the world we live and work in. Endowing a fellowship requires a minimum funding level of $100,000 and typically provides tuition or aid to support our graduate students’ training.

IMPACT

With many first-generation students comprising its enrollment and many receiving some form of financial aid, the impact of an investment in the COEHD can be measured by the number of UTSA graduates that leave fully prepared to begin contributing their energy and expertise in a variety of important education and human development fields without the heavy burden of student loans for years to come. New endowed scholarships mean that more of our students will be able to remain in school and complete their degrees. An increased number of endowed graduate fellowships will help the college attract even more of the best and brightest minds to its innovative and growing master’s and doctoral programs. An endowed student scholarship or fellowship created today in the COEHD will help the college realize its vision of transforming its students into confident professionals with the tools – both professional and personal – to be successful in their careers, family lives, and as contributing citizens of their communities.

PHILANTHROPIC OPPORTUNITIES

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