



Undergraduate and Graduate Support

The College for Health, Community and Policy

OVERVIEW

The UTSA College for Health, Community and Policy (HCaP) was launched in 2020 with a mission to create an interdisciplinary and synergistic environment that will transform how the university prepares students for the modern setting of health-related careers. With a focus on one overarching goal — the advancement of human health — the college aims to accomplish its mission through exceptional education, creation and dissemination of knowledge, and partnerships with diverse communities and institutions from local to global scales. With an enrollment of nearly 7,000 students across nine disciplines including Criminology and Criminal Justice, Demographics, Kinesiology, Nutrition and Dietetics, Psychology, Public Administration, Public Health, Social Work, and Sociology, our student body is diverse, passionate, and motivated. UTSA strives to ensure that our students have the resources to be successful through graduation and into their careers.



CHALLENGE

Service-oriented and passionate about giving back to their communities, HCaP students have chosen their career paths because they want to make a difference and tackle society's greatest challenges. A majority of our students also face significant financial barriers and the demand for undergraduate and graduate scholarships, along with graduate fellowships, continues to increase. Currently, about 10-15% of students are awarded scholarships or stipends. On average, this support is limited to \$3,000 per

semester. Beyond scholarships, nearly 60% of students apply for loans that average approximately \$16,000 per year to attend programs that require two to five years to complete. Overall, nearly 70% of our students require some form of financial aid. Our goal is to find additional resources to help students complete their degree, whether undergraduate or graduate, so that they are prepared to take on the challenges of their chosen fields with less financial burdens.

IMPACT

Access to additional financial support will benefit our students in a number of ways. First, and most importantly, it will reduce their need to work full- or part- time to afford school-related and living expenses. These expenses are frequently exacerbated by the fact that numerous students are also supporting a family while working and pursuing their degree. Collectively, these fiscal demands require time away from their studies, which can adversely impact their ability to move toward graduation in a timely manner. The less reliant our students are on external employment

to meet their financial needs, the more time and effort they will have to focus on their academic success. Secondly, our programs educate and train students who have a passion for public service professions that often do not provide immediate high salaries in comparison to other professional fields. Because of this, our students may find themselves in more challenging situations to pay off student debt. Financial support during their time in our programs will reduce the overall level of debt for our graduates.

PARTNERSHIPS

The financial support our students currently receive is supplied by institutional resources and external contributions. While HCaP aims to expand support of students, the college is currently only able to assist a few selected students. To provide a more robust scholarship and fellowship program for UTSA's largest college, we are seeking the partnership of external organizations and individuals to ensure that our service-oriented and passionate students have the resources needed to be successful throughout college and after graduation.



PHILANTHROPIC OPPORTUNITIES

The University of Texas at San Antonio (UTSA) has launched a comprehensive campaign to support UTSA's 10-Year-Strategic Vision introduced by President Taylor Eighmy in 2017. **Be Bold: A Campaign for Our Future**, which also extends 10 years and has a working goal of \$500 million, is focused on providing the infrastructure and resources needed to become a model for student success and research discovery.

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 and 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 in which we live and work. Endowing a fellowship requires a minimum funding level of \$100,000 and typically provides tuition or aid to support our graduate students' training.

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