



# Art Collections Endowment

## UTSA Libraries

### OVERVIEW

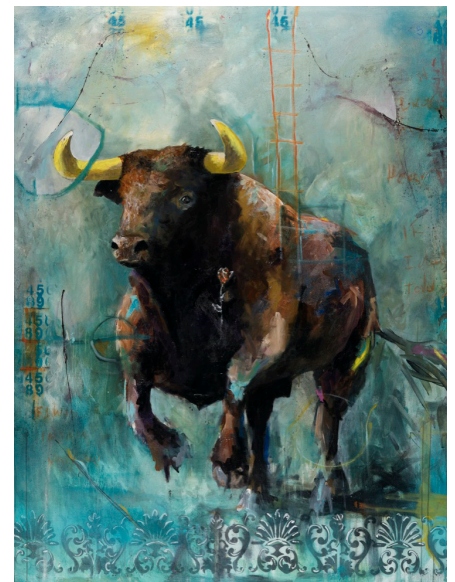
The University of Texas at San Antonio Libraries System advances research and education, stimulates discovery and creativity, and engages and transforms our diverse communities by providing distinctive expertise, high-quality information resources, inspirational spaces, and innovative services. The UTSA Art Collection includes over 2,700 works by more than 600 established and emerging artists. The Collection boldly reflects the university's tireless support of art and education in the community. UTSA is committed to supporting local artists through exhibitions, publications, and lectures. The UTSA Libraries vision is to enhance the educational environment for thousands of students, faculty, and staff, while making UTSA aesthetically pleasing for visitors.



### CHALLENGE

UTSA Libraries are comprised of study rooms, technology, special collections, and thousands of visual art pieces. Most of this art is displayed by a curator across all four University Libraries including the John Peace Library (JPL), the Downtown Campus Library (DTL), the HemisFair Park Library, and the Applied Engineering and Technology Library. With the understanding that visual art can

transform an appreciation of the world in all its cultural diversity, University Libraries is working to preserve current art pieces and acquire new pieces. While UTSA has showcased artwork at exhibits across San Antonio, one of the challenges UTSA Libraries faces in regard to displaying a 2,700-piece art collection is inadequate space to showcase the artwork on its campuses.





## IMPACT

Visual art serves as a powerful component of library collections. The arts play a vital role in UTSA's ability to communicate a broad spectrum of ideas to all people, and art on display provides students the opportunity to form new and creative interpretations of their studies and lives. An Art Collections Endowment will support the accessibility of numerous art collections for students and the community, while integrating the pieces of artwork into educational curriculums with a particular focus on Mexican American and South Texas artists.

UTSA's Art Collection is comprised of paintings, sculptures, works on paper, and mixed media. The artwork is primarily authored by regional artists and some artworks by national and international artists. Pieces in the collection are located at interior and exterior sites throughout the University's libraries. UTSA is the only university in San Antonio working to digitize its entire art collection for online viewing by UTSA constituents and the community-at-large. A UTSA Arts Collections Endowment will create a compelling opportunity for University Libraries to bring artists to campus to discuss their work with students and faculty who are consistently working to further enhance their academic studies.

## PARTNERSHIPS

UTSA Libraries strives to promote and create new exhibition spaces and opportunities for cultural exchange with partnering museums, galleries, and artists. Over the last two decades, UTSA's Art Collection has had the honor of exhibiting local and regional artists through ongoing exhibitions such as The Texas Contemporary Artists Series at the Institute of Texas Cultures and UT Health Research's Conversations of Science and Art. Other exhibitions have included Texas photographers in Lishui City, China at the 14th Annual China International Photographic Art Exhibition and VOZ, an exhibition of 222 works acquired by UTSA over the course of the last three decades. UTSA plans to continue working with these partners and others to share its collections more widely.

## 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.

**Endowments** help foster excellence in research and support high-quality teaching and learning. The University of Texas at San Antonio also welcomes the opportunity to discuss a naming opportunity that can provide support beyond bricks and mortar. Supporting a naming opportunity can allow for major academic and programmatic transformations that will elevate UTSA to greater levels of excellence and increase its competitiveness on a global scale. Below are opportunities to support UTSA Libraries Art Collections:

- The Endowment for the UTSA Libraries Arts Collection
- The Naming of a UTSA Libraries Art Display Wall

UTSA has multiple avenues available to make an incredible impact. Gifts made annually can provide scholarship, research, and programmatic support across all areas. Gifts made through certain assets also have many benefits and include stock, IRAs, donor advised funds, real estate, life insurance, intellectual property, collectibles, matching gifts, in-kind gifts, estate gifts, and more.



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