



# Endowed Faculty Positions

Margie and Bill Klesse College of Engineering and Integrated Design

## OVERVIEW

The Margie and Bill Klesse College of Engineering and Integrated Design is administratively organized into two schools and three departments. The schools are Civil Engineering, Environmental Engineering and Construction Management, and Architecture and Planning. The departments include Biomedical and Chemical Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, and Electrical and Computer Engineering. Hosting such talent and resources under one college optimally positions UTSA on the cutting edge of transdisciplinary research, academic programming, and workforce preparation for students. This bold step to form the new college fully leverages the university's considerable expertise across architecture, construction, planning, historic preservation, interior design, and engineering, which improves the university's position as a competitive recruiter of faculty and postdoctoral researchers. By drawing these complementary disciplines together, the college has taken a major step toward expanding the intellectual, administrative, and physical resources of these programs.

## CHALLENGE

The cornerstone to the college's success in attracting and retaining the very best scholars and researchers will be its ability to offer them an academic environment that allows them to push the frontiers of their own work, challenge the intellectual curiosity of both their graduate and undergraduate students, provide them with the best facilities and equipment, and surround them with colleagues who are similarly

committed to collaborative research and experiential learning. To ensure that we have the financial resources to continue attracting and retaining world-class faculty, the college must build on its endowment funds for endowed faculty chairs, professorships, and faculty fellowships — the standard for recognizing and rewarding outstanding research and scholarship.



## IMPACT

Since its inception, the College of Engineering and Integrated Design has been home to over 4,200 students and 117 faculty members. These numbers greatly improve UTSA's position as a competitive recruiter of faculty and post-doctoral researchers, which will lead to increased partnership and potential investment from outside sources. As the college evolves, a larger endowment will help grow the number of quality faculty in the college, ultimately increasing UTSA's national recognition as an institution of research excellence and allowing us to compete with other major universities for large-scale grants that require interdisciplinary teams to address society's greatest challenges. Driving the recruitment of top faculty and achieving National Research University Fund (NRUF) eligibility alongside maintaining R1 Carnegie Classification is deeply rooted in UTSA's commitment to providing the best educational experience for students. These experiences are greatly enhanced by an increase in the number of endowed faculty positions.



## PHILANTHROPIC OPPORTUNITIES

The University of Texas at San Antonio 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. There are several philanthropic opportunities within the Margie and Bill Klesse College of Engineering and Integrated Design.

**Scholarships** make a tremendous difference in helping UTSA attract and recognize high-achieving students.

**Endowed Faculty Positions** help foster excellence in research and support efforts to recruit and retain highly qualified educators, researchers, and administrators.

**Capital Projects** provide the necessary spaces to stimulate learning, research, creativity, and collaboration among students and faculty. Our endowment levels include:

- \$3,000,000+ Distinguished Chair
- \$2,000,000+ Chair
- \$1,000,000+ Distinguished Professorship
- \$500,000+ Professorship
- \$250,000+ Faculty Fellowship
- \$100,000+ Graduate Fellowship
- \$25,000+ Undergraduate Scholarship

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.

### Naming Opportunities

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.

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