



# Graduate Fellowship Support

## College of Liberal and Fine Arts

### OVERVIEW

As a Tier One research university, it is anticipated that UTSA's College of Liberal and Fine Arts will continue to grow its master's and doctoral degree programs. To better serve this population of talented students, Graduate Community Residencies (GCR) will offer increased financial support for students conducting advanced research, and will allow the college to continue recruiting and retaining the best and brightest students for its programs. The college hopes to continue creating a rich and robust academic environment for its master's and doctoral candidates in the School of Art, the School of Music, and the departments of Anthropology, English, Communication, English, History, Spanish, Film, Philosophy, Geography and Political Science, while also providing them opportunities to enhance their own academic and professional portfolios for the future.



### CHALLENGE

The growing reputation of UTSA and the faculty within the college's diverse departments translates into an anticipated growth in enrollment and increased research activity for the college. This will result in a need for more talented and dedicated graduate students to support these efforts – in its classrooms and research centers. While prospective students may be drawn to the college by the quality of its

academic programs and faculty, many of them make their selection of a university for their advanced degrees based on the financial assistance available to fund their studies. To remain competitive in recruiting and retaining the most outstanding graduate students, the college must increase the number and value of endowed fellowships available to its current and prospective master's and doctoral students.



## IMPACT

The college's diverse academic disciplines offer unique perspectives and bold solutions to the challenges facing many local organizations. Advanced students in the college benefit enormously from sustained interaction with community partners. The GCR program will support advanced master's and doctoral students in field placement with local organizations such as museums, art galleries, cultural arts organizations, community organizations and more under the supervision of a faculty mentor. The GCR program will elevate the value of the liberal and fine arts in the local community and offer graduate students with opportunities to explore career paths outside of higher education. Beyond the GCR program, graduate students are provided important opportunities to interact closely with their professors and mentors through teaching, research and academic activities that prepare them to be successful, compassionate, contributing members of their communities and their industries.



## 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 College of Liberal and Fine Arts. **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 \$2,500 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.

A giving strategy that may also appeal to you is starting an annual scholarship today while simultaneously creating a lasting legacy through an endowed scholarship. You can fulfill your charitable goals now with an annual scholarship and make an impact in the future by naming UTSA in your estate plans. This is as easy as a beneficiary designation or bequest. You can provide for your family and support a cause that matters to you today, while leaving a legacy for tomorrow.

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