



Faculty Support

College of Sciences

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The research faculty in The University of Texas at San Antonio's College of Sciences (COS) are leaders in their fields and internationally recognized for their contributions to science. Their expertise spans the breadth of modern scientific research including the topics of brain health, drug discovery, infectious diseases, advanced materials with tailored properties, cybersecurity, neuro-inspired artificial intelligence, water sustainability, and supermassive black holes in distant galaxies. High-impact results from the COS research enterprise made a significant contribution to UTSA's rise to achieving Carnegie R1 Classification and is laying the foundation for future eligibility for the National Research University Fund (NRUF). While advancing humanity's knowledge about ourselves and the world we live in, COS research faculty are also training the next generation of STEM researchers and leaders for academia and both the public and private sectors.



CHALLENGE

To sustain and extend the COS leadership, the college must aggressively recruit outstanding research faculty to educate UTSA's undergraduate and graduate students and advance scientific discovery. Attracting such faculty is critical for maintaining the Carnegie R1 Classification and achieving NRUF eligibility. More than just the prestige of being recognized as

one the nation's leading research universities, these designations greatly enhance the university's potential to capture state and federal resources. The college seeks to establish a College of Sciences Dean's Chair, as well as endowed faculty positions in computer science, earth and planetary science, integrative biology, and other disciplines.





IMPACT

The College of Sciences is a leader in developing the infrastructure and resources needed for UTSA to achieve its vision of becoming a nationally-recognized research university. With the college's ranking dependent on the quality of the faculty and the amount of research it secures and performs, success in recruiting highly sought-after scientists can greatly enhance both the college's reputation and the university's goals of achieving NRUF eligibility. The best and brightest scientists who will be attracted to UTSA by endowed faculty positions and well-funded research will publish in regarded journals, engage in funded research that will raise the college's ranking, attract the most outstanding Ph.D. students, and increase the research expenditures of the COS and UTSA. The impact of investments made in the college will be felt throughout the city, state, and nation as the college contributes talent through its graduates and the shared knowledge of its expert faculty.



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. There are several philanthropic opportunities within the College of Sciences.

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

Graduate Fellowships also offer exceptional learning opportunities for master's and doctoral students and are structured to deliver significant responsibility in a particular area of research. Fellows learn from world-class 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.

UTSA has multiple ways to make a significant impact. Gifts made annually can provide scholarship, research, and programmatic support across all areas. Gifts made through various assets have 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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