

## Graduate Student Fellowships and Research Support College of Sciences

### OVERVIEW

The world-class faculty and groundbreaking research within The University of Texas at San Antonio's College of Sciences (COS) create a rich academic environment for training the next generation of scientists for both the public and private sectors and academia. Our graduate students are provided invaluable opportunities to interact closely with their professors and mentors through hands-on research and academic activities that prepare them to become successful, compassionate, and valuable contributing members of their communities and professions. The college's state-of-the-art facilities, 10 research centers and institutes. and almost 350 actively funded research projects provide exceptional opportunities for graduate students to advance their knowledge and expertise, while also making notable contributions to science as they work alongside some of the most outstanding researchers in their fields. Through its eight departments spanning computational, life, mathematical, and physical sciences, the COS is dedicated to generating world-changing discoveries while training future leaders.

## CHALLENGE

The growing international reputation of the faculty within the disciplines of the College of Sciences translates into increased research activity. High research activity requires a growing number of talented and dedicated graduate students to support these efforts. While prospective students may be drawn to the COS because of the quality of its expert faculty, state-of-the-art facilities, excellent research opportunities, and academic programs, most select a university for their advanced degrees based on the financial assistance available to fund their research. To remain competitive in recruiting and retaining the most outstanding graduate students in the competitive fields of science and mathematics, the college must increase the number of endowed fellowships and the amount of research funding available to its current and prospective master's and doctoral students.



### IMPACT

Well-funded graduate fellowships combined with enhanced research support will position the College of Sciences to compete internationally for the brightest young minds, who will create a rich and robust academic environment in the college's classrooms and laboratories. As research and teaching assistants, the College of Science's master's and doctoral students play a vital role in transforming scientific discoveries into tangible and life-changing solutions, ensuring that the COS is successful in generating scientific experts and solutions for the future. The impact of having talented and hard-working graduate students studying in the college is invaluable as they will not only reinvigorate and challenge their mentors and help accelerate the pace of scientific discovery, but will also serve as role models for undergraduate students. Robust endowments to fund fellowships and provide research support will make a tremendous difference in our ability to attract and retain the most outstanding graduate students in their fields.



# 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.

Undergraduate Scholarships and Graduate Student Fellowships 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 a significant 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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