Student Support and Innovative Programming
University College

OVERVIEW

The University College (UC) serves as the central connection point for the various experiential learning opportunities available in academic and support units across campus. The UC has a pivotal role in providing student success programming for UTSA’s nearly 30,000 undergraduate students. The UC provides a Writing Lab, ROTC programs, First-Year Experience courses, such as Academic Inquiry and Scholarship, and cross-university collaborations to promote student success. The college’s goal is to positively impact undergraduate students by providing the encouragement and support they need to advance toward their degrees, regardless of their majors.

CHALLENGE

As a portal to academic and student success for UTSA’s undergraduate students, the UC offers a wide variety of academic and experiential learning opportunities to help them realize their own potential. A significant challenge for UTSA is that numerous students arrive at the university unaware of their own capabilities. Many are unprepared for the rigors of university studies and many are first-generation college students who come from underrepresented groups. It is the responsibility of the UC to provide the innovative programming and student support services that will awaken and nurture the potential in every student. To meet that obligation, the University College plans to create an endowment that will provide ongoing funding for increased specialized training for faculty, enhanced academic programming, and expanded experiential learning opportunities to support students across all disciplines.
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 University College.

**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 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.

**IMPACT**
To ensure the success of all of UTSA’s undergraduate students, the UC is committed to helping them focus on enriching academic and engagement activities during their time at UTSA by providing the encouragement and support they need to complete their degrees. The college’s continuing efforts to advance undergraduate students to timely graduation and success will be greatly improved by the addition of enhanced programming and student support services. An investment in the UC today will help many UTSA students realize their dreams of becoming confident, well-prepared professionals with the tools needed to be successful in their careers, family lives, and as contributing citizens of their communities.

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