

INITIATIVE BRIEF

# UTSA'S DOWNTOWN CAMPUS: A 10-YEAR VISION



*Great cities need great research universities, and great research universities need great cities. Over the next decade, UTSA will accelerate the development of its Downtown Campus to meet the needs of a growing city by producing a highly skilled workforce, supporting an innovative research ecosystem, catalyzing high value job creation, and creating prosperity and opportunity for all of San Antonio.*

## OVERVIEW

UTSA has a bold 10-year, university-wide vision focused on becoming a model for student success, a great public research university, and an exemplar for strategic growth in order to fully realize the potential of all its campuses. The university's Downtown Campus is one important component to this vision and will undergo an aggressive 10-year development plan that will be shaped by its overall master planning and strategic planning processes. The new academic and research initiatives created will advance the city's economic prosperity through workforce development and by acting as a magnet for industry and government partners.

## THE IMPACT

The expansion of UTSA's Downtown Campus over the next decade will be transformative, further positioning the city and university as global leaders in cybersecurity, data science, artificial intelligence, and information management and technology.

## APPROACH

A two-phased approach aligned with our university's 10-year strategic plan is proposed to expand UTSA's Downtown Campus.

### Phase One | 2018-2023

Strategic initiatives are in progress to develop the following new Downtown Campus facilities by 2023:

» **School of Data Science**

A new \$57 million, 138,000-square-foot building of classrooms, laboratories and research space, placing UTSA's 70-plus faculty members in cybersecurity, cloud computing, data and analytics, and artificial intelligence under one roof.

» **National Security Collaboration Center**

A new \$33 million, 80,000-square-foot building comprised of innovation space, laboratories and research facilities, serving as a hub for government, university and industry partners in the cybersecurity field.

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## FOR MORE INFORMATION

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» **A new home for the College of Business**

A proposed new 250,000-square-foot, state-of-the-art building to house UTSA's College of Business in downtown San Antonio, offering high tech classrooms, research centers and enhanced experiential learning opportunities for students. This proposal, subject to tuition revenue bond funding availability and gift funding, will require significant planning to ensure that many academic programs remain available on the Main Campus, especially during transition.

» **Cattleman's Square Residential Tower**

A UTSA RFQ/RFP process will be used to develop this property using a public-private partnership to provide housing and parking for students and to help establish an activated residential environment in downtown, especially connecting with developments efforts along Commerce Street, and working closely with VIA, Market Square, the Farmer's Market, Zona Cultural and other foundational institutions in the near West Side.

» **Continental Hotel Residences**

The City of San Antonio and UTSA will collaborate to explore and develop this property using a public-private partnership to provide housing and parking for faculty and to help establish a residential environment in downtown with close ties to the San Pedro Creek Project, The Alameda Theater, The Children's Hospital, Milam Park and Zona Cultural.



## Phase Two | 2023-2028

The vision for phase two will be greatly influenced by current master and strategic planning processes and is centered on developing properties on and around UTSA's current Downtown Campus. The developments will bring new interdisciplinary schools and institutes to downtown San Antonio, as well as additional amenities and infrastructure for the campus's growing student population. New planned academic entities include:

- » **Urban Education Institute** designed to focus on UTSA's work with the K-12 system, especially around the idea of a laboratory school and partnerships with SAISD.
- » **School of Entrepreneurship and Innovation** designed to connect with the Tech Corridor and the growing innovation ecosystem downtown.
- » **Urban Science Institute** designed to use the power of information, the Internet of Things and visualization to help understand urban metabolism and the impacts of proposed policy.