EMBRACING DIVERSITY, PROMOTING DISCOVERY

At UTSA, we develop the visionaries of tomorrow who will become a technologically advanced workforce to support business, as well as industry and academic initiatives.

We are Discovery
UTSA’s doctoral students work alongside top faculty in our state-of-the-art facilities, pursuing revolutionary research across many disciplines. UTSA offers more than 20 doctoral programs across six colleges: Business, Education and Human Development, Engineering, Liberal and Fine Arts, Public Policy, and Sciences.

We are Diversity
UTSA is a Hispanic Serving Institution that embraces the diversity of our students, faculty and staff, 40 percent of our students come from underrepresented groups. We offer academic excellence and support for the success of all students, as well as access to educational and socioeconomic opportunities.

UTSA’s students and faculty focus on a wide variety of research interests, including energy and environment, health, human and social development, security, and sustainability.
High-quality instruction that educates students in leading technologies and sophisticated research capabilities is the hallmark of the College of Business. The college’s graduate portfolio expands upon the traditional business foundations and challenges students to develop competencies in the areas of leadership, ethics, critical thinking, and quantitative analysis. The program is nationally ranked and accredited by the International College of Business. The college is preparing leaders for the new world of business.

**DEGREE OFFERINGS**

- **Ph.D.**
  - Applied Statistics
  - Business Administration
  - Accounting
  - Finance
  - Information Technology
  - Marketing
  - Organization and Management Studies

Jessica Inocencio, a first-generation college graduate and a recipient of the Louise and Michael Beldon Doctoral Scholarship and UTSA Graduate Student Teaching Award, was inspired to become a college professor after taking M.B.A. classes at UTSA. She hopes to pursue research on diversity and cross-cultural issues in organizations, performance of first-generation college graduates in the workplace, and gender and racial diversity in the corporate elite.

**JESSICA INOCENCIO**

**Ph.D. Candidate**

**Business Administration**

**MEET JESSICA**

**ARPN SATSANGI**

**Ph.D. Candidate**

**Biomedical Engineering**

Arpan Satsangi is a Translational Science Training Scholar and a biomedical engineering doctoral graduate at UTSA. Satsangi is currently investigating ways to enhance drug delivery to breast cancer cells so patients are able to better tolerate their chemotherapy treatment. He says, “UTSA has provided me with valuable research opportunities and the chance to interact with people directly influenced by my research.”

**MEET ARPN SATSANGI**

The College of Education and Human Development prepares professionals for leadership positions in educational and human development organizations serving diverse populations. Faculty members engage in a broad range of research programs and provide extensive contributions to the community and the university. The college encompasses five academic departments and offers personalized support for students. A vast array of field-based activities are available for both traditional and nontraditional graduate students.

**DEGREE OFFERINGS**

- **Ph.D.**
  - Counselor Education and Supervision
  - Culture, Literacy and Language
  - Interdisciplinary Learning and Teaching
- **Ed.D.**
  - Educational Leadership

Brian T. Woods, a doctoral graduate of the UTSA College of Education and Human Development’s Department of Educational Leadership and Policy Studies, was recently named superintendent of San Antonio’s Northside Independent School District by a unanimous final vote of the district’s board of trustees.

**DR. BRIAN WOODS**

**’12 Ed.D.**

**Educational Leadership and Policy Studies**

**MEET DR. BRIAN WOODS**

Patricia Portales examines the influence of history and oral history on imaginative literature including theater and film. She says, “The Department of English faculty who specialize in U.S. Latina literature—Dr. Ben V. Olguin, Dr. Sonia Soldán-Hull, and Dr. Norma Cantu—are among the best in the field, and I knew that their scholarship meant they would serve as influential mentors.”

**PATRICIA PORTALES**

**’12 Ph.D.**

**English**

A love of learning and passion for deeper understanding characterizes the graduate students in the College of Liberal and Fine Arts. The college offers a journey for the intellectually curious who seek to discover new knowledge by pursuing original research and creative activity in such fields as the arts, politics, ethics, literature, the humanities, history, psychology, sociology, and anthropology. Diverse faculty, themselves educated at prestigious universities, offer challenging programs with rising reputations in emerging areas of importance. Graduates prepare for a variety of rewarding advanced careers in a rapidly changing global environment.

**DEGREE OFFERINGS**

- **Ph.D.**
  - Anthropology
  - English
  - Psychology

**MEET DR. PORTALES**
COLLEGE OF PUBLIC POLICY
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The college offers academic research and analysis opportunities that prepare graduates for leadership and professional practice in public policy fields. We also offer collaborative interdisciplinary partnerships that contribute to the public good in today’s diverse society.

Degree Offerings
Ph.D.
Applied Demography

Informe a Dr. Sparks, assistant professor in the Department of Demography and Organization Studies, inspires her graduate students through her passion for teaching and her commitment to excellence in scholarship. She researches risk factors of low birth weight variations among racial and ethnic groups, hoping to save the lives of infants in rural Texas and beyond.

JOHNELLE SPARKS faculty
Demography and Organization Studies

Dr. Felhofer is helping build a chemical analysis “lab” the size of a microchip that will be accessible anywhere. The potential uses for the chip are limitless; instead of collecting samples and sending them out to be analyzed, results will be available immediately. She says, “At one point I held three jobs while working my way through school. Scholarship assistance has made so many opportunities available to me and I am grateful.”

JESSICA FELHOFER
3rd Ph.D.
Chemistry

WHY PURSUE A DOCTORAL DEGREE?

Graduates from UTSA’s doctoral programs typically enter positions in academia, business, education, and nonprofit and governmental agencies. Over 90 percent of our doctoral students have been published in refereed journals and presented at national conferences. Our doctoral coursework and independent research opportunities provide students with advanced writing skills, analytical and critical thinking skills, as well as experience in theory development, research, teaching, and management. UTSA’s doctoral students have earned academic and research positions in Texas and around the country.

More Career Freedom
A doctoral degree can provide flexibility with your career options, which can result in higher salaries and advanced management, research, and academic positions. UTSA doctoral students are trained to be leaders in academia, business, and industry. Through coursework and hands-on research in UTSA’s state-of-the-art facilities, doctoral students are provided with the skills to succeed beyond the hooding ceremony at graduation.

Stimulation and Discovery
UTSA’s doctoral students are involved directly with faculty research efforts including finding cures for life-threatening diseases, cybersecurity, anthropological digs, and advancing international literacy rates. Many doctoral students participate in projects in our 22 research centers and institutes. This provides students with the opportunity to get involved with applied efforts to impact regional and national initiatives. Doctoral students also have opportunities to present research at national and international conferences, meet leading faculty and student scholars in their fields, and publish work in academic and professional journals.

Network of Faculty and Students
Doctoral students are able to work one-on-one with faculty in and out of the classroom. Faculty provide personal feedback on writing and statistical assignments, encouraging doctoral students to conduct original research. Faculty and incoming student cohorts form a community of scholars to support each doctoral student toward degree completion and professional development. This community often extends to national and international scholars who conduct guest presentations at UTSA.

WHY ATTEND UTSA’S GRADUATE SCHOOL?

As part of the pursuit of Tier One status, UTSA offers exceptional faculty and research facilities. Our doctoral students have access to state-of-the-art technology, innovative programs and research funding opportunities. In 2011, UTSA reported nearly $80 million in research expenditures, which has doubled over the last five years.

A Tier One University in a Top-Tier City
The path to Tier One means UTSA is becoming known for outstanding research, quality education and economic contributions to the region. Learn more about UTSA’s Tier One vision at utsa.edu/utsonthelevel.

A Tier One University Means Economic Growth
UTSA generates more than $2 billion in revenue and supports thousands of jobs thanks to the focus on scholarship, research, and outreach. UTSA’s Tier One plan will strengthen the economy for the city and state. Discover UTSA’s impact on San Antonio at utsa.edu/impact.

San Antonio
San Antonio is the seventh-largest city in America and the top tourist destination in Texas. With thriving biotechnology, cybersecurity, health care and manufacturing industries, in addition to serving as a major home base to the U.S. military, it is not surprising that we are the fourth fastest-growing city in the nation. The cost of living in San Antonio is 16 percent lower than the national average. The median home cost for a 3 bedroom/2 bath home is $190,000 and a 2 bedroom apartment rents, on average, for $690 a month. The most appealing aspect to San Antonio, besides its attractions such as the River Walk, Alam, SeaWorld San Antonio, shopping malls and Market Square (El Mercado), is the city’s diverse history and population. This is reflected in its art and cultural venues such as the McNay Art Museum and the Witte Museum of History, cultural, and natural science.
FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES
Most full-time doctoral students receive competitive stipends in the form of research, teaching or graduate assistantships, some of which have work requirements. Other funding, such as grants, scholarships, fellowships, and loans, is also available. For more information on funding opportunities available to UTSA doctoral candidates, visit graduateschool.utsa.edu/funding.

GRADUATE SCHOOL DIVERSITY RECRUITMENT FELLOWSHIPS
The intent of the merit fellowship is to provide access to higher education for outstanding doctoral students who might otherwise find it difficult or impossible to successfully pursue graduate study. Graduate School Diversity Recruitment Fellowship awards include a stipend of $5,000 distributed across the fall and spring semesters to help defray the costs of student tuition and fees.

LOUISE AND MICHAEL BELDON SCHOLARSHIP
Established in 2007 by Louise and Michael Beldon, this merit-based scholarship is awarded each academic year to a Texas resident entering a UTSA doctoral program.

PRESIDENTIAL DISSERTATION FELLOWSHIPS
The Presidential Dissertation Fellowship is awarded to doctoral students with the purpose of financially supporting the completion of dissertation research. Recipients of this fellowship are provided with additional financial support to help them complete their dissertation, as well as recognize their outstanding scholarship.

GRADUATE ASSISTANTSHIPS
Graduate Assistantships are available in various departments throughout the year. Assistantships provide opportunities for students to enhance their skill sets while pursuing a graduate degree. Assistantships support academic teaching or research areas at the University of Texas at San Antonio. Job responsibilities include assisting in a lab, instruction and tutoring, grading, office clerical duties, research, and various computer or other technical assignments. If you are interested in applying for an assistantship, please contact your department. You may also search for available positions through Rowdy Jobs at utsa.edu/careercenter/rowdyjobs.html.

STATE AND UTSA GRANTS
Grants are available to graduate students in the form of state and institution funding. Grants are offered to graduate students on a first-come, first-serve basis based on several items:
• Submission of FAFSA (Free Application For Student Aid: You can fill out the FAFSA as early as January 1 for the following academic year).
• Admission into a graduate degree-seeking program at least half-time
• Date of admission
• Separate form needs to be completed for summer aid

It is very important to apply early. The final deadline is March 15 for the FAFSA to be submitted for the following academic year. July 1 is the absolute deadline to submit the FAFSA for the following academic year. Please keep in mind most grant funding will have already been distributed by this point. For more information on the Texas Public Education Grant (TPKG) and the UTSA Need-Based Grant, visit utsa.edu/financialaid/grants.html.

External research funding and expenditures at UTSA have grown exponentially since 2002, and this growth is projected to continue. UTSA spent nearly $57 million on research in fiscal year 2011, an increase of almost 17 percent over the previous year and an increase of almost 76 percent over the past five years.

UTSA is on the path to Tier One status and our doctoral students’ research plays a large role in this endeavor. Research is conducted across a large array of disciplines, and five areas have been identified for their excellence at UTSA:

Energy and the Environment
UTSA researchers are developing new methods to improve our existing energy systems and to develop new energy sources. Projects include creating biofuels from algae and harnessing wind and solar power.

Health
Our faculty are making fundamental advances in immunology, bioengineering, and genetics to create new vaccines and novel biomedical devices to combat health issues.

Human and Social Development
Friends, education, social activities, and the pursuit of musical and artistic expression bring fulfillment to our lives. UTSA faculty interweave these activities into our technologically driven society.

Security
Our faculty have embraced the challenge of using technology to make our lives safer, both in our country and in the cyber realm, while still protecting individual freedoms.

Sustainability
Our population is expanding, increasing pollutants and depleting precious natural resources. UTSA faculty work to relieve the environmental burden and to create a sustainable future.

RESEARCH CENTERS AND INSTITUTES
Our colleges feature numerous research centers and institutes to help promote the five areas that have been identified for their excellence at UTSA.

ENGINEERING
The Texas Sustainable Energy Research Institute, housed in the College of Engineering, helps position San Antonio as a leader in renewable energy. The institute hires graduate assistants to aid in their numerous projects involving carbon emissions and inventories, energy, water, air, and transportation studies.
• Center for Advanced Manufacturing and Lean Systems
• Center for Energy and Environmental Sustainability

SUSTAINABILITY
UTSA has been selected to receive a four-year, $8.15 million grant from the National Science Foundation Federal Cyber Service: Scholarship for Service program to support undergraduate, master’s, and doctoral students committed to pursuing careers in computer and information security.
• Center for Information Assurance and Security
• Center for Innovation and Drug Discovery
• Center for Research and Training in the Sciences
• Center for Water Research

PUBLIC POLICY
As part of the college’s efforts to support the neighboring community, the Department of Social Work created the B Heard Music Café, where students recruited professional musicians to donate their time to perform alongside musicians from a local homeless transformational facility. The students also obtained instruments for the participants.
• Institute for Demographic and Socioeconomic Research

ARCHITECTURE
The Center for Cultural Sustainability used an infrared camera to detect moisture in the walls of the Alamo. Locating concentrations of water within the walls informs conservation efforts to address deterioration and delamination of the limestone and plaster finish.
• Center for Cultural Sustainability

BUSINESS
UTSA opened the New Venture Incubator, stepping up its effort to develop and commercialize the intellectual property of UTSA faculty and students.
• Center for Education and Research in Information and Infrastructure Security
• Center for Innovation and Technology Entrepreneurship

EDUCATION AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT
The UTSA College of Education and Human Development, which is the leading provider of educators in the San Antonio area, secured $8.5 million in funding from the U.S. Agency for International Development to provide 5 million books to 1,000 elementary schools in Malawi, Africa.
• Center for Research and Policy in Education

LIBERAL AND FINE ARTS
The College of Liberal and Fine Arts, which has the highest enrollment at UTSA, ranks second in the UT System for external research funding in arts, humanities, and social sciences.
• Bank of America Child and Adolescent Policy Research Institute
• Institute for Health Disparities Research
• UTSA Neurosciences Institute

INTERDISCIPLINARY CENTERS AND INSTITUTES
• Center for Simulation, Visualization, and Real Time Prediction
• Institute for Health Disparities Research
• UTSA Neurosciences Institute
We invite you to come and visit our campus.

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Tours are also offered through UTSA’s Welcome Centers, located at both the Main Campus and the Downtown Campus. For more information, call 210-458-5142 or visit utsa.edu/welcome.

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