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# THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT ARLINGTON

## ACCOUNTABILITY PROFILE

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### ABOUT UT ARLINGTON

#### **Mission:**

The University of Texas at Arlington is a comprehensive research, teaching, and public service institution whose mission is the advancement of knowledge and the pursuit of excellence. The University is committed to the promotion of lifelong learning through its academic and continuing education programs and to the formation of good citizenship through its community service learning programs. The diverse student body shares a wide range of cultural values and the University community fosters unity of purpose and cultivates mutual respect.

#### **UT Arlington's achievements include:**

- UT Arlington continues to move toward excellence in research. In 2007-08, the UTA awarded 153 PhD degrees, over double the number awarded in 2003-04. Total research expenditures increased by 197 percent from FY 2004 to FY 2008.
- The UT Arlington School of Urban and Public Affairs rose 19 places in *U.S. News and World Report's* "America's Best Graduate Programs 2009" to 57th out of 99 programs ranked.
- In 2008, the Architecture graduate program was rated by *Design Intelligence* as Second Best in the Southern Region, as evaluated by firms in the Southern Region. In 2009, UT Arlington was included in *Design Intelligence's* list of "America's World Class Schools of Architecture."
- In 2008, *Diverse Issues in Higher Education* magazine ranked UT Arlington in the top 50 for undergraduate degrees in all disciplines awarded to Hispanics.
- The School of Nursing's Smart Hospital™ is one of six sites recognized as a Center of Excellence in simulation by Laerdal Medical and one of thirteen sites recognized as a Center of Educational Excellence by Laerdal Medical.

Education. In fall 2008, UT Arlington enrolled 25,084 students, a slight decline from the record high enrollment of 25,297 students in fall 2004. In fall 2008, 11,151 students (45%) listed Tarrant County as their county of origin and 5,066 (20%) listed Dallas county. The six colleges and five schools of UT Arlington educate more than 18,900 undergraduates and more than 6,000 graduate students. The undergraduate student population at UT Arlington is unique in that a relatively large percentage is African American students (15%). Also, a large percentage of new undergraduate students (57%) first entered UT Arlington as transfer students, the majority from Texas community colleges. The number of degrees awarded increased by 673 degrees, or 13 percent from FY 2004 to FY 2008.

Research. Research expenditures increased 197 percent from about \$22 million in FY 2004 to almost \$67 million in FY 2008. UT Arlington ranked 199th nationally (and 15th in Texas for total research and development expenditures).

## UNDERGRADUATE ACCESS AND PREPARATION

The University of Texas at Arlington serves the Dallas-Fort Worth region and attracts a diverse student population. Enrollment at UT Arlington has been relatively stable at around 25,000 students. More than three-fourths of the students attending UT Arlington are undergraduates and nearly 31 percent of them receive Pell grants, almost the same as the state-wide average (31.3 percent). In fall 2008, nearly 19,000 undergraduates enrolled. Less than half of the undergraduate students were White, down from 53 percent in 2004, while the proportion of African-American students increased to over 15 percent, the largest proportion of any UT System academic institution. The proportion of Hispanic students also increased from 13.5 percent to 17.8 percent, over the last five years. A significant proportion (57.2%) of new undergraduates who enrolled in the fall at UT Arlington were transfers and most of them (73.2%) came from Texas community colleges. An even larger majority of new spring enrollments at UTA are transfer students, thus the proportion of undergraduates who begin as transfers is even larger if the entire academic year is considered.

UT Arlington has become more selective over the last five years. Students who apply to UT Arlington as first time students are guaranteed admission if they graduate in the top quarter of their high school class. To be admitted, students who graduate in the second quarter of their class need an SAT total score of 1050 or an ACT score of 22 and students who graduate in the third quarter require an SAT score of 1150 or an ACT of 25. Students who graduate in the bottom of their high school class are individually reviewed.

In fall 2008, 76 percent of first-time undergraduate applicants were admitted, compared to 73.1 percent in 2004. Fifty-four percent of the admitted students actually enrolled, up from 50 percent in 2004. The proportion of enrolled students from the top 10 percent of their high school class remained about the same (around 20%), compared to the statewide average of 25 percent. Fifty-four percent of first-time undergraduates came from the top 25 percent of their high school class.

The ACT and SAT admission test score averages for UT Arlington entrants are higher than both the Texas and the national averages. Based on the most recent data available from the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (fall 2004), a smaller percentage of UT Arlington first-time students required remediation (9.2%) than students enrolled in other Texas public universities (27%).

Total Fall Enrollment		
Fall	2004	2008
	25,297	25,084

First-Time Undergraduates		
Summer/Fall	2004	2008
Applicants	5,635	5,718
% Admitted	73.1%	76.2%
Enrolled	2,072	2,340
TX Top 10%	403	423
% TX Top 10%	20.4%	19.1%

Percent of students who are full-time degree seeking (Fall 2008)	96.3%
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Average ACT/SAT (Fall 2008)		
	SAT	ACT
UTA	1064	22
Texas	993	20.7
Nation	1017	21.1

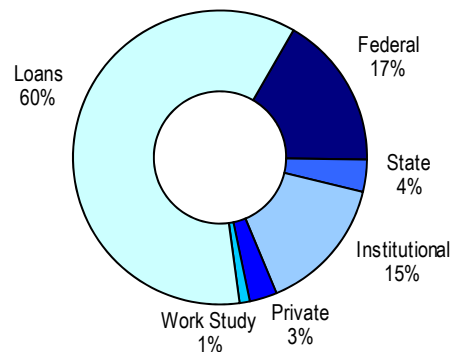
Transfer Students (Fall 2008)	
Total	3,131
% from TX commty college	73.2%

Undergraduates		
Fall	2004	2008
Total	19,114	18,985
White	53.0%	48.3%
African-Am.	13.4%	15.3%
Hispanic	13.5%	17.8%
Asian-Am.	11.0%	12.4%
International	5.2%	4.0%

### College Costs & Financial Aid

UT Arlington has worked diligently to be affordable for the students it serves and provided more than \$109 million dollars in financial aid to undergraduates enrolled in 2007-08. Approximately four out of ten UT Arlington's full-time undergraduates received need-

Undergraduate Financial Aid Awards, 2007-08



Undergraduate Academic Cost & % Discount

AY 2007-08	
Average in-state total academic cost	\$7,644
Full-time receiving need-based aid	
% receiving grants	40.2%
Average % discount	59.8%
Average net academic cost	\$3,076
All full-time students	
Average % discount	24.0%
Average net academic cost	\$5,807

based grants and over half of their total academic costs (59.8%) were covered. The average net academic costs for students who received need based financial aid is \$3,076. Based on the most recent data available for UT Arlington, 42 percent of the seniors who graduated in the 2005-06 academic year were in debt. The average debt was \$16,780, somewhat lower than the Texas state-wide average \$18,383 in 2006-07.

## UNDERGRADUATE SUCCESS AND OUTCOMES

### Graduation & Persistence Rates

As part of the UT System Graduation Rate Initiative, UT Arlington has established a goal of graduating 30 percent of students within four years and 50 percent within six years by 2015. The first year persistence rate declined from 60.4% for the 2003 entering class to 58.2% for the 2007 class. The four-year graduation rate increased slightly from 12.7 to 14.5 percent and the six-year graduate rate remained about 37 percent for the 2001 entering class. The six-year graduation rate for UT Arlington's peers ranged from 34 percent to 68 percent. UT Arlington has a significant number of students who enter under the Coordinated Admission Program (CAP), an agreement that allows successful students to gain admission to UT Austin in their sophomore year. The six-year graduation rate from any Texas university more accurately reflects the success of these and other first-time undergraduates who continue their studies within Texas. Nearly half of the students who entered UT Arlington in 2001 graduated from a Texas university in six years.

	UTA		
	2003	2007	2007, TX
<b>1st-Yr Persistence</b>			
(entering fall)	60.4%	58.2%	74.1%
<b>Graduation Rate</b>	1997	2001	2001, U.S.
4-Yr graduation rate	12.7%	14.5%	29.4%
6-Yr graduation rate at UTA	36.7%	37.0%	55.0%
6-Yr graduation rate, any TX	43.3%	49.2%	NA
<b>Transfer 4-yr graduation rate</b>	2000	2004	2004, TX
(CC students entering fall)	49.2%	46.4%	53.4%

Graduation rates for students who transfer from community colleges declined from 49.2 percent to 46.4 percent, well below the state average of 53.4 percent. New initiatives to improve graduation rates, when fully implemented, will increase graduation rates at UT Arlington.

Primarily as a result of enrollment growth in the early years of this decade, the number of baccalaureate degrees awarded increased by 19.5 percent from 2003-04 to 2007-08. Although enrollment growth has been stable over the last few years, the number of baccalaureate degrees awarded in the future will increase as graduation rate initiatives gain momentum.

Degrees	2003-04	2007-08	% Change
Baccalaureate	3,280	3,920	19.5%
<b>STEM, % of Baccalaureate Degrees Awarded</b>			
	AY	01-02	06-07
UTA		31.4%	21.9%
U.S.		18.9%	18.3%

UT Arlington also contributes significantly to the production of baccalaureate degrees in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics disciplines. In 2006-07, 21.9 percent of the total baccalaureate degrees awarded were in these areas, compared to 18.3 percent nationally.

### National Survey of Student Engagement 2008

Senior Responses, Good or Excellent

	UTA	Peers
Educational Experience	78%	81%
Academic Advising	64%	62%
Would Attend Again (Yes)	75%	76%

### Collegiate Learning Assessment

Senior Responses, 2008

	UTA		
	Expected	Actual	U.S.
Performance Task	1133	1144	1157
Analytic Writing Task	1185	1166	1176
CLA Total Score	1161	1155	1166

### Outcomes

On measures from the National Survey of Student Engagement (NSSE), UT Arlington students view their educational experience much like students enrolled in UTA's selected peer institutions. Based on the responses of seniors in 2008, almost eight out of ten UT Arlington students evaluated their educational experience as good or excellent, and three out of four seniors said they would attend the institution again, about the same as their peers. Almost two-thirds of UT Arlington seniors thought the academic advising was good or excellent, compared to 62 percent of their peers.

UT Arlington seniors scored below the national average on the CLA Performance Task and the Analytic Writing Task. Given the entering SAT test scores of UT Arlington seniors, their performance relative to the national comparison group were in the 'expected' range on the CLA measures of critical thinking and analytic writing.

*Post-Baccalaureate Experience* The majority of test takers at UT Arlington passed the initial exams for teacher certification, nursing, and engineering in FY 2007 and exceeded the state averages in all three areas.

**Licensure Pass Rates, 2007**

	UTA	Texas
Teacher Certification	98%	97%
Nursing	95%	90%
Engineering	73%	62%

Located in the DFW Metroplex, more than 8 out of 10 baccalaureate graduates from UT Arlington are employed in Texas in the fourth quarter following graduation or are enrolled in a Texas graduate program the following fall semester, slightly higher than the state average of 80.6 percent. In 2002-03, the definition for this measure differed slightly and is, therefore, not comparable.

**Postgraduate Experience (with in one year)**

	AY	02-03	06-07	TX, 06-07
% employed in TX		68.0%	71.4%	67.3%
% enrolled in TX grad/prof school		3.2%	3.2%	5.3%
% employed and enrolled		15.4%	7.5%	8.0%
% employed or enrolled		86.5%	82.0%	80.6%

**GRADUATE STUDENTS**

*Graduate Enrollment & Degrees* Between fall 2004 and fall 2008, graduate enrollment at UT Arlington was stable. The majority (85.3%) of these graduate students enrolled in master's level programs. Over the last five years, the proportion of African American and Hispanic graduate students increased, while the proportion of White students decreased.

**Graduate Enrollment**

	Fall	2004	2008
Total		6,183	6,099
White		46.7%	43.4%
African-Am.		8.4%	9.6%
Hispanic		6.1%	7.2%
Asian-Am.		5.4%	5.0%
International		32.8%	31.3%

Graduate student preparation, as measured by the GRE admission exams, was about the same in 2008-09 as 2004-05. The GMAT mean score declined slightly, from 529 to 508. The number of doctoral degrees awarded, though relatively small in 2004, doubled in the last five years, increasing from 75 to 153. The number of master's degrees awarded decreased slightly. In 2008, UT Arlington awarded 1,694 master's degrees, a 5.7 percent decrease from 2004.

**Graduate Student Preparation**

	AY	04-05	08-09
Average GRE		1100	1105
Average GMAT		529	508

UT Arlington has consistently awarded a substantially higher proportion of graduate degrees in science, technology, engineering and mathematics than the national average. The proportion of doctoral degrees in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics increased from 46 percent in 2001-02 to 59 percent in 2006-07, above the national average of 44 percent.

**Degrees**

	2003-04	2007-08	% Change
Master's	1,796	1,694	-5.7%
Doctoral	75	153	104.0%

**STEM, % of Graduate Degrees Awarded**

	AY	01-02	06-07
Master's			
UTA		33.5%	27.1%
U.S.		15.4%	16.4%
Doctoral			
UTA		45.8%	58.9%
U.S.		35.1%	43.7%

## FACULTY AND INSTRUCTION

UT Arlington has invested strategically to increase the research activity of faculty and to reduce the student/faculty ratio. To accomplish these goals, the institution added an additional 160 faculty between fall 2004 and fall 2008, a 13.5 percent increase in headcount and a 9.7 percent increase in full-time equivalent faculty. The largest growth rate occurred among tenure-track faculty, an increase of 40.0 percent. Other professional faculty increased by 10.5 percent and tenured faculty increased by 7.3 percent. With stable enrollment growth, the addition of these faculty resulted in a drop in the student/faculty ratio, from 21 to 1 in fall 2004 to 19 to 1 in fall 2008. With this improvement, the student/faculty ratio at UT Arlington is less than five of its nine peers.

### Faculty Headcount

	Fall 2004	2008
Total	1,188	1,348
Tenured	383	411
% Female	23.8%	23.6%
White	78.6%	72.3%
African-Am.	1.6%	2.4%
Hispanic	3.1%	4.6%
Asian-Am.	15.4%	17.3%
International	1.0%	2.9%
Tenure-Track	160	224
% Female	38.8%	40.1%
White	57.5%	57.1%
African-Am.	3.1%	4.0%
Hispanic	8.8%	7.6%
Asian-Am.	12.5%	19.2%
International	18.1%	12.1%
Other ProfI	645	713
% Female	50.5%	53.2%
White	84.8%	81.6%
African-Am.	4.7%	4.3%
Hispanic	4.0%	3.9%
Asian-Am.	3.7%	4.3%
International	1.9%	4.1%

NOTE: 2008 data revised due to data base conversion. Will not align with other state or UT System reports.

### Student / Faculty Ratio

	Fall 2004	2008
FTE Students	18,592	18,470
FTE Faculty	866	950
Ratio	21 to 1	19 to 1

### Faculty Diversity

The faculty at UT Arlington are predominately White, especially at the tenured and other professional ranks. However, the proportion of White faculty declined across all categories, but most significantly at the tenured level, a drop from 78.6 to 72.3 percent. The primary change in diversity between fall 2004 and fall 2008 was an increase in tenure-track Asian-American faculty and a decrease in International faculty.

Faculty salaries at UT Arlington are competitive with salaries in Texas, the 10 most populous states and nationally. At the Assistant Professor level, UT Arlington salaries are higher than these three comparison groups. At the Professor rank, faculty salaries are lower than the national average and lower than Texas and the 10 most populous states. Associate Professor salaries are slightly lower than national and Texas salaries and even lower than salaries in the 10 most populous states.

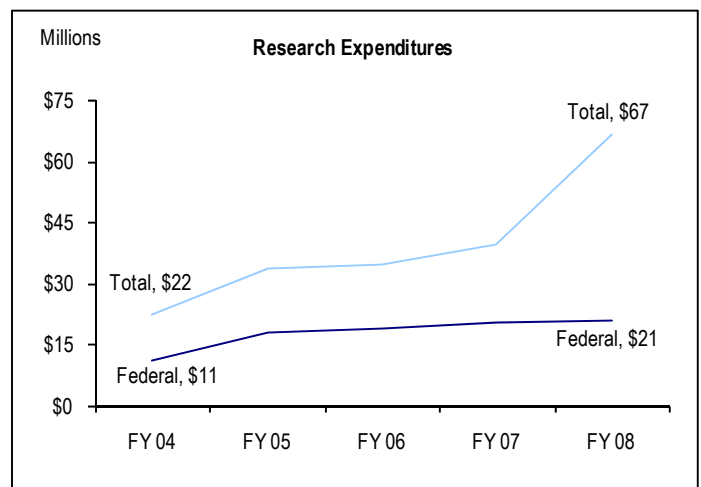
### Average Faculty Salaries

	Professor	Assoc. Prof.	Asst. Prof.
UTA (FY 2009)	\$102,291	\$76,135	\$70,526
<i>FY 2008</i>			
UTA	\$98,226	\$72,204	\$69,583
Texas	\$104,518	\$72,612	\$63,795
10 Most Populous States	\$107,935	\$75,943	\$64,057
National	\$102,646	\$73,613	\$62,088

## RESEARCH & TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER

### Research Funding

UT Arlington has invested heavily in the expansion of research infrastructure and productivity. As a result, research activity and expenditures have steadily increased over the past five years. From FY 2004 to FY 2008, total research expenditures increased from \$22 million to \$67 million, a 197 percent increase. In FY 2007, UT Arlington reviewed its coding of accounts that capture research expenditures. This review provided a more accurate portrayal of the R&D expenditures incurred at UT Arlington and resulted in significant increases in FY 2008. Federal research expenditures increased from \$11 million to \$21 million, a 89 percent increase. UT Arlington ranked 199th relative to other institutions in the U.S. in total research expenditures in FY 2007.



Sponsored revenue, which is a more comprehensive measure of an institution's success in securing funding to support research, public service, training, and other activities, increased by \$21 million to \$62.6 million in FY 2008.

### Research Rankings

	Rankings, FY 2007				Rankings, 2006	
	Total R&D	Federal R&D	Total R&D for Life Sciences	Federal R&D for Life Sciences	by# Postdoc Appointees (STEM)	by# Grad Students, STEM fields
Arizona State Univ	78	83	116	116	114	29
George Mason Univ	159	143	207	211	--	39
San Diego State Univ	152	162	159	146	197	72
UC-Santa Cruz	117	120	178	183	92	181
Univ of Houston - University Park	146	153	175	168	166	88
Univ of Memphis	176	206	205	242	167	193
Univ of North Texas	254	271	256	282	182	130
Univ of South Florida	65	62	58	55	79	45
Univ of Wisconsin - Milwaukee	179	200	195	215	154	65
UT Arlington	199	194	309	325	159	63

Source: National Science Foundation Division of Science Resources Statistics

**Faculty Research** Faculty research activity at UT Arlington increased significantly between 2004 and 2008. The number of tenure/tenure track faculty holding grants increased by 54 percent and the research dollars per full-time equivalent faculty increased by 156 percent. In addition the proportion of faculty holding grants increased from 27 percent to 36 percent and the number of postdoctoral fellows increased from 27 to 79.

#### Faculty Research

	AY	03-04	07-08	Change
# of grants		268	269	0.4%
# of T/TT holding grants		133	205	54.1%
% T/TT faculty holding grants		27.1%	36.0%	8.9
Research \$ per FTE T/TT		\$45,656	\$117,066	156.4%
# of postdoctoral fellows		27	79	192.6%

**Technology Transfer** UT Arlington increased the number of new invention disclosures from 17 to 60 between FY 2004 and FY 2008 and U.S. Patents issued increased from 2 to 8. The number of Licenses & Options executed increased from 0 to 3 and the number of start-up companies formed remained the same. Gross revenue from intellectual property increased from \$49 to \$341 K.

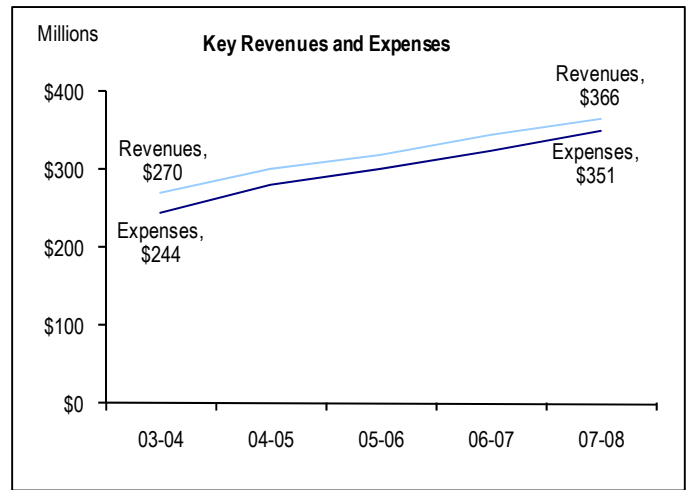
#### Technology Transfer

	FY	2004	2008	% Change
New Invention Disclosures		17	60	252.9%
U.S. Patents Issued		2	8	300.0%
Licenses & Options Executed		0	3	--
Start-Up Companies Formed		2	2	0.0%
Gross Revenue from IP		\$49 K	\$341 K	598.2%

## RESOURCES, EFFICIENCY, AND PRODUCTIVITY

**Funding Trends & Efficiencies** Enrollment growth, increased research activity, and inflationary pressures all contributed to increases of 36 percent in revenues and 44 percent in expenses at UT Arlington between FY 2004 and FY 2008. In FY 2008, state appropriations accounted for 30.4 percent of the total revenues; tuition and fees accounted for 36.6 percent; and government grants and contracts accounted for 14.9 percent. The primary expenses for UT Arlington in FY 2008 were instruction (30.0%), research (16.1%), institutional support and physical plant (15.8%), and auxiliary (10.3%).

After several years of declining support, state appropriations started to increase again in FY 2008, but were still well below the benchmark levels of FY 2002. Between FY 2004 and FY 2008, state appropriations per FTE student increased from \$4,440 to \$4,750 when adjusting for inflation, but still less than \$5,680 per student in FY 2002. In order to make up for this decline, tuition and fee revenue increased from \$3,920 to \$5,190 per FTE student from FY 2004 to FY 2008. Another way to understand the change in funding for UT Arlington is to note that for every \$1 of revenue from student tuition and fees in FY 2004 the state provided \$1.13. In FY 2008, the state provided a \$0.92 for every \$1 that came from student tuition and fees. Relative to nine selected peers, UT Arlington's state appropriations and total revenue (tuition and fees plus state appropriations) was lower than all but three of them. Relative to UT Arlington's selected peer group, state appropriations per FTE student was lower than all but two of the nine peers.



The amount of revenue from state appropriations per full-time equivalent faculty member declined steadily between FY 2004 and FY 2008, from almost \$112,000 of revenue per full-time equivalent faculty to slightly over \$102,000. Revenue from tuition and fees increased from \$98,600 to almost \$112,000 during this same time period.

**Inflation-Adjusted Revenue per FTE, by Source**

	FY	2004	2008	% Change
<b>Per FTE Student</b>				
State Appropriations		\$4,440	\$4,750	7.0%
Tuition and Fees		\$3,920	\$5,190	32.4%
<b>Per FTE Faculty</b>				
State Appropriations		\$111,710	\$102,070	-8.6%
Tuition and Fees		\$98,600	\$111,580	13.2%

UT Arlington lowered its administrative costs over the last five years. In FY 2004, administrative costs represented 9.2 percent of total expenses and in FY 2008 administrative costs were 8.0 percent.

*Space Utilization*

UT Arlington had more square feet of E&G assignable space in FY 2008 than in FY 2004. The E&G assignable square feet per FTE student increased from 97 in FY 2004 to 105 in FY 2008, but the space available per full-time equivalent faculty declined slightly from 2,082 to 2,050 square feet. Classrooms were used 30 hours per week, considerably less than the state standard of 38 hours per week. Class labs were used at a lower rate. In FY 2008, labs were used an average of almost 18 hours per week compared with the state standard of 25 hours.

UT Arlington has steadily increased the average number of research dollars per square foot of E&G research space. In FY 2008, UT Arlington generated \$326 in research expenditures per square foot of research space compared with \$95 in FY 2004.

*Philanthropy*

Endowments at UT Arlington increased from \$38.5 million in 2004 to \$61 million in 2008, a net change of 58 percent. The increase in endowment value translated into \$3,341 per FTE student and \$65,262 per FTE faculty.

Overall, donor support to UT Arlington increased from \$4.7 million in FY 2004 to \$6.3 million in FY 2008, an increase of 34 percent. The largest increase in donor support came from corporate followed by other and individual donors.

**Donor Support (thousands)**

	FY	2004	2008	% Change
Alumni		\$562	\$670	19.2%
Individuals		\$730	\$898	23.0%
Foundations		\$1,004	\$918	-8.6%
Corporate		\$1,966	\$3,245	65.1%
Others		\$447	\$555	24.2%
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$4,709</b>	<b>\$6,286</b>	<b>33.5%</b>

UT Arlington Peer Comparison

	UT Arlington	Arizona State U - Tempe	U of California-Santa Cruz	San Diego State U	U of South Florida *	U of Memphis	U of Houston-University Park	U of North Texas	George Mason U	U of Wisconsin-Milwaukee
Total Enrollment	24,889	51,481	15,825	35,695	44,870	20,379	34,663	34,710	30,276	29,338
Undergrads (%)	75.6%	80.9%	91.0%	83.5%	77.8%	77.5%	79.5%	80.1%	61.2%	83.2%
Full-time undergrads (%)	69.2%	72.9%	96.6%	82.9%	70.5%	73.9%	71.3%	76.8%	75.0%	82.8%
Resident Undergrad										
Tuition & Fee Rates for Full-Time Students	\$6,464	\$4,971	\$7,646	\$3,428	\$3,456	\$5,802	\$6,084	\$5,972	\$6,840	\$6,954
SAT Total: 25 <sup>th</sup> ile	950	970	1020	940	1030	920	940	990	1030	
75 <sup>th</sup> ile	1180	1220	1260	1160	1230	1200	1170	1200	1210	-
1st Year Retention	61.0%	78.0%	89.0%	83.0%	81.0%	73.0%	77.0%	74.0%	85.0%	72.0%
6-Yr Graduation Rate	37.2%	55.5%	68.3%	56.4%	49.3%	34.3%	42.7%	44.3%	58.3%	41.2%
Student/faculty ratio	19/1	22/1	19/1	20/1	19/1	16/1	21/1	21/1	15/1	33/1
State Approp (FY07) per FTE Student	\$5,060	\$7,820	\$8,040	\$7,140	\$10,080	\$7,150	\$6,090	\$4,170	\$5,610	\$4,440
State Approp + Tuition and Fees / FTE Student (FY07)	\$11,390	\$15,720	\$15,130	\$11,370	\$13,560	\$12,630	\$13,440	\$10,270	\$12,410	\$10,880
Research Expenditures, FY07 (in millions)	\$32.7	\$224.4	\$124.9	\$65.8	\$272.7	\$44.4	\$73.5	\$14.2	\$58.3	\$40.0

\* Includes a medical school.

Notes: First-year retention based on fall 2006 cohort and six-year graduation rates based on fall 2001 cohort. State appropriations, tuition & fee revenues and research expenditures are based on fiscal year 2006-2007. All other data are for fall 2007.

Sources: Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS) reports, UT System Institutions, *U.S. News & World Report* and National Science Foundation.