



UNIVERSITY OF  
**TEXAS**  
ARLINGTON

**James D. Spaniolo, President**

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**FY 2012-13 Legislative Appropriations Request**



# The University of Texas at Arlington

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The University of Texas at Arlington is committed to pursuing our strategic goal of becoming a National Research University by increasing our enrollment without sacrificing quality, and by enhancing the university experience for our students and faculty.

We are committed to this goal by providing our faculty and students with:

- Academic Support
- Research Opportunities
- A Vibrant Campus Community
- Operational Efficiencies
- Continued State Financial Support for our Goals



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## **FALL 2010 ENROLLMENT AT A GLANCE**

**Fall 2010 Headcount of 32,956 Total Students, an increase of 31% over Fall 2008**

- 25,100 Undergraduate students and 7,856 Master's & Doctoral students

**Fall 2010 Semester Credit Hours (SCH) Total 320,977**

- 267,615 undergraduate SCH
- 53,362 Master's & Doctoral SCH

**47% White and 53% Minority Students**

**More than 4,200 students living on campus**

**Top 5 counties of origin**

- Tarrant, Dallas, Collin, Denton, and Harris counties



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## **FALL 2010 ENTERING FRESHMEN**

29% of entering freshmen graduated in the top 10 percent of their class

More than two-thirds graduated in the top 25 percent of their class

Average SAT score for new entering freshmen rose from 1071 last year to 1077 this year (a record for UT Arlington)



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### **INCREASES IN RETENTION AND DEGREES AWARDED**

**Freshmen retention rate as reported to THECB has increased 5%**

- From 65% in 2008-09 to 70% in 2009-10

**Degrees awarded have increased by 5.7%**

- 6,239 degrees awarded in 2009-10 academic year
- 4,180 bachelor's; 1,933 master's; and 126 doctoral degrees
- Represents an overall increase of 5.7% over the total number of degrees awarded in 2008-09



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## **WHY ARE STUDENTS SELECTING UT ARLINGTON?**

- UT Arlington is focused on enhancing the student experience and promoting student success
- Offers a vibrant community and a first-rate education
- Recruitment of top-quality students and faculty
- Commitment to provide the resources that students need to be successful
- Student diversity
- Significant increases in student financial aid awards
- Commitment to increase research space, provide more on-campus housing, and create mixed-use development



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### **UNIVERSITY COLLEGE**

- One-stop center dedicated to promoting student learning and development
- Provides coordinated and centralized academic resources and student support services—including expanded academic advising and academic support services
- Dedicated on September 2, 2010
- Renovated Ransom Hall, the oldest building on campus (built in 1919)
- Academic home for all new freshmen, transfer students, and undeclared upperclassmen
- New opportunities for supplemental instruction in gateway courses, mentoring, and support services



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### **UNIVERSITY COLLEGE (CONTINUED)**

#### **McNair Scholars Program**

- Prepares qualified undergraduates from underrepresented groups for graduate study culminating in the Ph. D.
- Provides guidance, mentoring, academic support and opportunities for research

#### **Maverick Scholar Freshman Interest Groups (FIG)**

- Each FIG consists of 15-22 students who share the same major or interest
- Students receive a faculty mentor and support from a peer academic leader
- Students also are enrolled in the Freshman Seminar, share course schedules (usually sharing 3-4 core courses), and are part of formal study groups



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### **UNIVERSITY COLLEGE (CONTINUED)**

#### **First-Year Seminar**

- Designed to address the preparedness of entering first-year students
- Currently available in the Colleges of Nursing and Engineering
- Further expansion planned for Fall 2011
- Goals:
  - Ease the transition to the university environment and develop a connection to the University
  - Enhance the essential academic skills of incoming students
  - Develop and practice utilizing critical thinking skills



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### **RESEARCH ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

\$55.8 million in Total Research in FY 2009

\$37 million in Restricted Research in FY 2009

Significant contribution toward STEM degrees

- 16% of bachelor's, 27% of Master's, and 64% of Doctoral Degrees awarded in STEM fields

Centers of Research Excellence

- Renewable Energy, Science, and Technology (CREST)
- Nursing
- Bioengineering
- Nanotechnology, Robotics, and Manufacturing
- Medical Imaging
- Architecture



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### **ENGINEERING RESEARCH COMPLEX**

Adds nearly 300,000 sq. ft. of new or renovated research and training space

#### Engineering Research Building

- Occupancy in January 2011
- Computer Science & Engineering and Bioengineering
- 234,000 Sq. Ft. of multi-disciplinary research and teaching labs, classrooms, and faculty and graduate student offices
- Designed to meet LEED Silver certification

#### Civil Engineering Lab Building

#### Engineering Lab Building Expansion



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### **COLLEGE PARK CENTER**

Opening scheduled for December 2011

March 2010 groundbreaking

Provides the City and the University with a world-class facility for sports, community, and entertainment activities

Features include a computer lab, group study room, and advising office for athletes and other students

Being constructed to meet LEED Gold standards



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### **COLLEGE PARK DISTRICT**

Groundbreaking on October 11, 2010

Partnership between the University and the City of Arlington

Promotes downtown revitalization and a college town district

Offers mixed-use development

- Residence hall, student apartments, retail space, restaurants, and an 1,800 vehicle parking structure
- New University Welcome Center

Located north of the College Park Center, currently under construction



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Enhancing Student Success through Efficiencies

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## **COST SAVINGS INITIATIVES**

### Voluntary Separation Incentive Program

- Eliminated 60 positions

### Energy Savings

- \$3.3 million savings from energy conservation measures, including:
  - \$1.9 million first year savings from Energy Performance Contract
  - \$1.1 million projected savings from phase 2 energy conservation retrofit measures, once measures are fully implemented
- State Energy Conservation Office has awarded the University a 2% low interest loan from ARRA funds for phase 2



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## **FY 2012 – 13 STATE FUNDING PRIORITIES**



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### **IMPACT OF 5 PERCENT REDUCTION TO THE FY 2010 –11 STATE CONTRIBUTION**

UT Arlington returned \$8.3 million in General Revenue appropriations to the State

Consequences of the \$8.3 million GR reduction

- All budget units implemented across-the-board reductions for the FY 2011 budget cycle
- Flexible hiring freeze
- Reduction in travel expenditures

Offset GR with other revenue

- Enrollment growth has helped the University to partially supplant GR with tuition revenue
- This approach has the potential to create a significant risk to staffing levels for student programming, student support services, and faculty retention and recruitment.



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### **IMPACT OF FURTHER REDUCTIONS**

Additional reductions of state support for UT Arlington would compromise the commitment we have made to our students and faculty to provide a quality academic environment as we make progress toward our goal of becoming a National Research University.

Further reductions would have a severe impact on our ability to provide the best practices programs we have implemented to provide the academic, research, and student support services that have attracted nearly 33,000 students to UT Arlington.

Diminished state support would result in larger classes, fewer course offerings, and would impact student retention and graduation rates.

Reductions would diminish our ability to contribute to the economic development of the state, and in particular to our North Texas region.



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### **STATE FUNDING PRIORITIES**

Maintain the current level of state support

- No additional across-the-board reductions
- Preserve base operational support from State Funds

Replacement of ARRA funds in formula and incentive funding

State General Revenue support for enrollment growth

- Preliminary enrollment numbers show 31% growth from FY 2008
- Online education programs in the Colleges of Nursing and Education and Health Professions have also led to dramatic enrollment growth

Maintain funding for the Texas Research Incentive Program (TRIP)



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### **STATE FUNDING PRIORITIES**

#### **UT Arlington Regional Nursing Education Center**

- Ranked in the top 15 largest nursing programs in the United States
- \$5 million continuation of funding from the current budget
- More than 5,000 students enrolled in graduate and undergraduate nursing programs
- Develops and supports healthcare partnerships in the region to provide advanced nursing training
- Research into best practices for nursing education
- Prepares the next generation of nursing educators for Texas
  - Over 95% of the BSN graduates remain in Texas
  - Over 70 MSN and post-Master's alumni assume advanced roles as nurse practitioners, educators, and administrators



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### **STATE FUNDING PRIORITIES**

#### **Tuition Revenue Bond for Life Sciences Building Renovation**

- Originally constructed in 1970
- Includes College of Science offices, Biology, Psychology, Bio-engineering, Physics, and the Science Learning Center
- Repairs
  - Extensive fire and life safety improvements, ADA corrections
  - Energy conservation measures
  - Electrical, mechanical, and plumbing deferred maintenance
- Improvements
  - Upgrade to state-of-the-art classrooms and teaching labs
  - New lab furnishings and equipment
- \$74.8 million Tuition Revenue Bond request
  - 213,000 square feet (project cost is \$350 per sq. ft.)
  - \$6.5 million annual debt service



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