

# The University of Texas System invites applications and nominations for the position of President, The University of Texas at Arlington

The University of Texas System (UT System) is seeking an exceptional president to lead the University of Texas at Arlington (UTA), one of the largest universities in Texas and among the fastest growing in the country. As the chief executive officer of UTA, the President leads development and implementation of goals and strategies to achieve the university's mission.

# **About UT Arlington**

Founded as Arlington College in 1895, the campus experienced an evolution from private to public, and over the years has served students in various ways, including as a vocational, military, and junior college school before becoming a state college in 1948 and ultimately becoming a constituent institution of The University of Texas System in 1965. UT Arlington is now one of the state's largest doctoral-granting research universities.

The University of Texas at Arlington is a Carnegie Research 1, Texas Tier One institution located on a 420-acre campus in the heart of Dallas-Fort Worth. The institution offers more than 180 baccalaureate, masters, and doctoral degree programs, and prides itself in challenging students to engage with the world around them in ways that make a measurable impact.

More than 48,000 students attend classes on campus and online and come from every state in the U.S. and more than 100 countries, resulting in one of the most diverse campus populations in the nation. Through academic, internship, and research programs, students receive real-world experiences that help them contribute to their community and, ultimately, the world.

Committed leadership, faculty, and staff engage in a collaborative environment with students, integrating creative thinking and active learning both inside and outside the classroom. UT Arlington strives to bridge the gap between students and their future careers, encouraging them to explore their talents and take on the world around them with vigor.

Students and faculty work at some of the most advanced learning environments in Texas, including state-of-the-art labs inside the Science & Engineering Innovation & Research building and the North Texas Genome Center. Earlier this year, UT Arlington broke ground on a \$76 million facility that will usher in critical advancements in the field of health care, bringing together the University's School of Social Work and the College of Nursing and Health Innovation's Smart Hospital.

The investment in nursing reflects UT Arlington's commitment to improve health care in Texas. UT Arlington is the largest producer of baccalaureate-degreed nurses in Texas and has the largest nursing program of any public institution in the country.

UT Arlington offers research centers in every discipline and is classified as a "R-1: Doctoral Universities—Very High Research Activity" according to the Carnegie Classification of Institutes of Higher Education. Total expenditures for research exceeded \$125 million for FY 2020. UT Arlington is one of only a small group of universities in the U.S. to achieve designations as a Carnegi R-1, Hispanic-Serving Institution and Asian American and Native American Pacific Islander-Serving Institution.

UT Arlington recently achieved the designation of a Texas Tier One university, a significant milestone of excellence in academics and research that brings with it access to the state's National Research University Fund (NRUF).

The culture of innovation is tangible at UT Arlington, which boasts 19 National Academy of Inventors fellows, the most of any institution in Texas and tied for the 5th most nationally. Other accolades include:

- No. 1 on Military Times' 2020 and 2021 "Best for Vets: Colleges" list.
- No. 1 in Texas for degrees awarded to African American students, according to *Diverse:* Issues in Higher Education magazine.
- No. 3 fastest growing doctoral public institution in the U.S., according to *The Chronicle of Higher Education's Almanac*.
- No. 5 in the nation for universities that enroll the most transfer students, according to U.S. News & World Report.
- No. 5 in the nation for undergraduate ethnic diversity, according to U.S. News & World Report.
- No. 1 in Texas for serving first-generation, low-income students, according to educational nonprofit ScholarShot.
- Ranked among the Top 100 Colleges and Universities for Hispanic Students in 2020 by *The Hispanic Outlook on Education* magazine.

UT Arlington has an engaged and vibrant campus community, with more than 300 campus organizations and 10,000 students living on or adjacent to campus. Students, faculty, and staff put that energy to work doing service projects, contributing about 680,000 volunteer hours annually.

Adding to campus life is UT Arlington's ideal location in the mid-city area between Dallas and Fort Worth. Arlington is easily accessible and is located 30 minutes from the two major airports in the metroplex – DFW International Airport and Love Field. Less than two miles from AT&T Stadium and Globe Life Park – where the Dallas Cowboys and Texas Rangers, respectively, play – and less than three miles from Six Flags Over Texas, UT Arlington is close to professional sports and recreational activities that draw many people to the region.

UT Arlington is accredited by the <u>Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges</u> to award baccalaureate, master's, and doctoral degrees. In addition, many of UT Arlington's academic departments and schools have received national accreditation from specific agencies.

By providing exceptional educational opportunities and addressing important societal challenges, UT Arlington enhances the quality of life in Texas and beyond. The North Texas economy reaps the benefits of the University's focus on fostering discovery and cultivating entrepreneurship.

Engaged faculty, staff, and students embody a collaborative spirit that helps UT Arlington change the trajectory of thousands of lives each year by aiding populations in need, improving health care, managing natural resources and creating more livable communities.

More information about UTA can be found at https://www.uta.edu/

## **Institutional profile**

Fall 2020 enrollment: 48,072

Undergraduate - 35,064

- o 31% Hispanic
- 14.9% African-American
- o 12.8% Asian

Graduate - 13,008

- o 18.3% Hispanic
- o 12.9% African-American
- o 7.4% Asian
- 6,000 faculty and staff
- Awarded more than 14,000 degrees and certificates in 2019-20

#### Colleges/Schools

College of Architecture, Planning and Public Affairs

College of Business

College of Education

College of Engineering

Honors College

College of Liberal Arts

College of Nursing and Health Innovation

College of Science

**Graduate School** 

School of Social Work

University College

### **Qualifications and Qualities**

The successful candidate will demonstrate a strong commitment to UT Arlington's values, the students and community it serves. The University is particularly interested in candidates who present the following qualifications:

- A terminal degree from an accredited institution. Candidates should have a
  demonstrated record of successful executive leadership and comparable credentials
  and/or experiences sufficient to warrant the respect and confidence of the academic
  community.
- A demonstrated record in administrative leadership of large, complex organizations, ideally in higher education and/or at a public institution of similar size, scope and complexity. S/he must understand and embrace the central role of faculty, staff, and students within the university community and be personally engaged in the education process and student life experiences and activities, including intercollegiate athletics.

- Experience in managing the financial and budgeting operations of a complex unit or organization, preferably in public higher education.
- Respect for and demonstrated effectiveness working in a shared governance environment.
- The President should be a visionary leader, and experience working with a statewide governing system and board is valued.
- Ability to work effectively in partnership with other university presidents, system administration, and other partners.
- Fundraising experience, and enthusiasm and skill for serving as the University's key spokesperson.
- Appreciation for the important role of online learning in advancing UTA's goals.
- Experience in attracting and retaining strong, diverse leadership and supporting a culture of diversity, equity, and inclusion.
- A personal enthusiasm for leading a growing, vital institution in a diverse and dynamic community.

Confidential applications and nominations will be accepted until the new President is selected and may be submitted to <a href="https://www.utsystem.edu.">UTApresidentsearch@utsystem.edu.</a>

The University of Texas System is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action employer. All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, disability, veteran status or sexual orientation. Reasonable disability accommodation may be requested by contacting the Office of Human Resources.