Who we are

The Central Development Office on campus is the go-between among the CSU’s. Many times, a prospect will have multiples affiliations and Central will help ensure gift are properly spread out. Central is in charge of planned gifts, bequest, and estate gifts. They also handle corporate and foundation relations, among many other things.

Quick UT Austin Facts

- Founded in 1883
- 50,950 total students
- 90% in-state students
- 3,090 faculty
- 482,000 alumni worldwide

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OUR ROLES AS FUNDRAISERS

Researchers and Analysts

Researchers and Analyst identify and research prospects to find people who have the capacity and will to make a gift to the university.

Gift Officers and Student Callers

Gift officers and student callers are the frontline fundraisers of the university. Their responsibilities include asking for the gift and helping process it. Gift officers ask for major gifts while student callers solicit annual gifts.

Administration

Administrators are a large group of people who run behind the scenes to ensure everything functions properly. They are composed of Human Resources, associates, directors, and others.
College, Schools, and Units (CSUs)

The university is made up of many different parts. The College and Schools, like the College of Liberal Arts or the LBJ School of Public Policy, are academic units. Units, like museums, the Briscoe Center for American History, or Athletics are nonacademic and do not have alumni. The University is made up of over 30 different CSUs.

Colleges and Schools

- Architecture, School of
- Business, McCombs School of
- Communication, College of
- Education, College of
- Engineering, Cockrell School of
- Fine Arts, College of
- Geosciences, Jackson School of
- Social Work, School of
- Undergraduate Studies, School of

- Information, School of
- Law, School of
- LBJ School of Public Affairs
- Liberal Arts, College of
- Medical School, Dell
- Music, Butler School of
- Natural Sciences, College of
- Nursing, School of
- Pharmacy, College of

Athletics

Athletics is the largest non-academic unit on campus. They are different from other CSUs because they receive no money from the University. They are a self-sustaining entity. They generate revenue from ticket sales, suite sales, and merchandise. They also have a separate endowment to help support student athlete scholarships.

UT System

UT System is made up of 14 academic and health institutions. They govern the schools under them, including UT Austin. The UT System is headquartered in Austin, and has a total enrollment of over 216,000 students and employs more than 87,000 faculty and staff. They have a $24 billion endowment.

The Board of Regents

The Board of Regents, the governing body for The University of Texas System, is composed of nine members who are appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate. They make decisions regarding the budget.

The University of Texas at Austin

UT Austin is a public research university and the flagship institution of the UT System. The institution has the nation’s seventh-largest single campus enrollment with over 50,000 students and 24,000 faculty and staff.
Budget

State

The state of Texas provides only 12% or about $317 million of the university’s budget. The rest of it comes from philanthropy, tuition and fees, PUF allotment, and grants. During the 2014-15 fiscal year, the university’s budget was $2.66 billion.

“As recently as the 1980s, the state contributed nearly half of the budget, today it contributes only 12 Percent”

Philanthropy

During the 2014-15 fiscal year, 8% or $221 million of the University’s budget came from gifts.

There are two main types of gifts;

• Unrestricted Funds typically take the form of annual gifts. The university may use the money however they see fit.
• Restricted funds are typically planned, major and principal gifts that can only be used for specific things, like scholarships.

Endowments

UT Austin’s permanent endowment is a lump sum of money that is carefully invested to provide a stable source of funding. UT’s endowment is $3.5 billion and generates about $178 million yearly.

Scholarships are usually funded by the yearly interest spun off of a gift in order to create a sustainable and renewable source of funding that will support students for years to come.

The Permanent University Fund or PUF Fund accounts for about 10% or $263 million of UT’s annual budget and comes from oil and mineral producing land in West Texas.

Types of Fundraising

Annual Gifts

Gifts that are typically below $5,000 and given one-time or yearly.

Major Gifts

Gifts that are above $100,000. They can be split over a five-year period or given as a lump sum.

Principal Gifts

Gifts that exceed $25 million and are in the presidential profile.

Planned Gifts

Gifts that are given through a bequest or estate.