

## **MISSION STATEMENT**

### **The University of Texas at Arlington**

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.

As a University, we affirm our commitment to the following objectives:

- The University is committed to comprehensive programs of academic research. This research effort requires attracting and retaining scholars who promote a culture of intellectual curiosity, rigorous inquiry, and high academic standards among their fellow faculty and the students they teach.
- The University values intellectual discovery not only as a manifestation of advancing human knowledge for its own sake but also as a vital prerequisite for fostering innovation, developing and transferring new technologies, and supporting the commercialization of products and services that enhance the standard of living and quality of life of the region, the state, the nation and the world.
- The University prepares students for full, productive lives and informed and active citizenship. To that end, we have developed undergraduate and graduate curricula and classroom practices that engage students actively in the learning process. Outside the classroom a wide range of student organizations and activities contribute to the learning environment. Our service learning program offers students the opportunity to supplement their academic study with internships in a variety of community settings, testing their skills and aptitudes and challenging their values. State-of-the-art teaching technologies, distance education, and off-site instruction afford access to off-campus as well as traditional students. Non-degree certificate and continuing education programs offer practical, aesthetic, and intellectually stimulating opportunities for community learners, for individual courses or a sustained program of study.
- The ~~mission of a university~~ University's mission can be achieved only when its students, faculty, staff, and administrators value and promote free expression in an atmosphere of tolerance, responsibility, and trust. The University regards these attributes as prerequisites for any community of learners and vigilantly strives to maintain them.
- Mindful of its role as a resource to the community, locally, nationally, and internationally, the University continually seeks partnerships with public and private concerns in order to advance the economic, social, and cultural welfare of its constituencies. We serve the needs of the North Texas community by sponsoring public lectures and academic symposia, as well as artistic, musical, and dramatic productions.

**MISSION STATEMENT**  
**The University of Texas at Dallas**

**Current Mission Statement**

The University of Texas at Dallas serves the Metroplex and the State of Texas as a global leader in innovative, high quality science, engineering, and business education and research. The University is committed to (1) producing engaged graduates, prepared for life, work, and leadership in a constantly changing world, (2) advancing excellent educational and research programs in the arts and natural and social sciences, engineering, and technology, management, and liberal, creative, and practical arts, and (3) transforming ideas into actions that directly benefit the personal, economic, social, and cultural lives of the citizens of Texas.

**Proposed Revised Mission Statement**

The University of Texas at Dallas provides the State of Texas and the nation with excellent, innovative education and research. The University is committed to graduating well-rounded citizens whose education has prepared them for rewarding lives and productive careers in a constantly changing world; to continually improving educational and research programs in the arts and sciences, engineering, and management; and to assisting the commercialization of intellectual capital generated by students, staff, and faculty.

**MISSION STATEMENT**  
**The University of Texas at El Paso**

The University of Texas at El Paso is dedicated to the advancement of the El Paso region through education, creative and artistic production, and the generation, interpretation, application, and commercialization of key discoveries, and the dissemination of knowledge. UTEP embraces its role as an intellectual, cultural and socioeconomic asset to the region, offering programs to meet human resource needs and contribute to the quality of life.

As a public university, UTEP is committed to providing access and opportunity to the people of the El Paso region and the State of Texas. UTEP's mission of ensuring access is coupled with a commitment to excellence, reflected in rigorous programs, which prepare students to make significant contributions to their professions, their communities and the world.

As a research/doctoral institution, UTEP fosters a climate of scholarly inquiry, with a special focus on applying innovative interdisciplinary approaches to explore and address major issues that confront the multicultural, the United States and U.S.-Mexico border region.

**MISSION STATEMENT**  
**The University of Texas-Pan American**

**Current Mission Statement**

The University of Texas - Pan American (UTPA) serves the higher education needs of a rapidly growing, international, multicultural population in the South Texas Region. The University preserves, transmits and creates knowledge to serve the cultural, civic, and economic advancement of the region and the state. The University provides students advanced instruction in academic programs offered through innovative delivery systems that lead to professional certification, and baccalaureate, master's and doctoral degrees.

**Proposed Revised Mission Statement**

The University of Texas-Pan American serves the social, economic, research and, most importantly, the educational needs of the rapidly growing transnational, culturally diverse population of South Texas. The University creates, preserves, and transmits knowledge that advances the region, state, and nation and that builds prosperity through entrepreneurship and commercialization. In a supportive environment dedicated to student learning, the University provides quality instruction in rigorous academic programs that leads to bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees as well as professional certificates. Through teaching, research, creative activity, and public service, the University prepares students to be socially conscious citizens and transformative leaders.

**MISSION STATEMENT**  
**The University of Texas at San Antonio**

The University of Texas at San Antonio is dedicated to the advancement of knowledge through research and discovery, teaching and learning, community engagement and public service. As an institution of access and excellence, UTSA embraces multicultural traditions, and serves serving as a center for intellectual and creative resources as well as a catalyst for socioeconomic development and the commercialization of intellectual property – for Texas, the nation and the world.

## **MISSION STATEMENT**

### **The University of Texas at Tyler**

The University of Texas at Tyler is a comprehensive institution of higher education offering undergraduate and graduate degree programs as an institution of the renowned University of Texas System. The University of Texas at Tyler's vision is to be nationally recognized for its high quality education in the professions and in the humanities, arts and sciences, and for its distinctive core curriculum. Guided by an outstanding and supportive faculty, its graduates will understand and appreciate human diversity and the global nature of the new millennium. They will think critically, act with honesty and integrity, and demonstrate proficiency in leadership, communication skills, and the use of technology.

The University is committed to providing a setting for free inquiry and expects excellence in the teaching, research, artistic performances and professional public service provided by its faculty, staff, and students. As a community of scholars, the University develops the individual's critical thinking skills, appreciation of the arts, humanities and sciences, international understanding for participation in the global society, professional knowledge and skills to enhance economic productivity, and commitment to lifelong learning.

Within an environment of academic freedom, students learn from faculty scholars who have nationally recognized expertise in the arts and sciences, and in such professions as engineering, public administration, education, business, health sciences, and technology. The faculty engages in research and creative activity, both to develop and maintain their own scholarly expertise and to extend human knowledge. The results of that research and other creative efforts are made available to students in the classroom and to the general public through publication, ~~technology transfer commercialization~~, and public service activities. The institution also seeks to serve individuals who desire to enhance their professional development, broaden their perspectives, or enrich their lives.

**U. T. Health Science Center - San Antonio: Discussion and appropriate action regarding proposed revisions to Mission Statement**

**RECOMMENDATION**

The Chancellor concurs with the recommendation of the Executive Vice Chancellor for Health Affairs and President Henrich that proposed changes to the U. T. Health Science Center - San Antonio Mission Statement as set forth below be approved by the U. T. System Board of Regents and forwarded to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board for approval.

**Proposed Revised Mission Statement**

The mission of The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio is to make lives better through excellence in education, research, health care and community engagement.

Strategies for achieving this mission are:

- Educating a diverse student body to become excellent health care providers and scientists.
- Engaging in research to understand health and disease.
- Commercializing discoveries, as appropriate, to benefit the public.
- Providing compassionate and culturally proficient health care.
- Engaging our community to improve health.
- Influencing thoughtful advances in health policy.

**Current Mission Statement**

The mission of The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio is to:

- educate a diverse student body to become excellent health care providers and scientists
- engage in biomedical research focused on seeking information fundamental to the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of disease
- provide compassionate and culturally competent state of the art clinical care
- enhance community health awareness, education and practices thereby improving the wellness of the citizenry.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

Section 61.051(e) of the *Texas Education Code* requires the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) to periodically review the role and mission statements of public institutions of higher education. The U. T. Health Science Center - San Antonio Mission Statement was last approved by the U. T. System Board of Regents on

November 9, 2007. The THECB made nonsubstantive revisions and approved the Mission Statement in 2008. Recently, the Mission Statement was extensively discussed among all U. T. Health Science Center - San Antonio's Executive Committee members. The revised Mission Statement reaffirms the U. T. Health Science Center – San Antonio's foci in education, research, health care, and community engagement.