

# The University of Texas at San Antonio



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## Kudlas Establish Graduate Fellowship in Cybersecurity

ONE OF THE GREATEST challenges we are facing as a nation is the security of our data, computer and internet resources, both personal and corporate. Thousands of times a day, there are threats launched against our country in the form of attacks on our computer networks. The University of Texas at San Antonio is at the forefront of addressing the critical challenge of protecting

*“Consumers need confidence that their identity and their personal information will be secure online; businesses need confidence that their intellectual property won’t be stolen; and government agencies and our military need confidence that our trade, technology and military secrets are safe from our adversaries.”*

—UNITED STATES SECRETARY OF COMMERCE  
GARY LOCKE

The University of Texas Investment Management Company in the UT System Long Term Fund and will be used to support graduate student research and education in cybersecurity.

“Our foundation is focused on national security and leadership development through partnerships with universities,” said Nancy Kudla. “We are excited about this concept and spreading the word about UTSA being a leader in cybersecurity.”

The Kudlas founded dNovusRDI, a government contracting company that specialized in applied information technology, in 1989. They sold the company in 2008. Today, they continue their work as entrepreneurs, promoting San Antonio’s considerable information assurance resources to leverage new partnerships.

Selected through a competitive application process, Kudla Fellows will be graduate or post-graduate students studying

and conducting research in information assurance and security. The first fellows will begin in fall 2012.

“It is our hope that our contribution will help foster continued growth in the ongoing alliance between UTSA, the military and the federal government cybersecurity communities,” said Nancy Kudla. “We look forward to the invaluable contributions UTSA and its graduates will make in ensuring our nation’s cybersecurity readiness.”

Kudla Fellows will work directly with our national cybersecurity experts, such as Dr. Fred Chang. Dr. Chang is the inaugural AT&T Distinguished Chair in Infrastructure Assurance and Security and director of UTSA’s Center for Education and Research in Information and Infrastructure Assurance. He joined the university after a 30-year career in the technology sector, including positions as director of research at the National Security Agency and president of technology strategy for SBC Communications.



Nancy and Frank Kudla

“Nancy and Frank are once again making a key investment in our national security by choosing to support this fellowship opportunity at UTSA,” said Dr. Chang. “They know what our industry needs and I am honored by their generosity for our students. Their example will hopefully inspire other alumni and community leaders to get involved with the university.”

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