

# Higher Education Accolades

In many ways the the Dallas-Fort Worth region is the intellectual capitol of Texas. The Dallas Region's 70-plus accredited universities and colleges provide the intellectual horsepower to drive one of the nation's most diverse economies. To do so, students, faculty, and other academics engage in a wide range of studies, from tackling core curricula to honing nanotechnology. The University of North Texas at Denton, the University of Texas at Dallas, and the University of Texas at Arlington are among Texas' seven "emerging research" universities in the Dallas Region, a greater concentration than any other Texas region. UT Southwestern Medical Center, meanwhile, is among the nation's best in biology and biochemistry research, resulting in numerous clinical breakthroughs and innovations, as well as six Nobel Laureates.

**Fastest-growing Doctoral Universities in the U.S.**

- #2  THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT DALLAS
- #3  UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS ARLINGTON
- #11  TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY COMMERCE

**UNT DALLAS**  
UNIVERSITY OF NORTH TEXAS AT DALLAS  
**Fastest-growing public university in Texas**

**UT Southwestern**  
Medical Center

## #1 in the World:

UT Southwestern Medical Center is the only academic medical center in the world to serve as home to six Nobel Laureates



## #1 in Texas:

DFW has more **Carnegie R-1** (very high research) universities than any other Texas metro



## #6 in the U.S.:

72 percent of DFW higher ed graduates stay and work in the region; the sixth highest retention rate in the U.S.



**#9** Computer Science Undergraduate Degrees in the U.S.

## #1 Region in Texas for higher ed enrollment and degree completion:

23% of all students in Texas are enrolled in a DFW college or university. 24% of all degrees completed annually in Texas come from a DFW college or university. That's more than any other region in the state.

"The area still attracts business and financial services companies, which have reached a critical mass and can draw on a network of necessary support services. **Overall growth** is buoyed by a well-educated population, a competitive cost structure and the U.S. economy's strength."

— Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas study, "At the Heart of Texas"

"The theoretical nature of higher education often creates **natural partnerships** with cutting-edge industries. The inverse is true as well. The translation into curriculum of research at the frontiers of science, technology, engineering, math and management makes higher education institutions **ideal partners for problem-solving across all industries.**"

— Dr. Victor Fishman,  
Executive Director of the  
Texas Research Alliance

"We took a problem that we didn't think was solvable. We figured we might have some fun with this and make these students really frustrated. But ... **they came back with an answer.**"

— Worlds' CEO, Dave Copps,  
speaking of the University of  
Texas at Dallas' Design Capstone  
program



## Top 100 in the Nation:

**UNT** Has 19 programs ranked in the top 100 in the nation, according to *U.S. News & World Report*



## #1 in the World for Faculty Quality

— *The Economist*



## #4 Grad School for Game Design

— *The Princeton Review* (2020)

"The culture of **genuine partnership**, collaboration and **openness to new ideas** sets DFW apart in the nation."

— Dallas Regional Chamber Higher Education Review

**\$67.4 billion: Economic activity in the region comes from graduates of DFW institutions, totaling 15% of the total regional economy** — 2019 Perryman Group Study



TWU is **1 of 6** institutions in the U.S. offering a Ph.D. in Physical Therapy, the only Texas institution to offer the program.



## #1 Four-year Institution for Veterans

— *Military Times*