Higher Education Accolades

In many ways the Dallas-Fort Worth region is the intellectual capital 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’ eight “emerging research” universities in DFW—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 four Nobel laureates.

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### #1 in Texas:
- DFW has 3 Carnegie R-1 Universities (very high research activity), more 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.

### #4 Undergraduate Degrees Awarded in the U.S.:
- Computer Science

### Top 25 school for advancing social mobility in the U.S.:
- U.S. News & World Report (2022)

### #1 Region in Texas for higher ed enrollment and degree completion:
- 22 percent of all students in Texas are enrolled in a DFW college or university.
- 24 percent of all degrees completed annually in Texas come from a DFW college or university.
- That’s more than any other region in the state.

### Fastest-growing Doctoral Universities in the U.S.
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### #4 Four-year Institution for Veterans:
- Military Times (2022)

### Top 100 in the Nation:
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### $67.4 billion:
- Economic activity in the region comes from graduates of DFW institutions, totaling 15 percent of the total regional economy.

### 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.

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