

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 serving as home to four Nobel laureates.

Fastest-growing Doctoral Universities in the U.S.

—Chronicle of Higher Ed (2023)



Top 30 university for social mobility in the U.S. west region

—U.S. News & World Report (2024)

UT Southwestern Medical Center

Top in the World:

UT Southwestern Medical Center is the only academic medical center in the world to serve as home to four Nobel laureates.



#1 in Texas:

DFW has **3 Carnegie R-1 Universities** (very high research activity), more than any other Texas metro.



60x30TX

Texas' plan to align higher education and workforce by striving for 60% of 25-34 year olds to hold a degree or certificate by 2030.



#2 Computer Science Undergraduate Degrees Awarded in the U.S.

—ASEE (2022)

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

24 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.

—THECB (2023)

"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"



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

"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.**"

"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 Capps,
speaking about the University of
Texas at Dallas' Design Capstone
program



#2 in the Nation: Best Master's in Data Science Programs

— Fortune Magazine (2024)

#4 Best-Run College in the U.S.

— The Princeton Review (2024)



#3 Grad School for Game Design

— The Princeton Review (2023)

"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 percent of the total regional economy. — Perryman Group Higher Education Study



#1 Best Master of Health Administration — Intelligent.com (2023)



#1 Public School for Service Members and Veterans

— Military Times (2023)