# THE QUANTIFIABLE VALUE OF A UTSA DEGREE

UTSA provides students with a strong return on investment by decreasing their time to graduation, increasing their professional workforce readiness and positioning them for competitive starting salaries.



## Opportunity

Recent data shows Texas ranks 11th for the highest rates of poverty among all states, with the poverty rate exceeding the national average at 14% (Texas Demographic Center, 2024). To tackle this issue head-on, UTSA is creating greater opportunities for all Texans by preparing them for the professional workforce - connecting industry-aligned degree programs and hands-on learning experiences to drive economic development efforts and create better lives for graduates and their families.

#### Value Proposition: Career Ready Roadrunners

UTSA's value proposition is clear: deliver high-quality instruction through industry-aligned programs to close the classroom and workplace gap. The results are well-equipped graduates who land in-demand careers at high-profile companies.



## Impact: Strong Return on Investment

UTSA makes deliberate, strategic efforts to create a data-informed ecosystem of student support that dramatically improves student success outcomes.

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- Average **time to undergraduate degree completion of 4.3 years**, compared to 5.4 years just a decade ago.
- Earning a degree at UTSA adds more than
  \$28,000 to a graduate's salary compared to the salaries of high school graduates in San Antonio.
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- UTSA's most recent graduating class (2023) secured jobs with **an approximate starting** salary of \$59,000.
- UTSA students create a stronger talent pipeline for Texas with 90% of alumni who graduated in the last three years, choosing to stay and work in Texas.

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**TOP 18%** 

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#### Value Proposition: Low Cost & Low Debt

UTSA creates opportunities for an affordable education while helping students set a course for personal and professional success. The university positions students to break barriers, achieve financial security and experience an improved quality of life.



39% of current students graduate with no loan debt



Students who do graduate with debt take only 1.4 years on average to pay it off

Students graduate with \$5,000 less in education-related loan debt on average compared to graduates ten years ago.

#### **Impact:** Upward Mobility for **Students and Families**

UTSA is gaining national attention for creating unique pathways that lead to more prosperous lives for individuals, families and entire communities.



## **Key Takeaway**

A UTSA degree is a low investment with a big payoff.