



## **Fact Sheet**

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### **The University of Texas at Dallas Chess Program**

- Established in 1996, the UT Dallas Chess Program is divided into three components: The team, the club and chess in education initiatives, including online instruction and summer camps.
- Since the team's formation, 19 Grandmasters (GMs) and International Masters (IMs) have played for UT Dallas.
- The chess team has won or tied for first in the following national and international competitions:
  - the Pan American Intercollegiate Championship - nine times
  - the National Collegiate Chess League team championship – six times
  - the Final Four of Chess, also known as the President's Cup – five times
- The chess team spreads goodwill and extends a global presence for the University by playing more International matches than any other university in the United States.
  - Expository match with the University of Nankai in Beijing
  - Expository match with the Instituto Superior de Cultura Fisica (ISCU) in Havana
  - Internet A/V matches with the University of Belgrade
  - Internet TelePresence match against the Chennai District Chess Association (CDCA) in India
- # UT Dallas supports up-and-coming chess talent with about seven scholarships annually. Scholarships are awarded to elementary, junior high and high school players who excel at various tournaments.
- The University chess club is an open-access group which offers a friendly environment for improving one's game, as well as service opportunities. The club hosts the annual UT Dallas ChessFest and participates in the Sounds of Class outdoor fall community festival.
- UT Dallas offers two online courses on using chess in the classroom, for undergraduate or graduate credit. Classes are taught by Dr. Alexey Root, former U.S. Women's Chess Champion.

\*Grandmaster is the highest title a chess player can obtain. GMs attain a rating of at least 2500. The title is granted for life. International masters (IMs) obtain a rating of at least 2400. Both GMs and IMs have also achieved three norms, which occur when a player achieves three favorable results in international tournaments involving other IMs and GMs.