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major units  Goal
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total Campaign Goal $200,000,000

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Join us in supporting the vision for what this University can become.
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At the core of the School of Interdisciplinary Studies is a simple yet far-reaching commitment: to be the engine of opportunity for some of the most self-directed, confident, visionary and promising students at UT Dallas. Answering many needs for our students and our community, the School is where students are provided with the opportunity and flexibility to design their own unique and innovative degree plans, crossing two or more disciplines and leading directly to their individual career goals. The School is also where promising students, often first-generation college students, are provided with a bridge from high school to success in the demanding programs of the University.

Our commitment to being an engine of opportunity for our students and, by extension, our community, our region and our state extends to preparing skilled teachers for the public schools of Texas and even to giving homeless, at-risk children an intimate look at the University experience. This glimpse of unimagined opportunities can spark these children to the belief that all things are possible.

As part of the School’s unique structure, a dynamic internship program enables students to experience real-world work environments first-hand and begin their transition to the individualized careers they have set as their goals. There is also a range of specialized course offerings within the School, including American Studies, Gender Studies, Health Care Studies and Environmental Studies.

Who leads us forward? Innovators, entrepreneurs, unconventional thinkers and motivated achievers. The focus and vision of the School of Interdisciplinary Studies is to provide powerful educational and career opportunities for these students.

I enthusiastically invite you to share that vision and to take an active role in achieving it for our students. It is only with your generosity that we can have the tools, talents and resources needed to move the School of Interdisciplinary Studies—and this great University—forward.

George W. Fair, PhD
Dean
Health care with business, environmental studies with technology and management, human resources with counseling—these are just some of the combinations of concentrations that students design, following their completion of the UT Dallas core curriculum, that can educate them in their specific interests and enable them to achieve their personal goals. It is this flexibility and interdisciplinarity that defines the School. Our graduates bring distinctive advantages and unique preparation to pursuing their careers.

Along with being interdisciplinary, the School is also multidimensional, offering individualized degrees and at the same time helping a wide range of promising students succeed, having a profound impact on Texas public education.

Specific examples of outstanding, results-focused efforts include the Academic Bridge Program, which recruits and supports first-generation college students and other underrepresented or disadvantaged individuals with high potential. Students participate in an intensive summer session before their freshman year and receive ongoing support throughout their college years, including tutoring, mentoring and peer advising. Academic Bridge students go on to graduate from UT Dallas at a rate above the overall University graduation rate and far above the state and national averages.

The School’s Teacher Development Center certifies teachers from all disciplines in the University for successful teaching and administrative careers. Extensive field experience for undergraduate and graduate students furthers the Center’s focus on providing Texas public schools with skilled teachers who will shape the future of our state.

The School’s outreach and benefits extend far into our community and into unexpected audiences. Kids’ University—an educational experience held each summer on the UT Dallas campus in partnership with the nonprofit organization Rainbow Days, Inc.—is just one example. This inspirational program gives local homeless children the chance to experience a university environment and instills the belief that they can achieve a higher education. It impacts the children who are most at risk and, through education, offers homeless kids choices to build lives with promise.

Opportunity, flexibility, new ideas and possibilities in higher education tailored to individual needs—these are the watchwords of the School of Interdisciplinary Studies. Tomorrow’s economy and society will demand these qualities and characteristics, and with your support, we will create and implement the customized education that builds them.
Sandra Martinez, born in Dallas, has made a few journeys in her young life, beginning with a move to Mexico when she was four years old. She returned to Dallas in time for middle school, with no English skills to speak of and a lot of catching up to do. “It was a big challenge,” she says today, “but my teachers helped me through. I want to do the same for the kids I teach.”

Coming out of high school, Martinez wasn’t sure how she could afford to go to college, but then her next journey began, to UT Dallas and her future, with help from the Academic Bridge Program in the School of Interdisciplinary Studies. With hard work and smarts, she has thrived in a demanding major and preparing for a demanding profession.

“The program gave me so much great support,” Martinez says, “from scholarships to work/study opportunities, tutors to study groups. I knew I wanted to teach and to eventually return to the Dallas Independent School District where I went to high school. The Academic Bridge Program and the Teacher Development Center made that possible. I just finished my student teaching and plan to work in the DISD teaching high school freshmen—even though they are at the most challenging age.”

Martinez, a math major, credits the real-world preparation at the School’s Teacher Development Center with her comfort level in the classroom, and she credits the Teacher Development Center and Academic Bridge with the belief that she could make it all happen.

“I hope people will continue to support the School of Interdisciplinary Studies and Academic Bridge,” says Martinez. “It’s a great way to help promising students go forward. A lot of high school kids don’t know about the help that’s available, so they figure that they don’t have the money or preparation for college and they just give up. Academic Bridge can change that.”

Thanks to UT Dallas and the generosity of its donors, Sandra Martinez’s next journey will include lots of kids from our community, and the destination will be a successful future.
As we continue our growth in education and research, as we continue to expand our service and value to our students, our community and our state, we have identified several interconnected priorities that will enable the School of Interdisciplinary Studies to excel in our mission: to provide access and opportunity around an exceptional, customized UT Dallas education. As we continue our progress to the top tier of research institutions, we seek to raise $1 million through this campaign to bolster the resources we need in the following areas. Your commitment and generosity toward this goal will have a profound impact on future generations of students.

**Student Support**

We must support a range of vital interdisciplinary studies scholarships for deserving students, as well as scholarships and stipends to assist student teachers as they pursue their training experiences in the public schools.

**Program Support**

We must support our most important and dynamic programs, including those that offer opportunity to at-risk youth, such as Kids’ University, and raise support for tuition and fees, housing, tutoring and mentoring, internships and cultural enrichment for the Academic Bridge Program.

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UT Dallas has made remarkable strides since this bold vision was set in motion a half-century ago. This comprehensive campaign—the first in UT Dallas history—will accelerate our progress toward becoming the world-class Tier One research university the founders envisioned for North Texas.
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