



**TEXAS A&M**  
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# SEARCH PROFILE

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PRESIDENTIAL SEARCH*



# HISTORY OF TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY

**TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**, the flagship campus of [The Texas A&M University System](#), opened in 1876 as the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas.

Established through the Morrill Land-Grant Act of 1862, the college focused on providing its all-male student body with military training and practical workforce skills.

In the 1960s, the college was renamed Texas A&M University, women students were admitted, and military training through the Corps of Cadets was made optional.

Since then, Texas A&M has become an academic powerhouse. It is one of only three Tier 1 universities in the state.

Texas A&M was designated a sea-grant institution in 1971 and a space-grant institution in 1989, making it among the first four universities to hold this rare triple distinction.



The George H.W. Bush Library Center opened in 1997, making ours one of just a few universities to host a presidential library.

In 2001, Texas A&M became a member of the Association of American Universities, which is restricted to the 62 top public and private institutions of higher learning in the United States and Canada. In 2004, the Kappa of Texas Chapter of Phi Beta Kappa was installed at Texas A&M.

As the State of Texas has grown, so have we. We have 16 colleges and schools and more than 71,100 students (Fall 2020). More than 65,600 are at the flagship campus in College Station, and more than 5,400 are at branch campuses in Galveston and Qatar, the School of Law in Fort Worth, the Higher Education Center at McAllen, and Health Science Center locations across Texas.

We embrace our mission of advancing knowledge and human achievement, helping to drive the economic engine of the state and nation, and preparing students to be life-long learners and leaders in today's global society.

**The George H.W. Bush Presidential Library is located on the Texas A&M University campus. A new Bush School teaching site will open in Washington D.C. in 2021.**



## RESEARCH AND COMMERCIALIZATION

Classified by the Carnegie Foundation as a Research Intensive University, we have research expenditures of more than \$1 billion annually (FY 2020).

In addition, the National Science Foundation ranks Texas A&M 19th in research and development expenditures based on more than \$905.4 million during fiscal year 2017.

The [President's Excellence Fund](#), established by President Young in 2017, is a 10-year, \$100 million initiative to further our commitment to transformational learning, enhancing discovery and innovation, and expanding our impact.

### Texas A&M adds about \$11 billion to the state's economy each year.

The fund has two components: Triads for Transformation (T3), an interdisciplinary seed-grant program that moves excellent ideas from a vision to proof of concept, and X-Grants, which bring faculty together across disciplines to work on creative solutions to the most pressing global challenges.

In 2019, President Young added two more grants: Clinical Research Partnership Grants (which center on researchers and clinical partners and total \$1 million per year for the duration of the President's Excellence Fund) and Presidential Transformational Teaching Grants (a seed grant totaling \$1 million per year for the duration of the President's Excellence Fund to fund 30 transformational learning projects, each lasting two years).

#### TEXAS A&M

- Ranks 4th in National Science Foundation Funding (Higher Education Research & Development NSF Survey, 2017)

- Ranks in the top 200 universities in the world (QS World University Rankings 2020)
- Ranks 13th among the top public research universities nationally by the Center for Measuring University Performance
- Is one of only 17 institutions in the nation to hold the triple designation as a land-grant, sea-grant, and space-grant university
- Is one of only 62 members of the Association of American Universities (AAU)
- Is an active member of the Association of Public and Land-grant Universities (APLU)

#### OUR 144 RESEARCH CENTERS AND INSTITUTES INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING

- Center for Coffee Research & Education
- Center for the Study of Digital Libraries
- Center for the Study of the First Americans
- Gulf Center for Sea Turtle Research
- Institute for Obesity Research and Program Evaluation
- National Center for Electron Beam Research

**On average, a patent is filed every other day and a license agreement is closed once a week at Texas A&M.**

Texas A&M Technology Commercialization manages more than 900 patents and 1,500 patent applications relating to a portfolio of some 2,600 inventions, ranking us eighth nationally in the number of revenue-generating license agreements.



## FACULTY

Texas A&M has **16 colleges and schools** with about **4,100 faculty**, including

- 3** Nobel Prize recipients
- 11** American Academy of Arts and Sciences members
- 4** National Academy of Medicine members
- 23** National Academy of Engineering members
- 12** National Academy of Sciences members
- 10** American Law Institute members
- 12** John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation Fellows
- 3** Wolf Prize recipients
- 49** AAAS Fellows
- 53** Traditional Fulbright Fellowship recipients
- 89** University Distinguished Professors

The **Hagler Institute for Advanced Study** was established in 2010 to bring world-class talent to Texas A&M each year. These Faculty Fellows have the freedom to pursue their own research interests as well as collaborate in disciplinary and multidisciplinary research. Each Faculty Fellow affiliates with one or more of our doctoral-degree-granting academic departments.

**Texas A&M Libraries** has 5.9 million volumes, 1,700 databases, 121,000 e-journals, and 1.8 million e-books. Texas A&M Libraries also oversees the highly regarded **Texas A&M University Press**.

**Texas A&M Libraries are ranked 8th nationally among public universities by the Association of Research Libraries.**

### WE HAVE THREE CENTERS INTERNATIONALLY

- **Soltis Center for Research & Education** in the rainforests of Costa Rica
- **Hacienda Santa Clara Education & Research Center** in a former plantation near San Miguel de Allende, Mexico, the UNESCO World Heritage site
- Study abroad center in a 500-year-old former convent in Tuscany, Italy

Interactive metrics for faculty workload, faculty headcount, staff demographics and NSF research dollars can be found at the **accountability website**.



## STUDENTS

Texas A&M has more than 71,100 students: about 65,600 at the College Station campus and more than 5,400 at the following locations:

- Maritime branch campus in [Galveston](#)
- Engineering branch campus in [Qatar](#)
- [School of Law](#) in Fort Worth
- [Higher Education Center](#) in McAllen
- [Health Science Center](#) locations across Texas

Most are from Texas, but we have students from every state and about 6,000 international students from more than 150 countries. About 15,000 are graduate and professional students. About one in four entering freshmen each year are first-generation college students and 26 percent of undergraduates participate in research.

**Texas A&M has produced more current Fortune 100 CEOs than any other university.**

Texas A&M provides about \$871 million in financial assistance each year, and about 70 percent of our students receive some form of assistance.

Students hone their leadership skills through more than 1,100 student-led clubs and organizations.

Aggies are known for their loyalty to Texas A&M, and this continues well beyond graduation. Because of our tremendous growth in recent decades, our alumni base is young. More than half of our over 527,000 former students are in the Class of '98 or younger.

Interactive metrics for student data, including demographics, graduation and retention, and time to degree, can be found at the [accountability website](#).

**The Big Event is the largest, one-day, student-run service project in the nation.**





## RICH TRADITIONS AND CORE VALUES

Known as one of the most hospitable schools to visitors from near and far, Aggies aspire to live by the university's six core values: **Respect, Excellence, Leadership, Loyalty,** and **Selfless Service.** The university's traditions are closely held and highly valued by current and former students alike.

### THE 12TH MAN

This term refers to the entire student body – past and present. The tradition dates back to a football game in 1922. After several injuries against Centre College, the Aggies were down to just 11 players. Student E. King Gill came down from the stands, suited up, and stood ready to play if needed.

The spirit of the 12th Man continues today, as the student section stands throughout the entire game to support their team.

### KYLE FIELD

Home of the Fightin' Texas Aggie football team, the stadium is the largest in the SEC and indeed seats the most of any stadium in the state of Texas, including that of the Dallas Cowboys.

### THE CORPS OF CADETS

The Corps has long been known as the "Keepers of the Spirit and Guardians of Tradition" because of cadets' key roles in the preservation and execution

of these time-honored traditions. With voluntary membership since 1965, there are approximately 2,400 students today who participate in the Corps of Cadets, the largest uniformed body outside the national service academies.

### YELL LEADERS

Aggies don't cheer, we yell! And thus, we don't have cheerleaders. Five student "Yell Leaders" are elected by the student body each year. They lead the 12th Man in coordinated yells at most major sporting events.

### REVEILLE

Reveille IX, the first Lady of Aggieworld, is our live mascot. "Miss Rev" is a full-blooded collie and the highest-ranking member of the Corps of Cadets and greatly beloved by Aggies.





## FUNDRAISING

Texas A&M has three major fundraising arms, which are structured independently of the university: The Association of Former Students alumni organization, the [12th Man Foundation](#) (which supports athletics), and the Texas A&M Foundation.

In 2019, more than 60,000 former students gave more than \$15 million to The Association of Former Students, which was distributed to student organizations and scholarships, as well as career assistance services for students and alumni.

In addition, the [Texas A&M Foundation](#) has more than \$2 billion in assets and made more than \$108 million available to Texas A&M in support of scholarships, fellowships and professorships in 2019. The Foundation's portfolio has achieved an average 8.1 percent annual rate of return over a 15-year period.

**The Lead by Example campaign is the largest ever in the state of Texas, at \$4 billion.**

The [Lead by Example](#) campaign is the most ambitious fundraising effort ever undertaken at Texas A&M with a goal of \$4 billion. While COVID-19 has been expensive in time and cost, the campaign will soon come to an end, on track to announce positive results.

Additional support is provided by the [Federation of Texas A&M University Mothers' Clubs](#)—known as “Aggie Moms”—which was founded in 1928 and has grown to 108 clubs with about 6,300 members. Aggie Moms raise more than \$750,000 annually for scholarships and student organizations.



*Giuseppe Rizzi and his family lost everything in the Louisiana floods in 2016, a month before his freshman year. The Louisiana Aggie Moms replaced his books and supplies and drove him eight hours to College Station to drop him off. He said without them, he might have had to delay school for an entire year.*



## OUR COMMUNITIES

College Station and Bryan are centrally located within the Houston-Dallas-Austin triangle and within a two-hour drive of 26 million of the state's 28 million residents. Combined, they form the state's 13th-largest metropolitan area, with over 273,000 residents.

### COLLEGE STATION

In 1877, the year after the A&M College of Texas opened, the U.S. Postal Service designated the isolated area "College Station" after the train station west of campus. In 1938, when the town that had grown up around the college was incorporated, the name stuck.

Despite tremendous growth—from about 52,000 in 1990 to about 121,000 today—College Station boasts one of the state's lowest property tax rates and lowest crime rates. Education is a high priority and the College Station Independent School District has received many national awards, including more than 100 national merit semifinalists in the last decade.

### BRYAN

Like many Texas communities in the mid- and late-19th century, Bryan began as a small-town stop along the state's expanding railway system. And almost from the beginning, Bryan became a flourishing center of agriculture, business and trade.

The recently revitalized Downtown Bryan is a popular destination for dining, shopping and cultural offerings. In addition, Bryan is home to the growing Texas A&M Health Science Center campus and The Texas A&M University System's RELLIS campus, an innovative collaboration for advanced research, technology development, testing and evaluation, higher education, and training.

### 2019 ACCOLADES

**No. 1, Most Educated City in Texas**  
(Insurify.com)

**No. 1, Best-Performing Small Cities in Texas (and No. 22 nationally)**  
(Milken Institute)

**No. 3, Top 10 Cities for Working Parents**  
(SmartAsset.com)

**No. 3, Best U.S. Cities for Career Opportunities**  
(SmartAsset.com)

**No. 12, Cities with the Best Public Schools in America**  
(Niche.com)

**No. 18, Most Affordable Cities to Live and Work**  
(BusinessStudent.com)

**No. 9, Least Stressful Places to Live in the U.S.**  
(SmartAsset.com)



## THE OPPORTUNITY

One of the most dynamic institutions of higher education in the nation, Texas A&M has an annual budget in excess of \$2.1 billion.

Reporting to Texas A&M University System Chancellor John Sharp, the President is responsible for the effective and successful leadership of the university. The next President will respect and embrace the traditions and unique culture of the university, while continuing to encourage robust cutting-edge research, innovation and academic excellence. The President will be an exemplary communicator who will be able to not only articulate the university's vision, but also work with all of its constituents to leverage the powerful resources of the university to lead it to even greater heights. The President will have unquestioned integrity, unending dedication to student success, and an unwavering commitment to diversity, equity and inclusion.

### THE NEXT 150 YEARS

The 26th President of Texas A&M University will be instrumental in building upon the success of Texas A&M as a leading university in the state, nation and world. Within the next decade, the university will celebrate its sesquicentennial milestone to move into

the next 150 years of our story. Critical to this will be enhanced research, noted impact, and a continued pursuit of excellence in our educational mission and our reputation. We look forward to finding the candidate who is best poised to lead our university at this exciting time.

### CONTACT

While nominations and applications will be accepted until a new President is selected, interested parties are encouraged to submit their materials to our consultant at the address below by December 15 to assure optimal consideration. Application materials should include a current resume and letter of interest. Please note that this search is being conducted in the most confidential manner and only the selected individual will be publicly disclosed.

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Texas A&M University is committed to enriching the learning and working environment for all visitors, students, faculty, and staff by promoting a culture that embraces inclusion, diversity, equity, and accountability. Diverse perspectives, talents, and identities are vital to accomplishing our mission and living our core values. The Texas A&M System is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action/Veterans/Disability Employer committed to diversity.