The University of Texas is proud to be one of the leading research institutions in the world. Each year, our researchers publish work that focuses on fighting and treating diseases, devising solutions to global problems, addressing critically important social issues, and improving the human condition.

**RANKED No. 10 AMONG U.S. UNIVERSITIES**
(AND No. 22 IN THE WORLD)
FOR SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH

- **1,800+** No. of U.S. and foreign patents issued to UT Austin in the past 20 years.
- **No. 1** Among U.S. universities that granted the most research doctorates.
- **100+** No. of honorific awards won by current UT Austin faculty members and researchers.

**IN FY17:**
- **6,237** externally sponsored projects
- **5,000+** peer-reviewed journal articles published
- **96** patents issued, U.S. and foreign
- **198** invention disclosures
- **467** active licenses
- **87** licenses executed

Rankings are provided by The Chronicle of Higher Education and the Nature Index.

**EXTERNAL FUNDING BY SOURCE FY17:**

- **$652 million**
- Federal, 61%
- Institutional, 19%
- Industry, 9%
- Non-profit, 6%
- State & Local, 4%
- Other, 1%
In 2017, UT introduced a new grand challenge initiative called Bridging Barriers. Grand challenges are moonshot goals that bring researchers together from across all disciplines to solve the most pressing social, environmental, and humanitarian crises. UT has launched two grand challenge projects to date:

**Planet Texas 2050: Making Texas Resilient**

**PURPOSE:** Solving a sustainability crisis driven by population growth and climate extremes.

**Whole Communities–Whole Health: Changing the Way Science Helps Society Thrive**

**PURPOSE:** Finding new and more effective ways to help families and children living with adversity.

“...The toughest questions facing humanity and the world cross the boundaries of existing knowledge, and we must take an interdisciplinary approach to address them . . . Breakthroughs happen when we break down silos of knowledge. And we are doing that now.”

— President Gregory L. Fenves

**Pop-Up Institutes:**

In 2017, UT launched its first series of monthlong, intense, and nimble research workshops to promote cross-disciplinary collaboration — quickly.

Topics have included:

- Population Variation in Biology, Medicine, and Society
- Discrimination and Population Health Disparities
- Building a Digital Humanities Ecosystem for Liberal Arts Research
- Youth Substance Misuse and Addiction
- Health and Humanities
- Understanding Planetary Habitability

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