

# UT Southwestern Medical Center®

Chair, Department of Social and Behavioral Sciences

The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center

Peter O'Donnell Jr. School of Public Health

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## THE SEARCH

The Peter O'Donnell Jr. School of Public Health (OSPH) at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center (UT Southwestern) invites nominations and applications for the inaugural position of Chair of the Department of Social and Behavioral Sciences (The Department). Reporting to the Dean of OSPH, the chair will work collaboratively with the Dean, other department chairs, and university administration to ensure the academic vision of the Department is aligned with the strategic plans of the school. The successful candidate will play a crucial role in shaping and advancing the public health program, enabling collaboration with scientists and clinicians across UT Southwestern. This will involve ensuring high standards of curriculum delivery, fostering a positive learning environment, recruiting and developing a world-class faculty, promoting excellence in public health research, expanding strong community engagement, and generating discoveries that impact the health of the public.

OSPH was founded in 2022 with a \$100 million gift from the O'Donnell Foundation and has grown to include more than 70 primary faculty members, over 60 scholars with secondary appointments, and more than 85 staff members. The school continues to actively recruit faculty with innovative expertise and is on track to grow further. The Department of Social and Behavioral Sciences within OSPH was established in 2025. Faculty expertise spans behavioral science, medical anthropology, qualitative research methods, public health interventions, health economics and policy, and implementation science. Their work focuses on evidence-based strategies and community partnerships that address health inequities, strengthen trust in public health systems, and improve health communication.

The School collaborates closely across departments, the Medical School, and major health systems, including Parkland Health, Texas Health Resources, Children's Health, and the North Texas Veterans Affairs Healthcare System, to advance research and prepare future public health professionals. Key opportunities for future partnerships for the Department include a new 292-bed state psychiatric hospital located across the street from the Children's Health Dallas campus and the development of a \$5 billion

pediatric campus developed in collaboration with Children's Health, allowing expansion of the existing OSPH Center for Child and Adolescent Population Health.

This is an opportune moment to lead a new department in this academic medical center. OSPH is well-funded, actively hiring, and has provisional plans to build a new facility within the next five years. Its location in Dallas, Texas—where health needs are significant and opportunities for impact are substantial—combined with a large and diverse population, robust clinical operations, and strong cross-disciplinary partnerships, creates an ideal setting to build a nationally recognized program. The inaugural Chair will join an energized faculty in a collaborative, mission-driven environment that emphasizes scientific rigor, community engagement, and improving population health.

The successful candidate will be a transformational and consequentialist leader in public health with a proven track record of securing research funding, mentoring junior colleagues in grant acquisition, and building successful programs. They will bring sound judgment, fiscal expertise, and strategic vision to guide a growing department focused on community health, health equity, and behavioral science. Leveraging UT Southwestern's position as one of the world's foremost research institutions and a premier academic medical center with a large and diverse patient population, the Chair will foster innovation through interdisciplinary collaborations, recruit and mentor faculty, and strengthen partnerships that advance research, education, and community impact at local, state, national, and global levels. A strong history of competitive research funding (e.g., NIH, CDC, AHRQ, PCORI, NSF, VA, DOD, etc.) is critical for this position. Experience as a principal investigator is essential, as is demonstrated support and development of junior colleagues as co-investigators, and partnering with colleagues in single- or multi-institutional research efforts.

UT Southwestern has engaged Isaacson, Miller, a national executive search firm, to assist in the search. A complete list of the qualifications and characteristics desired in the Chair can be found at the conclusion of this document, along with information on how to apply.

## THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES

The Department of Social and Behavioral Sciences, established in January 2025, is a thriving faculty hub of top-tier researchers, educators, and impact drivers. The Department's faculty conduct mixed-methods multidisciplinary research to address a range of public health issues, including chronic disease prevention, cancer, food access, and health equity and quality. The Masters and Doctoral level students learn from and are involved in the research programs representing a breadth of disciplines in public health and the social and behavioral disciplines. There is a strategic emphasis on working with underserved and vulnerable populations, both in Texas and other parts of the world. The Department's faculty advances social and behavioral interventions to improve health outcomes, elucidates the drivers of health disparities, translates cutting-edge discoveries to meet the needs of communities and families, and trains the next generation of socio-behavioral scholars and practitioners in public health.

The Department maintains a collaborative, well-resourced research environment that, in FY2025, interfaced with four trans-departmental programs, including implementation science, child and adolescent population health, data sciences for precision medicine, and the effectiveness of care.

## THE O'DONNELL SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH

Founded in 2022 to amplify UT Southwestern's impact on population health, health disparities, and to enable the critical development of complementary community-based approaches to preventing and controlling adverse health outcomes, the O'Donnell School of Public Health has rapidly increased enrollment and research during its first three years as it has developed quality academic programs and built a strong operational foundation. Organized across the departments of Epidemiology, Health Data Science and Biostatistics, Health Economics, Systems and Policy, and Social and Behavioral Sciences, the school has a strong history of collaboration within its own departments and with the School of Medicine, as well as affiliated healthcare systems. OSPH is preparing to launch its self-study for accreditation by the Council for Education in Public Health.

Enrollment across the school's MPH, PhD, and MS programs has increased from 51 to 184 students, with projections for total enrollment growth to reach 300 by the 2028-29 academic year. Under the direction of a new Associate Dean of Student Affairs, the school will implement an enhanced recruitment strategy, with particular focus on the MPH program, which has grown from 51 students in 2023-24 to 107 students this year. In addition to the MPH program, the school offers a Master of Science in Health Informatics (MSHI), Master of Science in Clinical Investigation (MSCI), a Doctor of Medicine/Master of Public Health (M.D./M.P.H), and a Doctor of Philosophy in Public Health (PhD) delivered in five concentrations: Applied Epidemiology, Clinical Investigation, Health Data Science, Health Economics, Systems, and Policy, and Social and Behavioral Sciences. The school's cross-departmental research programs are Child and Adolescent Population Health, Data Science for Precision Health, and Implementation and Improvement Science.

Faculty members are supported by both quantitative and qualitative methods cores, as well as a full range of pre- and post-grant support services. OSPH's faculty are experts in diverse fields, including health promotion, epidemiology, geography, sociology, law, health economics and policy, medical anthropology, data science, and implementation science. The school seeks to add to the diverse talents needed to produce actionable change in systems, policies, and individual outcomes that contribute to the health of populations at local, regional, national, and international levels.

OSPH's programs address some of society's most challenging problems, which affect communities in North Texas and worldwide, with a focus on disease prevention; chronic diseases such as diabetes, heart disease, and obesity; cancer epidemiology and prevention; disparities in health outcomes; social determinants of health; health care delivery research; and implementation science. OSPH is poised to address the range of challenges in a shifting public health landscape, leading advances in scientific methods to address population health challenges that can be leveraged into accessible evidence-based input for policymakers and regulators as they navigate chronic and emerging public health crises.

## LOCATION AND COMMUNITY PARTNERS

Texas faces urgent public health needs, ranking among the lowest in the nation for access to care and affordability. The Dallas–Fort Worth metroplex, home to 8.57 million people and the fastest-growing region in the country, reflects these challenges: a significant number lack health insurance and nearly 20% of residents are foreign-born, many of whom speak only Spanish. Dallas itself spans 340 square miles with 1.33 million residents, a diverse population where 24% are uninsured—more than twice the national average—contributing to significant health disparities, including higher rates of preventable hospitalizations and poor health outcomes in underserved communities. These realities underscore the need for targeted interventions and community-based strategies. UT Southwestern is deeply committed to serving the surrounding community through collaborative initiatives that expand access to care, address health disparities, and translate scientific discovery into programs that improve health outcomes for diverse populations across North Texas.

The UT Southwestern Peter O'Donnell Jr. School of Public Health maintains strong collaborative relationships across UT Southwestern and its health system, as well as with an extensive network of affiliated health systems, municipal agencies, community organizations, and academic partners. These partnerships include major institutions such as the City of Dallas, Parkland Health—one of the largest integrated safety-net health systems in the U.S.—Texas Health Resources, which operates 29 hospitals and more than 395 points of care, [Children's Health](#), ranked among the nation's largest pediatric hospitals, and the [North Texas Veterans Affairs Healthcare System](#), the second largest VA in the country. Additional collaborators include [Clements University Hospital and Clinics](#), and [Scottish Rite for Children](#). Already underway is a partnership with a new 292-bed state psychiatric hospital that will open proximate to campus. Together, these relationships create opportunities for interdisciplinary research, community-engaged initiatives, and training programs that address pressing public health challenges across diverse populations.

## THE ROLE OF THE CHAIR OF SOCIAL AND BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES

Reporting to the Dean, the inaugural Chair of the Department of Social and Behavioral Sciences will lead a vibrant and growing department. With oversight of primary tenure track, adjunct, and faculty members with secondary appointments, and responsibility for the experience and outcomes of MPH and PhD students, the Chair will facilitate and oversee the day-to-day administrative needs of the Department, with a strong administrative staff in place to support research, allowing the faculty to focus on their science. As a distinguished scientist, the Chair will be a strategic builder of academic and research programs, a role model for scientific success, and will play a hands-on role in supporting faculty at all levels in their research and scholarship. They will also seek opportunities to expand translational research through thoughtful partnerships across UT Southwestern.

## KEY OPPORTUNITIES AND CHALLENGES

The successful Chair will address the following opportunities and challenges:

### **Design and execute a distinctive and long-term vision for the Department.**

The Chair will partner with the Dean and School leadership to help define the future of OSPH, cementing a legacy of transformative scientific discovery both locally and globally. With a strong focus on solutions and value creation, the Chair's chief mission will be to leverage institutional expertise and the region's assets to deliver a forward-thinking vision and strategy. As a complement to its peer focus areas, the Chair will identify core strengths, clarify academic priorities, and foster innovation among faculty, students, and staff to develop new academic programs, areas of research focus, and external partnerships.

### **Recruit, mentor, and develop faculty.**

The Department of Social and Behavioral Sciences has experienced rapid growth, with its faculty size more than tripling in the past three years as the school actively recruited from top-tier programs. This role involves creating an environment that attracts and develops talented faculty members committed to impactful research and teaching. Today, the Department comprises 15 primary faculty members—three full professors, three associate professors, six assistant professors, and three instructors. The inaugural Chair will play a critical role in mentoring and supporting faculty as they advance rigorous research programs, strengthen pedagogy, and guide students preparing for careers in public health. While the current extramural funding environment is challenging, faculty in the Department are well-positioned to leverage the opportunities for collaborations and support across the vast UT Southwestern community.

The Chair will help faculty navigate this environment by building connections across UT Southwestern, especially with the Medical School, pursuing large-scale grants, and leveraging diverse funding sources, including federal agencies such as the National Institutes of Health, Veterans Affairs, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, foundations, industry, and organizations such as the [Patient Centered Outcomes Research Institute \(PCORI\)](#), among others. The Chair will also foster collaboration, ensure strong feedback mechanisms for grant development, and encourage innovative approaches to research and revenue generation, positioning the Department for continued growth and impact.

### **Build a supportive and collaborative departmental culture focused on teaching, learning, and research.**

Equally important to attracting and nurturing top talent, the Chair will play a central role in shaping an environment that values intellectual rigor while fostering mentorship, professional growth, and meaningful collaboration among faculty, students, and staff. This includes developing structures that promote impactful research, strong curricula and programming, advancing student outcomes, and advocating for the success of all Department members. The Chair will also assist faculty and students in navigating the academic system, integrating across disciplines, and building partnerships with other schools and centers within UT Southwestern to enhance research and educational opportunities.

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**Advance collaborations to amplify research and educational impact.**

The Chair must work with faculty to maintain and expand partnerships and seek out additional opportunities within and outside the campus to enhance the impact of the Department's work. Whether through joint initiatives with UT Southwestern's clinical, life sciences, engineering, or public health units, or through collaborative industry endeavors, the Chair will foster connections that amplify the Department's relevance and reach. The opportunities are manifold, with departments across the school of Public Health and the Medical School that could be potential collaborators, as well as UT Southwestern's Clinical Translational Science Award Program and the NCI-designated Harold C. Simmons Comprehensive Cancer Center, which features a Population Science and Cancer Control research program. This role offers the opportunity to build strategic partnerships that lead to new funding streams, innovative research projects, and enhanced educational offerings, ultimately increasing impact on scientific advancement, education, and human health.

**Identify and sustain meaningful ties with the community.**

UT Southwestern and the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex are largely untouched ecosystems for public health inquiry and, more so, for social and behavioral sciences. The Chair will serve as a dynamic ambassador who can articulate a compelling vision and showcase the Department's contributions and potential to partners and supporters in a generous philanthropic community and growing metro area with significant public health needs. OSPH partners with a network of 42 community organizations, and the opportunity is ripe for increased collaboration across disciplines, health systems, and community partners. Initiatives such as a first-of-its-kind [Culinary Medicine](#) program and [HealthStreet](#) create natural pathways for community engagement opportunities where the Department can play an integral role. Future opportunities for consequential research and education opportunities include the new state psychiatric hospital in Dallas and the construction of a 4.5 million square foot best-in-class pediatric campus scheduled for completion in 2031.

**QUALIFICATIONS AND CHARACTERISTICS**

The Chair will bring many of the following qualifications, professional experiences, and personal attributes:

- A doctoral degree (PhD, MD, or equivalent) in a field relevant to social or behavioral health, public health, and/or health sciences, with experience and achievements appropriate for appointment as a full professor in the school;
- An understanding/appreciation for diverse research settings and research methodologies used in social and behavioral sciences;
- Significant experience in academic or healthcare leadership, program development, education, and research or scholarship;
- Strong interpersonal, collaborative, and leadership skills;

- National and international reputation as a consequentialist leader within the public health discipline;
- A significant history of research funding (e.g. NIH, CDC, AHRQ, PCORI, NSF, VA, DOD, etc.);
- Track record of achievement in team building, leadership, managerial, and strategic thinking;
- An astute understanding of the factors critical to the success of an academic department;
- Demonstrated success as a leader in a complex environment that includes an academic medical center and a dynamic health care enterprise;
- A transformational and strategic leader who is committed to growing and developing faculty, staff, and trainees, achieving prestige through the success of the Department and its members;
- Financial acumen with a record of successfully managing a budget;
- The ability to empower, motivate, and challenge faculty and staff, while holding them accountable, as a visible and inclusive leader and team player with an open leadership style that promotes partnership;
- The ability to mentor and inspire faculty to strive for excellence in all efforts to achieve the goals of excellent research, education, and service;
- An approachable and enthusiastic leader with a clear and transparent communication style, excellent listening skills, and a collegial presence that encourages consensus building, collaboration, and cooperation;
- The ability to build trust with others and seek out, acknowledge, and understand their point of view;
- The ability to inspire faculty to strive for excellence in all efforts to achieve the goals of excellent research, education, and service.

## APPLICATIONS, INQUIRIES, AND NOMINATIONS

An appendix containing additional information about UT Southwestern can be found below.

Screening of complete applications will begin immediately and continue until the completion of the search process. Inquiries, nominations, referrals, and CVs with cover letters should be sent via the Isaacson, Miller website:

Greg Esposito, Partner  
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## **APPENDIX**

### **UT SOUTHWESTERN MEDICAL CENTER**

The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center, one of the premier academic medical centers in the nation, integrates pioneering biomedical research with exceptional clinical care and education. UT Southwestern is in Dallas, Texas, and is the only academic medical center within the 13-county Dallas-Fort Worth area, which has a census population of 7.8 million and is the fastest-growing region in the country, with a projected population of 9.3 million by 2030.

UT Southwestern is led by Daniel K. Podolsky, M.D., an internationally renowned gastroenterologist and member of the National Academy of Medicine. Dr. Podolsky has served as UT Southwestern's President since September 1, 2008, and oversees all aspects of the mission, including supervision of four schools, the healthcare system, institutional advancement, and business operations.

UT Southwestern's mission is to promote health and a healthy society that enables individuals to achieve their full potential. UT Southwestern seeks to accomplish this mission through education, discovery, and healing.

UT Southwestern reported revenue of \$5.5 billion in FY24, representing a 14% increase over the prior year, driven by strong patient care volumes in the hospital and clinics, growth in faculty practice plan professional fees, and an increase in sponsored research. FY24 expenditures were \$5.35 billion. Expense growth related to hospital and clinical operations, instruction, and research is proportional to revenue growth.

Over the last 15 years, strategic positioning and programmatic investments at UT Southwestern have sustained a trajectory of excellence and targeted growth. Examples of recent strategic investments include the completion of a \$1 billion Campaign for the Brain to support expansion of the Peter O'Donnell Jr. Brain Institute, the new Texas Instruments Biomedical Engineering & Sciences Building, a joint project with UT Dallas, the new Outpatient Cancer Care Building of our NCI designated Simmons Comprehensive Cancer Center on the main campus, and opening of a sixth regional medical center in the southern portion of Dallas County known as UT Southwestern at RedBird. Additional strategic projects underway include the construction of a new behavioral health hospital in partnership with the Texas Health and Human Services Commission and the construction of a new \$5 billion pediatric campus in partnership with Children's Health.

### **EDUCATION**

UT Southwestern Medical Center comprises four schools: the UT Southwestern Medical School, the UT Southwestern Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences, the UT Southwestern School of Health Professions, and the UT Southwestern Peter O'Donnell Jr. School of Public Health. The schools train approximately 4,000 medical, graduate, and health profession students, residents, and postdoctoral

fellows each year. Additionally, many early career researchers have been appointed scholars in the Medical Center's acclaimed programs, including the Endowed Scholars Program in Medical Science, Disease-Oriented Clinical Scholars (DOCS) Program, Texas Health Resources (THR) Clinical Scholars, Dedman Scholars, Dean's Scholar in Clinical Research, O'Donnell Brain Institute Clinical Neuroscience Scholars, and Frenkel Endowed Scholars in Clinical Medicine Programs.

### UT Southwestern Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences

The UT Southwestern Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences offers degrees in basic and clinical sciences, encompassing more than 1,000 predoctoral and postdoctoral students and is comprised of 11 graduate programs, including Molecular Biophysics; Biomedical Engineering; Biological Chemistry; Cancer Biology; Cell and Molecular Biology; Clinical Psychology; Genetics, Development and Disease; Immunology; Molecular Microbiology; Neuroscience; and Organic Chemistry. The Graduate School offers students exceptional opportunities to work with internationally recognized faculty, along with access to over one million square feet of state-of-the-art research space and more than 40 core facilities.

### UT Southwestern Medical School

UT Southwestern Medical School is part of the University of Texas System and one of the nation's top 25 medical schools. The Medical School graduates approximately 230 students each year, making it one of the largest medical schools in the country. Educating and training the next generation of physicians is a core mission. To ensure that UT Southwestern students are fully prepared for the future, the curriculum integrates basic science education with patient care training and experience, team-based learning, and meaningful mentorship opportunities.

The Perot Family Scholars Medical Scientist Training Program (MSTP) at UT Southwestern offers a combined MD/PhD degree from UT Southwestern Medical School and UT Southwestern Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences in an academically rigorous environment. The school also collaborates on a dual-degree program for M.D./M.P.H. degrees. UT Southwestern has the largest graduate medical education program in Texas, with over 1,400 clinical residents and fellows completing their medical education through postgraduate specialty and subspecialty training. Faculty members also provide Continuing Medical Education (CME) to practicing physicians.

### UT Southwestern School of Health Professions

The UT Southwestern School of Health Professions is a leader in training students to meet the challenges and opportunities in clinical nutrition, genetic counseling, medical laboratory sciences, physical therapy, physician assistant studies, and prosthetics and orthotics.

### UT Southwestern Peter O'Donnell Jr. School of Public Health

The UT Southwestern Peter O'Donnell Jr. School of Public Health is the fourth school to be created in the UT Southwestern Medical Center. It welcomed its first class of M.P.H. students in 2023 and its first class of PhD students in 2024. The school has access to several large healthcare systems across North Texas, including William P. Clements Jr. University Hospital, Children's Health, Texas Health Resources, Parkland Health & Hospital System, Scottish Rite for Children, and the Veterans Administration North Texas Health System. The school employs public health methodologies, including epidemiology, health policy, quantitative and data science, health systems science, health behavior, and dissemination and implementation science, to identify and address public health challenges.

## RESEARCH

UT Southwestern is renowned for its cutting-edge research in the basic sciences. Current faculty include three Nobel Laureates, four Lasker Award winners, and three Breakthrough Prize winners, as well as 13 HHMI investigators and numerous members of the National Academies of Sciences, Medicine, and Engineering. Faculty are encouraged to tackle the most significant questions in science and human health, and the culture of excellence, achievement, and collaboration supports interdisciplinary research. UT Southwestern received over \$300 million in research funding from the NIH in FY25 and conducted a total of more than \$800 million in research. Beyond NIH, UT Southwestern receives substantial philanthropic and state support. The [Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas](#) (CPRIT) has awarded almost \$4 billion in research support statewide since 2008. Voters approved a referendum in November 2025 to establish the Dementia Prevention Research Institute of Texas (DPRIT), which would allocate \$3 billion over a 10-year period for dementia-related research.

UT Southwestern is also committed to expanding its clinical research footprint. Major investments have been made in clinical informatics research, applying AI and novel research methodologies to enhance patient outcomes. UT Southwestern has recently launched the Sequencing Populations to Accelerate Research and Care Program (SPARC), which will create an institutional biobank and perform whole-exome sequencing on up to 150,000 patients across the health system, coupling genotype with clinical phenotypes.

## DISCOVERY

As one of the world's foremost research institutions, UT Southwestern fosters "no-fence" multidisciplinary research and rigorous scientific training in both basic and clinical research. With a superb international reputation for life-changing research that has led to some of the most important discoveries of our generation, UT Southwestern's researchers make a difference.

UT Southwestern is home to many nationally and internationally recognized physicians and scientists, including six Nobel Laureates since 1985, 24 members of the National Academy of Sciences, and 25 members of the National Academy of Medicine (formerly the Institute of Medicine). UT Southwestern is also home to 13 Howard Hughes Medical Institute (HHMI) Investigators. As faculty members in basic science departments, their recognized leadership is a significant source of the organization's strengths in

biomedical research. Faculty members' investigations, ranging from the basic mechanistic level to patient care, continue to yield notable discoveries, provide important educational opportunities, and offer advanced treatment options for improved healthcare.

Since UT Southwestern's inception, research has been the cornerstone upon which outstanding medical education and patient care have been built. The discoveries of UT Southwestern's faculty and other teams have transformed science and medicine, setting a standard of scientific excellence. The example set by the Nobel Laureates and other leading faculty has also helped establish a well-entrenched culture of collaboration and collegiality, making UT Southwestern a highly unique academic environment.

## HEALING

### UT Southwestern Patient Care

The vitality of the UT Southwestern Health System and Medical Group is evident in the growth of the faculty and outstanding clinical programs, the emphasis on ongoing quality improvement, the steady and ongoing expansion of facilities, an increasing regional and national footprint, and maturing population health capabilities. With a focus on health equity, UT Southwestern is deliberate in its efforts to deliver high-quality care to all within the diverse population that Dallas represents. In addition to outstanding education and research programs, UT Southwestern is committed to leadership in patient care and continues to gain recognition through national and international clinical awards.

UT Southwestern faculty physicians, as members of the UT Southwestern Medical Group, and residents provide care to more than:

- 140,000 hospitalized patients each year; and
- 5 million outpatient visits annually.

Patient care is provided at:

- UT Southwestern University Hospital and Clinics, including William P. Clements Jr. University Hospital and the Zale Lipshy Pavilion, owned and operated by the Medical Center;
- Parkland Health & Hospital System;
- Children's Medical Center;
- Scottish Rite for Children;
- VA North Texas Health Care System; and
- Other affiliated hospitals and community clinics whose operations are controlled independently of the University.

UT Southwestern's Clements University Hospital, which includes more than 800 beds along with Zale Lipshy Pavilion, serves as a centerpiece for carrying out UT Southwestern's mission – to educate, discover, and heal. Innovations in technology and in approaches to care abound in the new hospital. It is a place

where the intellect, skill, and science of UT Southwestern are translated into the delivery of compassionate, high-quality, and innovative patient care.

UT Southwestern Medical Center is the No. 1 hospital in Dallas-Fort Worth for the ninth consecutive year, in the annual U.S. News & World Report Best Hospitals list. Additionally, 12 of UT Southwestern's specialty care areas are ranked among the nation's best – more than any other hospital in Texas. Those specialties are: Neurology & Neurosurgery (#9); Rehabilitation (#15); Geriatrics (#16); Pulmonary & Lung Surgery (#16); Diabetes & Endocrinology (#18); Cancer (#20); Cardiology, Heart & Vascular Surgery (#20); Otolaryngology – Ear, Nose & Throat (#21); Urology (#24); Gastroenterology & GI Surgery (#26); Orthopedics (#29); Obstetrics & Gynecology (#37). UT Southwestern is also rated “High Performing” in 17 procedures and conditions.

Parkland Memorial Hospital – Dallas County's safety-net health system – opened its own 862-bed new (replacement) hospital in 2015. Parkland remains a vital partner, and the volume of care provided there by UT Southwestern Medical Group physicians continues to increase.

Children's Medical Center – the primary clinical site for the UT Southwestern Pediatric Group. Children's Health is the premier academic pediatric system in the region. With three hospitals and over 50 pediatric specialty and subspecialty programs, Children's Health maintains 471 licensed beds and receives more than 968,453 patient visits per year. UT Southwestern and Children's Health formed a joint pediatric enterprise (JPE) in 2019. Following initial approval from the UT System Board of Regents last year, the JPE began planning a new, multi-billion-dollar pediatrics campus on a portion of the UT Southwestern campus in Dallas. The new pediatric campus is needed to better serve the needs of our patients and the growing North Texas communities.

### Innovation and Technology Development

UT Southwestern's Office for Technology Development (OTD) supports and advances the institution as an elite driver of innovation and commercialization. OTD is embedded within Pegasus Park, a 23-acre campus designed to drive healthcare innovation, social impact, and meaningful connection. Strategically located between the Southwestern Medical District and the Dallas Design District, the Park features nearly 40,000 square feet of flexible lab, training, and office space, promoting the convergence of entrepreneurs, industry leaders, nonprofit groups, and academic institutions. Pegasus Park is the first location in the central United States of BioLabs, a national network of shared lab and office facilities located in key biotech innovation clusters. UT Southwestern occupies over 5,000 square feet of this flexible co-working facility, designed for early-stage scientific ventures. In addition to the Park, the Blackstone LaunchPad and TechStars Network catalyze student ventures through connections to off-campus opportunities and convene students and staff at global events to leverage industry-leading mentors and networks. UT Southwestern's Innovation Hub acts as a bridge between groundbreaking scientific research and real-world patient solutions. Formed in 2025, the initiative aims to connect UT Southwestern's rich culture of discovery with market opportunities in the biomedical industry.

## Dallas Life

As the ninth-largest city and part of the nation's fourth-largest metropolitan area, Dallas spans approximately 343 square miles and has a current population of 1.3 million people. Today, Dallas is a cosmopolitan city renowned for its high concentration of restaurants and shopping centers. The DFW metroplex boasts six national sports teams, 24+ museums, 15 parks and nature centers, and 19 outdoor trails. The population density is unusually low for a major metropolitan area, reflecting the predominance of single-family homes (about two-thirds of all dwelling units). Housing prices are 24% lower than the national average and 50% lower than in similar metropolitan areas. Dallas is the leading banking, financial, and trade center for the Southwest, and some 6,000 companies have their corporate headquarters in Dallas. The city will also be home to the Texas Stock Exchange. Set to open in 2026, the planned national stock exchange is the most well-capitalized exchange ever to submit a registration to the SEC. The city is also well-known for the medical center, the headquarters of the American Heart Association, and the Texas A&M College of Dentistry (1905). Notably, Texas has also recently codified tenure into its state law, ensuring faculty have longevity and support in their work.

For additional information on life in Dallas, please visit:

<https://www.utsouthwestern.edu/education/students/dallas/>

## LEADERSHIP

### President

Daniel K. Podolsky, M.D., became President of the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center in September 2008. Internationally renowned for his contributions to the understanding of intestinal inflammatory diseases, Dr. Podolsky was previously affiliated with Harvard Medical School and Massachusetts General Hospital, where he served for 20 years as Chief of Gastroenterology and as Chief Academic Officer of Partners HealthCare.

Dr. Podolsky is an elected member of the National Academy of Medicine and a former President of the American Gastroenterological Association, from which he received the 2009 Julius Friedenwald Medal for Distinguished Service for his lifelong contributions to the field of gastroenterology. Dr. Podolsky earned his undergraduate degree from Harvard College and his medical degree from Harvard Medical School.

### Provost

W. P. Andrew Lee, M.D., an international leader in hand transplantation, joined UT Southwestern as Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs, Provost, and Dean of the Medical School in February 2019. Dr. Lee is responsible for advancing the academic mission of UT Southwestern's three degree-granting schools while leading over 3,700 faculty and overseeing more than \$767 million in biomedical research funding.

Dr. Lee previously served as Director (Chair) of the Department of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery at Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine. He led surgical teams that performed the first double hand transplant and first above-elbow arm transplant in the United States, as well as the world's first total penis and scrotum transplant in 2018. Dr. Lee has served as the President of the American Society for Surgery of the Hand, Chair of the American Board of Plastic Surgery, President of the American Society for Reconstructive Transplantation, President of the American Association for Hand Surgery, and President of the American Association of Plastic Surgeons. He received his undergraduate degree from Harvard College and completed medical school and a general surgery residency at Johns Hopkins, followed by plastic surgery training at Massachusetts General Hospital.

#### Dean of the Peter O'Donnell Jr. School of Public Health

Saad B. Omer, MBBS, MPH, PhD, is the Founding Dean of Peter O'Donnell Jr. School of Public Health. Dr. Omer joined UT Southwestern from Yale University, where he was the inaugural Director of the Yale Institute for Global Health. Dr. Omer is an internationally recognized epidemiologist and policy advisor whose work has had a profoundly positive impact on communities worldwide. His research portfolio includes epidemiology of respiratory viruses such as influenza, RSV, and SARS-Cov-2 (COVID-19); vaccine trials, immunization coverage, and acceptance; and public health preparedness strategies to respond to large emerging and re-emerging infectious disease outbreaks effectively. His work has been cited in global and country-specific public health policy, practices, and legislation. Dr. Omer was elected to the National Academy of Medicine in 2022.

### KEY UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS SOUTHWESTERN MEDICAL CENTER FACTS

#### Faculty (December 2024)

Regular full-time faculty – 3,358

Part-time faculty (excluding volunteers) – 360

**Total – 3,718**

#### Non-faculty Employees (December 2024)

Full-time – 18,894

Temporary and seasonal – 3,369

**Total – 22,263**

#### Funding

FY24 revenue (including research) – \$5.5 billion

#### Research Programs

Total for FY24 research – \$767 million

**Enrollment (Fall 2024)**

Medical School – 937

Graduate School – 611

Health Professions – 375

School of Public Health – 124

Postdoctoral fellows – 533

**Facilities**

Physical Plant building space (gross square feet) – 15.1 million

Projects under construction (approx. square feet) – 879,250

New Pediatric Campus (Ph 1) in design/construction (approx. square feet) – 4,832,456

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