Quick catch-up for counselors – a four-minute read

We want your students to bring their ideas, passion and grit to SMU, a nationally ranked global research university with a liberal arts tradition. In our community of 12,000-plus students in eight schools, your students will find the support they need to do their best work and achieve their goals.

The SMU experience includes these outstanding features and resources to prepare students for success.

Data fluency + discipline-flexible curriculum
With flexibility to pursue multiple interests, students gain multiple skills for first job and last job.

Incubator@SMU
Enterprising faculty and students work on projects in this business workspace.

Multiple career service centers
Students learn how to craft resumes, meet employers, ace interviews and land internships or jobs.

Center for Research Computing + supercomputing leader NVIDIA
Access to supercomputing accelerates research, with faster results.

Altshuler Learning Enhancement Center
Courtesy tutoring services – open to all students – boost learning.

Small class sizes
Students connect with professors who care about learning outcomes and pathways to careers.

Engaged learning
Faculty mentors support students who want to shape their own research.

The Deason Innovation Gym
This makerspace has the tools – 3D printers, laser cutters and more – to bring ideas to life.

Residential Commons
This instant campus community is supported by faculty mentors who live among students.

Big iDeas program
Your students can compete to win funding to start their own companies.

Gerald J. Ford Hall for Research and Innovation
Faculty and students work together across disciplines and use high-performance computing for results.

Best cities for jobs
WalletHub 2023 report shows that Dallas is great for jobs.

Top 10 for tech professionals
Dallas ranks among the best places nationwide for tech professionals in CompTIA Tech Town Index 2023.

More than 20 Fortune 500 company headquarters in the Dallas area, across various industries.

Dallas is among the most diverse cities in the United States. (WalletHub 2023)

The chip that started it all began in Dallas.
The first integrated circuit, which became the microchip, was invented in Dallas in 1958.

Dallas among the top 5 cities for job and wage growth, according to MoneyGeek.com.

Worldwide access to/from the nation’s 4th-largest metro area
Two major airports make Dallas-Fort Worth an easy reach. Dallas Fort Worth International (the world’s second-busiest airport), about 22 miles from campus, and Dallas Love Field, about 4 miles from campus.
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SMU BY THE NUMBERS

SMU among top 20% of national universities ranked in U.S. News & World Report 2023.

7 out of 10 first-year students receive scholarships and/or grants.

More than half of first-year students awarded financial aid packages of more than $30,000.

Average gift aid for first-year students is $35,884 – money they don’t have to pay back.

75% without debt at the time of graduation.

No. 33 worldwide for alumni employment among 20,000+ institutions ranked by Center for World University Rankings 2023.

SMU alumni among the highest-paid graduates in fine and studio arts, communication, media studies and select social sciences. (College Factual 2023)

95% off the market for Cox BBA Class of 2022 around time of graduation, with an average starting salary of $75K.

Best Education Bachelor’s Degree School (College Factual 2023)

SMU alumni among the highest-paid graduates in computer and information science. (College Factual 2023)

Admitted student profile of the Class of 2027

GPA MID-50%

Unweighted 4.0 Scale 3.61–3.95

ACT MID-50%** highest composite

36-Point Scale 30–34

SAT MID-50%** highest sections

1600-Point Scale 1360–1490

ADMITTED TEST-OPTIONAL

54%

**Superscore

The big picture

FIRST-YEAR STUDENTS

41% From Texas
56% From other states
3% International

15,091 Applications
9,241 Admitted students
1,592 Enrolled students

FIRST-YEAR STUDENT

Geographic diversity

43% Southwest
19% West
14% South
12% Northeast
7% Midwest
3% International

UNDERGRADUATE

Diversity*

16% Hispanic
4% International/Other
8% Asian
5% Black/African American
5% Multiracial
58% White, non-Hispanic

7,115 Enrolled undergraduate students
50 States/territories represented (including Texas)
62 Countries represented (excluding USA)

*Fall 2023