**SMU at a glance for counselors – a 4-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.

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**SMU + DALLAS A GLOBAL GATEWAY**
Here, limitless opportunities will shape and position your students for success no matter where they go or what they pursue.

**Best cities for jobs**
WalletHub 2022 report shows that Dallas is great for jobs.

**Best cities to land your first job**
Dallas area among the top U.S. regions to launch a career, according to LinkedIn 2021.

**No. 3 for tech professionals**
Dallas ranks among the best places nationwide for tech professionals in CompTIA Tech Town Index 2021.

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

**Dallas is America’s 4th most diverse city,**
according to WalletHub 2021.

**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 DFW 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.
**Application deadlines**

**NOVEMBER 1**
Early Decision I, Early Action

**JANUARY 15**
Early Decision II, Regular Decision

Students must submit electronically or postmark by these dates. SMU is extending the **temporary test-optional policy.** Fall 2023 and spring 2024 applicants to SMU **won't have to submit standardized test scores.** If students choose to report their scores, SMU accepts self-reported scores during the application process. If students submit unofficial scores and enroll at SMU, we will then ask them to send official score reports from testing agencies (ACT code: 4174; SAT code: 6660).

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**Admitted student profile of the Class of 2026**

**GPA MID-50%**
- Unweighted 4.0 Scale: 3.61–3.95

**SAT MID-50%**
- **highest sections**
  - 1600-Point Scale: 1370–1500

**ACT MID-50%**
- **highest composite**
  - 36-Point Scale: 31–34

**ADMITTED TEST-OPTIONAL**
- 49%

**Superscore**

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**The big picture**

**FIRST-YEAR STUDENTS**
- 38% From Texas
- 59% From other states
- 3% International

**FIRST-YEAR STUDENT**

**Geographic diversity**

- 42% Southwest
- 19% West
- 16% South
- 12% Northeast
- 8% Midwest
- 3% International

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**UNDERGRADUATE**

**Diversity**
- 15% Hispanic
- 6% International/Other
- 8% Asian
- 5% Black/African American
- 5% Multiracial
- 61% White, non-Hispanic

- 7,056 Enrolled undergraduate students
- 50 States/territories represented (including Texas)
- 60 Countries represented (excluding USA)

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**SMU BY THE NUMBERS**

**SMU among top 20%**

3 out of 4 first-year students receive scholarships and/or grants.

3 out of 5 first-year students awarded financial aid packages of more than $30,000.

**Average gift aid for first-year students is $35,050**
- money they don’t have to pay back.

71% without debt at the time of graduation.

**No. 31 worldwide for alumni employment**
- among 19,000+ institutions ranked by Center for World University Rankings 2022–23.

SMU alumni among the top 10% of highest-paid graduates
- in fine and studio arts, communication, media studies, English and social sciences. College Factual 2022.

94% off the market for Cox BBA Class of 2021 around the time of graduation, with an average starting salary of $73,000 per year.

90% placement for applied physiology and sport management grads (jobs or grad school).

**Top 15% for salaries in engineering**
- Lyle alumni are among the nation’s highest-earning engineering grads. College Factual 2021.