



THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS
AT ARLINGTON

JENNIFER COWLEY, Ph.D. PRESIDENT

Jennifer Cowley serves as The University of Texas at Arlington's 10th president, the first woman to hold this position. An Arlington native, Dr. Cowley brings a profound commitment to public service, academic excellence, and community engagement to the role.

Under Cowley's leadership, UTA continues to thrive as both a Carnegie R1 research institution and a Carnegie Opportunity University recognized for expanding access to higher education while achieving successful postgraduate outcomes. She is spearheading efforts to open the new UTA West campus in Parker County and west Fort Worth in 2028 and has introduced a strategic plan—*UTA 2030: Shared Dreams, Bright Future*—that's rooted in academic and research excellence, a persistent focus on student success, and strong partnerships across Texas.

She is a national leader in enhancing academic programming to improve postgraduate outcomes, chairs the Coalition of Urban Serving Universities board, and serves on the boards of both Campus Compact and Presidents Forum.

Cowley is a fellow of the American Institute of Certified Planners and the National Academy of Public Administrators. She holds a faculty appointment as professor of public affairs and planning in UTA's College of Architecture, Planning, and Public Affairs.

Before her appointment to UTA in 2022, Cowley served as provost and vice president for academic affairs at the University of North Texas and spent 16 years at The Ohio State University in various capacities, including vice provost for capital planning and regional campuses.

Cowley earned a Ph.D. in urban and regional science, a master's degree in urban planning, and a bachelor's degree in political science, all from Texas A&M University. Additionally, she holds master's degrees in public administration and interdisciplinary studies from the University of North Texas.

Cowley and her husband, Jon, live in Arlington and are proud parents to their son, Nathan.

