

WELCOME NEW FACULTY

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TOGETHER, WE THRIVE

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT ARLINGTON



Dear Colleagues,

I am delighted to welcome you to The University of Texas at Arlington! We are all invested in your success and look forward to witnessing how you will enhance the academic learning and discovery environment on campus.

This year, I am proud to share that we have launched our new strategic plan, UTA 2030: Shared Dreams, Bright Future. This plan is the culmination of our Maverick community's shared dreams and aspirations. On pages three and four you can read the goals we have outlined under each strategic theme area, and I invite you to learn more about the plan at uta.edu/UTA2030.

The goals we have set for UTA are ambitious and will take all of us working together to achieve them – and I am confident that we will. We have the passion and the programs that will empower our students to succeed and help them lead extraordinary lives. We owe it to ourselves, our students, and the state of Texas to strive for excellence.

As you join the ranks of UTA's outstanding faculty, I encourage you to remain aware of your incredible ability to change the lives of your students and make the world a better place. Whether it is through sharing your knowledge in the classroom, advancing your scholarly research, or producing creative works, you play a critical role in the progress of our campus, community, and society at large. As you become productive and successful scholars at your new academic home, please take advantage of all that UTA offers, from networking to interdisciplinary programs to collaborations with colleagues from across campus. Let me know if I can be of service to you, and welcome to The University of Texas at Arlington!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jennifer Cowley". The signature is fluid and cursive, written in a professional style.

JENNIFER COWLEY

President

Dear Colleagues:

On behalf of the entire academic community, I am thrilled to welcome you, our newest faculty members, to Maverick Country! We are incredibly fortunate to have you join our vibrant intellectual community.

It is an exciting time at UTA. Under President Cowley's leadership, we launched our new strategic plan, UTA 2030: Shared Dreams, Bright Future, providing a roadmap of exciting opportunities for our academic enterprise.

Under UTA 2030, we are increasing the number of research faculty, implementing new programs to support student success, health, and well-being, and further supporting new academic programs that address workforce demands.

You are joining a supportive and collaborative environment in which your colleagues are dedicated to your success and well-being. Don't hesitate to contact your department chair, dean, colleagues, Division of Faculty Success, or the Provost's Office with any questions or concerns. Our collective success will drive UTA to unparalleled heights.

We are confident that you will make significant contributions to our academic excellence and student learning.

We look forward to witnessing your achievements and fostering a dynamic learning environment together.

Sincerely,



TAMARA L. BROWN

Provost, Senior Vice President Academic Affairs





ALUMNI AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

The University of Texas at Arlington has launched its new strategic plan, UTA 2030, focusing on our shared dreams and bright future. Together we will realize our strategic plan, ensuring we accomplish big dreams together.

The University's future successes will be underpinned by the vitality of our renewed and future external relationships. We must foster positive alumni and community engagement, and extend and deepen our partnerships in the community.



PEOPLE AND CULTURE

At UTA, we are committed to creating a culture that celebrates and promotes inclusivity and values the unique contributions of each individual. We believe that a genuinely supportive environment is one where every person, from employees to students to our partners and beyond, feels a sense of belonging and is empowered to be their authentic selves.



STUDENT SUCCESS

UTA is committed to delivering exceptional experiences that lead to positive outcomes for our students. The University empowers students from all walks of life to succeed. Emphasizing enriched learning environments and best practices for academic innovation, UTA equips its graduates with the skills and knowledge necessary to navigate the ever-evolving demands of a rapidly changing world.



RESEARCH AND INNOVATION

UTA is an R-1 doctoral research university that fosters innovation, research, and entrepreneurship to drive societal progress. We are committed to fostering an environment of collaboration and excellence, propelling UTA to the forefront of discovery.



FINANCE AND INFRASTRUCTURE

As a University, we have created and continue to develop ambitious and forward-looking goals as part of our vision for the future. It's imperative to our success that we develop our resource strategies and align our infrastructure plans to achieve our university goals.



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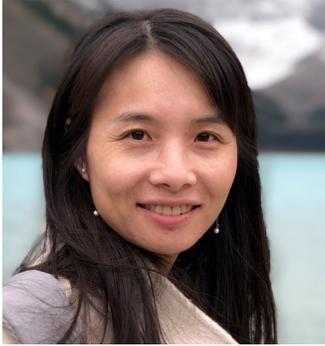
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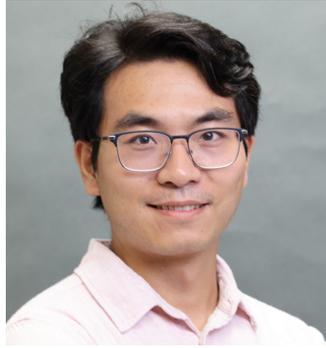
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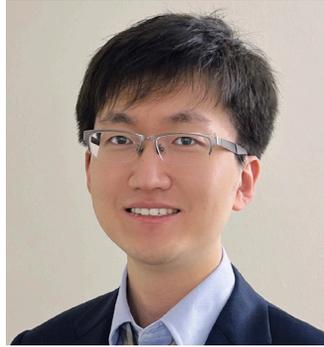
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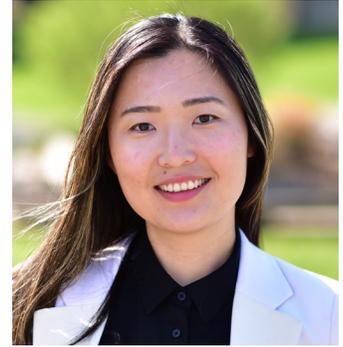
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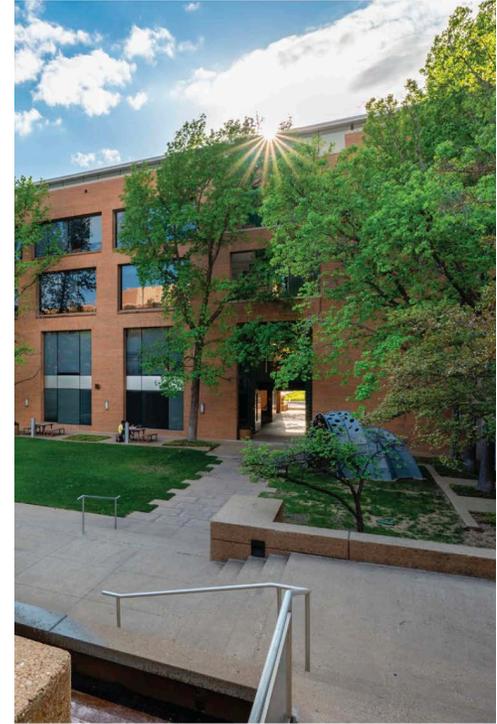
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