



TI Foundation's \$1.1M Grant to UNT Dallas Campus Establishes Scholarship Fund for Future Math and Science Educators

TI Math Scholars Program Aims to Add to the Diversity of Math Teachers in Dallas-Area School Districts

DALLAS (March 5, 2007) -- Underscoring its commitment to building tomorrow's workforce through higher education, the Texas Instruments Foundation has presented the University of North Texas Dallas Campus with a \$1.1 million grant to establish the TI Math Scholars program. The program's goal is to encourage more students, especially from underrepresented groups such as minorities and women, to seek bachelor's degrees in mathematics with math teacher certification. Students selected for this program must agree to teach in Dallas-area school districts for a minimum of two years upon graduation.

The TI Math Scholars program will provide a focused degree plan in mathematics with high-quality instruction combined with direct student support initiatives — such as mentoring, conferences, seminars and internship opportunities — that will provide an enhanced educational experience. Full tuition and fees plus a book allowance of \$500 per semester will be awarded to all full-time students enrolled in the program, which has a goal of 30 students for the 2007 fall semester.

“One of the most compelling aspects of the TI Math Scholars program is that it seeks to achieve student participation with a high degree of diversity,” said Dr. John Price, Vice Provost, UNT Dallas Campus. “Educational partnerships such as the one between the UNT Dallas Campus and Texas Instruments will be critical if we are to develop a diverse pool of qualified teachers in math, and also the sciences, technology and engineering. This program will enable students to encourage others to follow their lead by becoming math teachers in Dallas-area classrooms.”

To be eligible for consideration in the TI Math Scholars program, applicants must meet the minimum entrance and continuing academic performance standards of the UNT Dallas Campus and maintain full-time enrollment throughout their participation in the program. For the 2007-08 academic year, applicants must be juniors pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Mathematics with teacher certification. In the 2009-10 academic year, the program will be open to entering freshmen who commit to pursuing a mathematics degree and to earning their teaching certificates. The scholarship will continue to be awarded to a TI Math Scholar on a semester-by-semester basis and in successive years as long as the student continues in good standing in the program.

“We're delighted to be able to give this gift to the UNT Dallas Campus and to be a part of getting young people excited about their college educations,” said Rich Templeton, president and CEO, Texas Instruments. “We at TI have a real stake in increasing the interest in, and teaching of, math and science — not only at the university level, but from kindergarten to the 12th grade as well. The TI Math Scholars program at the UNT Dallas Campus will go a long way to stoking that interest and creating the math teachers of tomorrow.”

Building tomorrow's workforce through higher education has been a commitment of TI's for more than 60 years. TI works to develop partnerships and programs, contribute financial resources, offer expertise and donate equipment — all with the specific goal to make higher education — particularly education focused on engineering, math and science — better and more accessible. TI's efforts reach the top engineering university programs around the world. In the past ten years, TI and its foundation have made grants totaling more than \$75 million to colleges and universities.

The UNT Dallas Campus is dedicated to providing an exceptional and distinctive educational experience to residents of Dallas and the North Texas region. The Dallas Campus offers junior, senior and graduate-level courses leading to bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees. In January 2007, the UNT Dallas Campus opened for classes in a new facility at 7300 Houston School Road, north of I-20 and east of I-35E. The new building is the first of many planned for the 264-acre site that will become the University of North Texas Dallas — Dallas' first public university and the third institution in the UNT System.

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