

UTSA QEP Executive Summary

In this quality enhancement plan (QEP), the University of Texas San Antonio (UTSA) proposes a “Bold Careers” plan to develop students’ career readiness. This [Bold Careers](#) plan reflects a strategic and integrated approach to the development of undergraduate students’ marketable skills and career readiness through experiential learning. UTSA proposes this QEP to address gaps in the opportunities available to students, provide resources to faculty to lead and enhance experiential learning, and assist students in articulating the marketable skills gained from participating in experiential learning opportunities.

Specifically, internships, undergraduate research, and community engaged learning will be enhanced. This plan builds on the institution’s Classroom to Career Strategic Initiative that focuses on promoting career-engaged learning, expanding experiential learning on campus, and creating career-ready graduates.

To better serve students in the area of experiential learning, this QEP will focus on enhancing internships, undergraduate research, and community engaged learning opportunities. To move the needle on quality in these areas, UTSA will pursue the following three goals:

- **Goal #1 Expand experiential learning opportunities**
Develop an infrastructure to support a more diverse offering of experiential learning opportunities, including internships, undergraduate research, and community engaged learning.
- **Goal #2 Develop experiential learning culture**
Create a model of enhanced, strategic, and structured professional development to support faculty in developing experiential learning opportunities that intentionally address academic connections, career development, and transferability of knowledge and skills.
- **Goal #3 Provide support for students engaged in experiential learning**
Provide resources and services to help students understand and articulate the skills and knowledge they develop as they engage in experiential learning, thereby increasing their career readiness.

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