FINANCE
Graduates of the UTSA Ph.D. in Finance program have the practical knowledge and analytical skills to conduct research and teach at the highest level. Beginning with systematic, rigorous training in quantitative methods, economics, and finance, our students complete major research projects in their summer semesters, serve as research and teaching assistants, and write a doctoral dissertation.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS
The UTSA Ph.D. in Finance Program provides a comprehensive study in the areas of corporate finance, investments and asset pricing, and financial econometrics; and prepares graduates for careers as university professors, government researchers and industry experts.

- We seek to admit students with high intellectual capability, high motivation and the interest to pursue independent research projects.
- Students will have the opportunity to work closely with faculty members in small classes, seminars, research projects and other assignments aimed toward developing strong analytical skills and breadth of knowledge in finance to conduct independent quality research.
- The department emphasizes collaboration between faculty and doctoral students to produce high quality original research.
- Our students routinely publish academic papers prior to completing the program.

PROGRAM ACCOLADES
Finance doctoral students at UTSA work with exceptional faculty who are experts at the cutting edge of research in their areas of expertise and acclaimed for their scholarship, research, and mentorship.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

The Ph.D. program in Finance at UTSA begins with a systematic, rigorous training in quantitative methods, economics, and finance in the first two years.

- Students serve as research assistants to faculty and complete directed research projects in their summer papers.
- They are required to develop computer proficiency in data analysis using statistical packages and financial databases.
- Through hands-on experience as teaching assistants and independent instructors, students also gain important pedagogical experience in their third and fourth years.
- Finally, each student completes a doctoral dissertation that contributes substantial, original work to the field of finance.

ASSISTANTSHIPS

Applicants offered admission receive a financial assistantship of $25,000 per year. This assistantship consists of a 20-hour per week workload initially as a Graduate Research Assistant (GRA), and later as a Teaching Assistant (TA) once meeting the requirements for the course GBA 7103 Doctoral Teaching Seminar. This ten-week course is normally taken the first summer semester.

In addition to the financial assistantship, tuition and fees are fully paid and waived for full-time students.

Travel Stipends/Research Grants

The College of Business provides support for Ph.D. student travel (for example, to attend academic conferences) and generous grants to support research.

“The Ph.D. program at UTSA provided me with the training and opportunities needed to pursue a career in higher education. The faculty were fully invested in seeing me succeed in my coursework, teaching, and research. I had the chance to co-author papers with faculty and present findings at national conferences. If I had to do it all again, I would not hesitate to return to UTSA.”

~ Dr. Carl Larsson,
James Madison University