APPLICATION
Annual deadline:
FEBRUARY 1st
(early applications are strongly encouraged)

APPLY
to the UTSA Graduate School
(graduateschool.utsa.edu/admissions/graduate-application)

PAY
$50 non-refundable domestic application fee; $90 international application fee

SUBMIT
• Official transcripts of all undergraduate and graduate coursework completed
• Recent GRE score (in the last five years)
• Three recommendation letters
• Personal statement of academic interest and goals
• Resume
• TOEFL or IELTS (international students)

Visit graduate.utsa.edu for more information.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
Designed to prepare individuals for careers in research and/or industry, the program focuses on use of information systems, cyber security, and/or data analytics research methods to address challenging research problems in information systems, cyber security, and/or data analytics.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS
Program is full-time, with completion time averaging between four and five years.
• Admission is for highly motivated individuals, who want to work closely with world-class information systems and cyber security faculty members.
• The focus is on strong research and analytical skills competencies for conducting highest quality research.
• Annual stipend is $25,000, with opportunities for additional scholarships and fellowships. Grant funded PhD student stipends may be higher, depending on qualifications, type of work, and funding source. For example, for U.S. citizens only:
  • NSF CyberCorps(R) stipends ($34K/year plus tuition, books, fees, and healthcare covered)
  • DoD Information Assurance Scholarship ($32k/year plus tuition, book allowance $625/semester, fees, and healthcare covered, trip to a conference, and laptop)
  • NSF CREST Center for Security and Privacy Enabled Cloud Computing.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS
The coursework in the program must total at least 60 semester credit hours past the bachelor’s degree, exclusive of any leveling work required or enrollment doctoral dissertation hours.
• A Ph.D. student is required to enroll in 21 hours each calendar year with a minimum of 9 hours each fall and spring semester.
• Full-time students should expect to complete the program in four to five years (not including any leveling coursework that may be required).

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PROGRAM ACCOLADES
Ranked **#1** nationally, according to a national survey of certified information technology security professionals conducted by the Ponemon Institute for Hewlett-Packard, and **#2** ranked cybersecurity graduate program by universities.com (2016).

Strong relationships with national research labs such as PNNL and ORNL, and U.S. federal government agencies.

Placements include PhD granting institutions, such as Louisiana Tech University.

Our faculty consistently publishes in premier information systems journals, such as *MIS Quarterly*, *Information Systems Research*, and *Journal of Management Information Systems*, and premier cyber security and data analytics journals such as *IEEE Transactions on Dependable and Secure Computing*, *IEEE Transactions on Information Forensics and Security*, and *IEEE Transactions on Big Data*. Faculty publications are also listed as highly cited (top 1% in discipline) and hot (top 0.1% in discipline) on the Thomson Reuters (now known as Clarivate Analytics) Web of Science database.

SCHOLARSHIPS & ASSISTANTSHIPS
Assistantships are generally available to doctoral students in good academic standing for a period of four years.

- Assistantships pay $25,000 per year for half-time service (20 hours a week).
- Award of an assistantship allows the student to be classified as “in-state” and grants them a scholarship that covers tuition and fees for Ph.D. students on assistantship.
- The total typical package for admitted students ranges from $34,000 to $37,000 per academic year.

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**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.

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