In January 2020, the Michael & Susan Dell Foundation and The University of Texas at Austin began a historic new partnership to close the gap in college graduation rates across income levels. The two organizations teamed up to dramatically expand individualized support services for all Pell-eligible students at the university through the UT for Me – Powered by Dell Scholars Program.

While financial support is critical, closing the graduation rate gap requires more than financial support. The new UT for Me — Powered by Dell Scholars effort provides all Pell-eligible undergraduate students at UT Austin with ongoing and individualized support. The program is designed to level the playing field for students from low-income backgrounds.

**Who is eligible?**

- To qualify for the UT for Me – Powered by Dell Scholars program you must be an incoming Pell grant eligible* student who is attending The University of Texas at Austin as a first time freshman, beginning in the fall of 2020. **

- To qualify for the Dell Scholars at UT Austin program, you must be an incoming Pell grant eligible* student who is attending The University of Texas at Austin as a first time freshman, beginning in the fall of 2020**. You must also have a reported expected family contribution (“EFC”) of up to $1,000.

**Are the UT for Me and Dell Scholars at UT programs available at other campuses in the UT System?**

UT for Me – Powered by Dell Scholars and Dell Scholars at UT Austin are student support programs available only to qualified incoming students at the Austin, TX campus.

**What does the UT for Me – Powered by Dell Scholars program provide?**

UT for Me – Powered by Dell Scholars offers the following support:

- Personalized, multi-faceted support
- Financial aid coaching and financial literacy training
- Tutoring and textbook support
- A laptop computer
- Peer advising support
- Internship and career planning
- Connections to university resources and programming
- On-track graduation planning
- Guidance to maximize scholarship support funding

**Financial Assistance**

- Annual financial support of up to $5,000 annually (up to $20,000 for six years from initial enrollment) to address unmet need of total cost of attendance (this amount will be in addition to Texas Advance Commitment tuition coverage, for eligible Texas students).

* as defined by Pell grant status

** including students who completed dual credit courses while in high school
If I am a Dell Scholar at UT Austin, when will I be notified of my scholarship award?

Dell Scholars at UT Austin will be notified of their Scholarship support funding beginning in March as part of their initial UT Austin financial aid notice (FAN).

• For students receiving external scholarships, financial aid packages may vary such that those students may not need/may not be eligible for the full amount of their Scholarship support each semester, based on federal financial aid guidelines.

• Dell Scholars at UT Austin will have flexible access to their Scholarship support up to the full amount over the course of their college career at UT Austin, to be managed and awarded by UT Austin in line with federal financial aid guidelines.

What is the amount of the scholarship award for Dell Scholars at UT Austin?

Annual financial support of up to $5,000 annually (up to $20,000 for six years from initial enrollment) to address unmet need of total cost of attendance (this amount will be in addition to Texas Advance Commitment tuition coverage, for eligible Texas students).

How does the Dell Scholars at UT Austin scholarship award affect my other aid, such as Texas Advance Commitment?

The Dell Scholars at UT Austin award amount will be in addition to Texas Advance Commitment tuition coverage, for eligible Texas students.

If I transfer into UT Austin will I be eligible for UT for Me or Dell Scholars at UT Austin?

UT for Me – Powered by Dell Scholars and/or Dell Scholars at UT Austin does not support incoming transfer Pell or other students. These programs only support incoming, first-time-in-college Pell-eligible students.

Note that this transfer policy also applies to a Dell Scholar in the Dell Foundation’s traditional Dell Scholars program. If a Dell Foundation Dell Scholar begins his/her college journey at a college other than UT Austin and then transfers to UT Austin at any time in his/her college career, that student will stay in the Dell Foundation’s traditional Dell Scholar program.

What if I have already been accepted as a Dell Scholar and am currently attending or will be attending UT Austin?

Incoming UT Austin Dell Scholars already accepted into the traditional Dell Scholars program that enrolls in UT Austin will receive Scholarship support through the Dell Scholars at UT Austin program*. This support will be provided in lieu of the Dell Foundation’s traditional Dell Scholars program scholarship support, regardless of the student’s EFC or whether they qualify for Texas Advance Commitment.

Any student named a Dell Scholar prior to March 2020 (via the Dell Foundation’s traditional program) will continue to be supported through the Dell Foundation.

• Note that those students receiving Scholarship support through the UT Austin program will then be referred to as “Dell Scholars at UT Austin”.

What is the mission statement for the partnership between The University of Texas at Austin and the Michael and Susan Dell Foundation?

The mission of this public-private partnership is to raise six-year graduation rates for Pell-eligible students at UT Austin from 73% to 90%.

For how long will the UT for Me-Powered by Dell Scholars program continue?

This 10 year commitment covering academic and other support will begin in the fall of the academic year 2020-2021.

Where do I go if I have questions?

Please email UTforme@austin.utexas.edu with questions regarding the UT for Me – Powered by Dell Scholars and/or the Dell Scholars program.

* acceptance letters are sent out in March of a student’s senior year of high school

For more information, please visit UTforMe.utexas.edu.