be a PIONEER
FIRST-YEAR STUDENTS

TEXAS WOMAN’S UNIVERSITY
www.twu.edu
“I chose TWU because it was close to home, inexpensive and has a family-like atmosphere. TWU makes me feel comfortable, safe and part of the community, which makes it a phenomenal university to attend. I also know that I am getting an excellent education that will help prepare me for my future career.”

Say the word “Pioneer,” and most people think of early settlers who made their way through the rugged frontier, moving forward to discover new territories and build a better life for themselves and their families. Today’s pioneers still set out to explore new territory, whether they’re the first in their family to go to college, conducting research that could lead to a cure for diseases, or looking for ways to make the world a better place.

**THE MODERN PIONEER** You set your own path. Follow your own dreams. TWU can help you on your journey. We’ve been where you are. We’re Pioneers, too!

**THE PIONEER WOMAN** Minerva, as she is affectionately known by TWU students, was unveiled in 1938 in honor of the Texas Centennial. The statue pays tribute to the spirit of the pioneer women of Texas.
Your **INVESTMENT**

Although TWU has the look and feel of a private university, it is a public institution, making tuition and fees more affordable. In fact, TWU is the most affordable public university in the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex for total cost. We’re committed to keeping education accessible.

**SCHOLARSHIPS** TWU offers more than $10 million in scholarships annually, including many just for first-year students. Most students are able to maintain their scholarship for up to four years.

Apply for scholarships by going to www.twu.edu/scholarships and clicking on the “Apply Now” icon. Submit your online TWU scholarship application before **March 15, 2016**. After the March 15 deadline, you may still apply for federal and state financial aid only.

**FINANCIAL AID** Many options are available for first-year students, including grants, loans and part-time campus jobs. Find out more at www.twu.edu/finaid and follow the steps to apply at www.twu.edu/finaid/steps

**THREE REASONS TO CHOOSE TWU**

**#1** Nation’s **largest public university** primarily for women

**#2** TWU is ranked #2 among 38 Texas public universities in salaries for baccalaureate graduates. The median first-year earnings of TWU graduates are **almost 20% higher** than the Texas state average.

Source: 2013 CollegeMeasures.org

**#3** TWU has the **fifth lowest college costs** among 38 Texas public universities according to College for all Texans.

*Total annual cost (tuition, fees, room/board, books, supplies, transportation & other)

To find your cost, go to www.twu.edu/netpricecalculator

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**Scholarships**

- **Chancellor’s Endowed**
- **Presidential** (valedictorians/salutatorians)
- **Terry Scholar**
- **Honors Scholar**
- **First-Year Student**
- **Reich**
- **General Academic**

**Tuition, fees and stipend**

**Tuition, fees, room and board, books and supplies**

$5,500

$1,200 – $3,000

$1,500

$1,000

*Renewable

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**Undergraduate Budget**

Based on living on campus and taking 15 credit hours in the fall and spring

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Add $11,700 for out-of-state tuition

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**Deadlines**

**Scholarship Deadlines**

- March 15, 2016 Fall Semester
- November 1, 2016 Spring 2017 Semester

**Financial Aid Priority Deadlines**

- March 15, 2016 Fall Semester
- September 1, 2016 Spring 2017 Semester

Separate applications for scholarships and financial aid are required

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**Genesis Trigueros**
**Interdisciplinary Studies** (Teacher Education)

“TWU is one of the most affordable colleges in Texas, which as a first-generation college student is important to me and my family. I also appreciate how the professors and staff are so supportive and help me with any questions I may have. Choosing TWU is the best decision I ever made.”

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**Genesis uses TWU’s innovative and interactive TeachLivETM lab.**
Today’s Pioneers can explore new frontiers and experience other cultures through TWU’s Education Abroad Programs, including faculty-led study tours and our worldwide affiliated partner programs. TWU prepares students to be global citizens with the knowledge, skills and abilities to excel in learning, living and working in a diverse and complex society. www.twu.edu/education-abroad

HARLAXTON COLLEGE TWU’s education abroad program at Harlaxton College in England offers a strong blend of high-quality academic programs and cultural opportunities in a beautiful setting. Any student currently enrolled in an undergraduate degree program may apply. www.twu.edu/harlaxton

WORLDWIDE OPTIONS TWU is affiliated with three providers that specialize in education abroad programs around the globe. These programs are offered throughout the year in multiple locations and feature studies for multiple disciplines. www.twu.edu/worldwide-options

GLOBAL AWARENESS You don’t have to leave campus to explore new worlds. TWU’s Global Connections initiative brings international experiences to Denton through lectures, public affairs forums and cultural events. TWU also offers the option of a Global Studies Minor or an Ethnic Studies Minor. www.twu.edu/global

In addition to short-term travel seminars to France, Ireland, Italy, Greece and other European destinations, Honors Scholars have studied for a semester or longer in China, Argentina, Spain, South Korea, the United Kingdom and more.

HONORS SCHOLARS TWU’s Honors Scholar Program gives first-year students the opportunity to take their education to a higher level through honors coursework and leadership and cultural opportunities. Each year, Honors Scholars travel overseas to study the art, history and culture of other countries. www.twu.edu/honors

Simone Edwards Nursing “I love TWU’s open and friendly environment and the small class sizes. As an Honors Scholar, I get to take Honors classes, where the professors are amazing and provide great learning opportunities for each student. Being an Honors Scholar is such an informative, exciting and memorable experience.”

TWU Honors Scholars

› Each year, honors students present research and creative works at national and regional honors conferences in such cities as Boston, Philadelphia, Denver and New Orleans.
› Seventy percent of honors students travel or study abroad through a TWU-affiliated program before graduating.
› In recent years, more than half of all Honors Scholars have graduated without ANY student loan debt.
› Honors Scholars have established a strong track record of placement in graduate and professional schools such as Rice, SMU, USC, George Washington University, Duke, the Sorbonne and other prestigious programs.
Specialized programs at TWU can help you chart your course to a successful career. Whether you’re conducting research, performing on stage, running a business or taking care of others, TWU academic programs are the tools you need to build the career that’s right for you.

**PROGRAMS** TWU offers 59 undergraduate degrees, including the only undergraduate degree program in culinary science and food service management in Texas. The quality of TWU programs shows in a 91-percent pass rate on the NCLEX nursing license exam and a typical 96-percent pass rate on state teacher certification exams.

**ACREDITATION** In addition to the university’s accreditation by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, specialized accreditations from state, regional and/or national professional associations and boards speaks to the quality of TWU’s academic programs.
www.twu.edu/accreditations

**ACADEMIC EXTRAS** Whether it’s drama students performing in an Off-Broadway play or on a European stage, music students singing at Carnegie Hall or individual students presenting their research at international or national conferences or winning prestigious awards, TWU’s academic reputation leads the way.

*Ibid: A Student History Journal* — published by the TWU chapter of the Phi Alpha Theta National History Honor Society — recently received the Gerald Nash History Journal Prize, which is considered the preeminent national award for student history journals. Shown with adviser Dr. Jacob Blosser, center, are Ibid’s student editors Aubri Thurmond, left, Amanda Roberts and Kaitlyn Waynen.

**Enrollment by Colleges**

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Sidrah Khan
Bachelor of Science in Biology, 2015
With a minor in Chemistry/Biochemistry
Pursuing a Master of Science in Chemistry at TWU

“Doing research as an undergrad gave me an advantage in applying to graduate school, because I have years of practical research experience. Presenting research both internally and externally has enhanced my speaking and critical thinking skills.”

Sidrah Khan, left, and Assistant Professor Dr. Naznin Mirsaleh-Kohan (chemistry and biochemistry) perform research on the interaction of anticancer drugs with DNA.
**ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS**

- Assured Admissions: ranked in top 25% from a regionally accredited high school in Texas
- Regular Admissions: ranked in top 50%, with a 1000 SAT (Critical Reading & Math) or 21 ACT
- Individual Review: applicants who do not meet Assured/Regular requirements are reviewed individually by an Admissions Review Committee

Texas Education Code (TEC) 51.803-51.809, requires that students meet the college readiness standard in order to be considered for admission to a Texas four-year public institution.

**TO APPLY SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING:**

- ApplyTexas application, www.applytexas.org
- Application fee of $50 ($75 for international applicants)
- Official high school transcript
- Official SAT or ACT test scores
- Copy of PR card (permanent residents only)

**SEND ADMISSIONS APPLICATION TO:**

TWU Office of Admissions Processing  
P.O. Box 425649  
Denton, Texas 76204  
www.twu.edu/firstyear-students

Apply for financial aid and scholarships by March 15, 2016  
www.twu.edu/financialaid

**Visit TWU**

Explore your educational opportunities at TWU. One first-year student will win a $1,000 award at each Denton event.

Students must be eligible for admission to TWU to claim $1,000 awards. Awards must be applied to Fall 2016 tuition and fees at TWU. Students must enroll full-time.

**DENTON EVENTS**

Scholars Preview Day is designed for students who are ranked in the top 10 percent of their class or have obtained an SAT of 1060 (critical reading and math) or an ACT 23 composite.

- October 12, 2015

**TWU Pioneer Preview Days**

- November 21, 2015  
- January 30, 2016  
- February 27, 2016  
- June 11, 2016

Pioneer Preview Day sessions available in English and Spanish  
Pioneer Preview Day sesiones disponibles en inglés y español

**VISIT EVENTS INCLUDE:**

- Information sessions on admissions, financial aid, housing and student life
- Student panel discussions
- An academic preview with faculty members
- Campus tour and residence hall viewing
- Student life and services information fair

**CAN’T MAKE IT TO A VISIT EVENT?**

If scheduled visit events don’t work for you, call the Office of Admissions in Denton for a campus visit. Schedule a campus tour at 10 a.m. or 2 p.m. Monday-Friday (late August to mid-May) or at 10 a.m. during the summer. Selected Saturday visits also are available.

**REGISTER TO VISIT**

- www.twu.edu/visit  
- campusvisit@twu.edu  
- 1-866-809-6130 or 940-898-3188

**Why TWU?**

1. Quality academic programs
2. Affordable tuition
3. Scholarships just for first-year students
4. Our graduates get jobs that pay well
5. Classroom technology mirrors the workplace
6. Opportunities to conduct undergraduate research
7. Hands-on, real world experience
8. Diverse student body
9. Study abroad opportunities
10. Beautiful and safe campus

**Kofi Cheremateng**

Kinesiology

“I applied to TWU with only three days left before the scholarship deadline. I was freaking out, but the staff were very helpful in calming me and helping me through the process, for which I am so thankful. TWU has the most welcoming atmosphere that I’ve ever experienced, and the spirit of the university is one of tremendous student support.”
TWU’s Denton campus is everything you want a campus to be — safe, beautiful, smoke-free, with all the conveniences, like computer labs, walking/jogging trails, food service, a library and a bookstore.

**FITNESS** TWU’s Fitness and Recreation Center features weights and cardio machines, a climbing wall, basketball and sand volleyball courts and more. Fitness and recreation facilities and most programs are free to TWU students with a valid student ID. [www.twu.edu/fitandrec](http://www.twu.edu/fitandrec)

**OUTDOOR ADVENTURE PROGRAM** Part of the TWU Fitness and Recreation Center, the Outdoor Adventure Program provides low-cost trips, equipment rentals and travel resources. Overnight and day trips, which are open only to current TWU students, have included whitewater rafting in Colorado and snorkeling in Hawaii. Staying closer to home? The Outdoor Adventure Center offers equipment rentals including kayaks, tents, bikes and more. [www.twu.edu/outdoor-adventure](http://www.twu.edu/outdoor-adventure)

**STUDENT UNION** Grab a bite to eat or a cup of coffee, hang out with friends, check out the TWU game room, buy your books or a TWU T-shirt, or get involved in the many events the Student Union sponsors throughout the year. [www.twu.edu/student-union](http://www.twu.edu/student-union)

**CAMPUS ACTIVITIES BOARD** The CAB sponsors events and activities for students, including movies, concerts, guest speakers (like Lisa Ling) and other fun events like Taco Tuesday, Spring Fling, "TWU’s Got Talent" and more. Get involved with CAB and help plan campus events! [www.twu.edu/activities-board](http://www.twu.edu/activities-board)

**TWU Pioneer Athletics**
- Basketball
- Gymnastics
- Soccer
- Softball
- Volleyball
[www.twuathletics.com](http://www.twuathletics.com)

**Get Involved**
**A sampling of student organizations**
- Student Government Association (SGA)
- G-Force
- Helping Hands Service Ambassadors
- Association of Texas Professional Educators
- Greek Organizations
- Golden Key International Honor Society
- Cru (formerly Campus Crusade for Christ)
- Project REV
[www.twu.edu/student-organizations](http://www.twu.edu/student-organizations)

**Things to do at TWU**
Campus organizations sponsor dances, movies and other special events. Most are free to students.

Get in on the fun with block parties, Spring Fling, Zombie Laser Tag and more!

Journalist Lisa Ling.

Student Government Association President Rebecca Montoya, center, enjoys the campus with Ryan Wilson, left, and Mariela Pozos.
TeachLive™ TWU became a pioneer in teacher education when the first TeachLive™ lab in Texas came to the university in 2014. The interactive computer-simulated classroom uses “student” avatars controlled by human trainers. TWU students can practice their teaching skills before setting foot in the classroom!

www.twu.edu/teachlive

RESEARCH Many universities limit research opportunities for first-year students. TWU professors who are pioneers in their fields offer their students practical research experience in a variety of disciplines, and help them present their findings at prestigious international and national conferences. Our undergraduates are working scientists and researchers.

ALTERNATIVE BREAKS Impact the lives of those around you or assist areas in need by participating in an alternative weekend or spring break trip. Past activities have addressed poverty, illiteracy, homelessness and community rebuilding efforts.

www.twu.edu/alternative-breaks

THE PIONEER CENTER FOR STUDENT EXCELLENCE Early settlers banded together to achieve a goal. So do we. TWU’s Pioneer Center for Student Excellence is a “one-stop shop” for student success. The center offers academic coaching for students who want to improve time management, test-taking and other skills; advising; tutoring and more.

www.twu.edu/pioneer-center

INTERNSHIPS Real-life workplace training adds experience to your degree. You also can establish contacts and start networking for your after-college career. The Pioneer Center for Student Excellence provides information on internships, job shadowing and more. We’ll help you get connected!

www.twu.edu/internships

Alexandra Cook
Bachelor of Business Administration, 2015
Interned with United Way of Denton County

“I visited the Pioneer Center website, which had several internships listed. I loved working at United Way, because I was able to combine my love of helping people with my business education. Now, I have impressive work experience and references on my résumé that will help me start my career.”

CREATIVE ARTS AND RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM TWU’s annual Student Creative Arts and Research Symposium offers opportunities for undergraduate and graduate students to present their research or visual arts activities, build professional skills and learn about the scholarship of your peers. www.twu.edu/research-symposium

Student artists and scholars present research on subjects ranging from technology to nutrition, history, the environment and the conceptual and physical process of creating art during the annual Student Creative Arts and Research Symposium.
TWU’s main campus is located in Denton. Just 40 miles north of the vibrant Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex, Denton has a style all its own!

**DENTON** The city’s historic Courthouse Square, live music scene – including the Arts and Jazz Festival and 35 Denton, a four-day walkable music festival – along with arts, parks and unique restaurants combine to make Denton a fun, vibrant city! For a quick tour of the TWU Denton campus and the city itself – led by TWU Chancellor and President Carine M. Feyten – visit www.twu.edu/denton-tour

**TRANSPORTATION AROUND DENTON**
The A-Train, the Denton County Transportation Authority’s (DCTA) commuter rail line in Denton County, is a convenient way to connect to the train in Dallas for fun trips. The DCTA’s Connect bus makes it easy to get around Denton.
www.dcta.net

**HOUSING** Studies have shown that students who live on campus feel more a part of the university community – plus, they do better academically and are more likely to graduate! That’s why TWU requires most first-year students and sophomores to live on campus. Our residence halls offer an environment that lets you interact with other students from different backgrounds and participate in activities inside and outside the halls. www.twu.edu/housing

**OUR LIVING/LEARNING COMMUNITIES** Neighbors Educated Together (NET), First Year Connections (FYC), the Sophomore Year Community (SYC) and the Arts Community offer special opportunities for learning and academic support in a community of friends. Students in each community live on special residence hall floors and attend classes together (NET) or participate in group activities outside the classroom.
www.twu.edu/living-learning-communities

**Our LOCATION**

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1  **DENTON**
   TWU Main Campus

2  **DALLAS**
   TWU T. Boone Pickens Institute of Health Sciences-Dallas Center

3  **HOUSTON**
   TWU Institute of Health Sciences-Houston Center

All first-year students attend the Denton campus

Megan Buhr
Dental Hygiene
“I am getting an amazing cultural experience being in Denton. I enjoy the artsy feel of the city and appreciate all of the coffee shops available for studying and hanging out. The city square is beautiful both during the day and at night. Denton is a very diverse and fun city for a college student.”
Parents will play a key role in their student’s success in college. At TWU, we encourage parental involvement through Parent and Family Orientation sessions, Family Day and other events that provide fun activities for the entire family.

**FACULTY** Classes at TWU are taught by faculty who know their students’ names. A student-faculty ratio of 17:1 provides the opportunity for one-on-one attention that helps students thrive in the classroom. At TWU, students aren’t just a number. Faculty care about student success.

**CAMPUS SAFETY** TWU is rated as one of the safest university campuses in the nation. The TWU Department of Public Safety provides on-campus escorts and other security services. The Pioneer Alert system notifies students, faculty and staff in the event of an emergency on campus.

www.twu.edu/dps

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Cindy Chavez, Parent of Hallie Hornbuckle, Nursing

“As a single mother, I feel blessed that my girl is attending one of the most prestigious nursing programs in the nation. I will miss Hallie so much, but I know that I am leaving her with faculty and staff that will support her and ensure she is successful in achieving her dream.”
Texas Woman’s University strives to create and actively promote a welcoming and supportive environment in order to recruit, hire, retain and support a culturally diverse faculty and staff and student body. TWU provides an environment of nondiscrimination and affirmative action for everyone. As a part of the Texas Woman’s University’s program for equal opportunity, the policy statement on nondiscrimination is as follows.

In compliance with the Equal Pay Act of 1963, as amended; Title VI and VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended; the Equal Employment Opportunity Act of 1972; the Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967, as amended; the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, as amended; Title IX of the Education Amendments Act of 1972, as amended; Sections 503 and 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973; the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended; the Vietnam Era Veteran’s Readjustment Assistance Act of 1974; the Civil Rights Act of 1991, as amended; the Worker Adjustment and Retraining Notification Act of 1988; Equal Rights under the Law, 42 U.S.C. §1981; State of Texas Anti-Discrimination Laws, and federal, state and local human rights, fair employment and other laws; the University does not discriminate against any person on the basis of race, age, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, national or ethnic origin, veteran’s status, or against qualified individuals with disabilities.

This Statement forms a baseline from which the TWU community works to assure fairness and equity to all who pursue their educational and professional goals at this University. Retaliation against individuals who in good faith, file a claim of discrimination or otherwise oppose discriminatory actions or practices will not be tolerated.