In 2004, UT Dallas established its Cybersecurity Research and Education Institute (CSI) with the mission to be a national resource for government, industry, and academia by conducting interdisciplinary research and providing comprehensive education in cybersecurity and training students with the capability to carry out cyber operations. Today, CSI houses ten core and over a dozen affiliated faculty members conducting funded research and supervising over 40 Ph.D. students in cybersecurity. UT Dallas has been designated as a Center of Academic Excellence in Cyber Defense Education (CAE-CDE) since 2004. The curriculum requirements of this program are mapped to several graduate courses in Computer Science (CS), and students fulfilling these requirements are awarded graduate certificate. The CAE designation has enabled UT Dallas to compete in NSA and NSF scholarship programs, which have graduated over 50 domestic students and placed them into government jobs. The designation also enabled us to receive competitive NSA research funding.

The CS Department at UT Dallas is one of the largest in the nation, with more than 5000 students. With a focus on academic and research excellence, the Department has gained national prominence in fields such as cybersecurity, artificial intelligence and natural language processing, software engineering, machine learning, and data science. The Department places a high priority on establishing and maintaining innovative research programs that enhance education quality and make the Department a vital regional, national, and international resource for discovering, integrating, and applying new knowledge and computing technologies.

UT Dallas is situated in a large urban area that is home to many high-tech companies, making it an essential component of the entrepreneurial ecosystem. Our undergraduate students consistently qualify for the International Collegiate Programming Contest North America competition and have advanced to the world finals in the past two years. Our graduate students are sought after by top computing technology companies, such as Amazon, Google, Microsoft, and Apple. Our Ph.D. graduates are highly regarded and hired by industry and academia, with one past Ph.D. graduate receiving the prestigious Presidential Early Career Award for Scientists and Engineers. Our faculty excel in externally funded research and have won many recognitions, from best paper awards at top conferences to test of time awards to being named IEEE and ACM Fellows. Our tenure track faculty includes sixteen NSF Faculty Early Career Development Program award winners.