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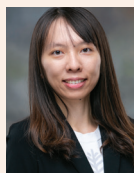
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*The UT Health San Antonio Department of Occupational Therapy faculty are excited you are here in our beautiful city.*



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UT Health San Antonio has a 40-year history of program excellence. Our focus on education, research, community partnerships, and clinical and professional service provides an environment for students to flourish as future leaders in our profession.



San Antonio has a rich, cultural heritage that creates a unique atmosphere enjoyed by visitors and residents alike. History is intertwined with contemporary growth, and both are evident in the events, art, architecture, music and cuisine of the city. What would become the city of San Antonio was founded near the headwaters of the San Antonio River in 1718 as Mission San Antonio de Valero. Sixteen families from the Canary Islands settled in 1731 near the mission and established what is recognized as the first municipal government of the city. Today San Antonio is the seventh largest city in the US with a diverse economy driven by health care and biotechnology, aerospace, information technology, cybersecurity and new energy industries.

## *Sights to see*

San Antonio has many sights to see while you are here. We have listed activities that are downtown or a quick ride from the convention center area. Websites are provided so you can check location and hours.

Historic Market Square  
[www.marketsquaresa.com/](http://www.marketsquaresa.com/)

Narrated River Cruise on the Riverwalk [www.goriocruses.com/](http://www.goriocruses.com/)

The Alamo [www.thealamo.org/](http://www.thealamo.org/)

The Historic Pearl  
[www.atpearl.com/](http://www.atpearl.com/)

San Fernando Cathedral  
[www.sfcathedral.org/](http://www.sfcathedral.org/)

The Saga at San Fernando Cathedral  
[www.mainplaza.org/san-antonio-the-saga/](http://www.mainplaza.org/san-antonio-the-saga/)

San Antonio Botanical Gardens  
[www.sabot.org/](http://www.sabot.org/)

San Antonio Historical Missions,  
UNESCO World Heritage Site  
[www.nps.gov/saan/index.htm](http://www.nps.gov/saan/index.htm)

Pearl Weekend Markets – Saturday  
and Sunday [www.atpearl.com/weekend-market/](http://www.atpearl.com/weekend-market/)

First Friday Artwalk in Southtown  
Friday, April 1 [southtownsatx.com/first-friday/](http://southtownsatx.com/first-friday/)



# *Fiesta*

Fiesta San Antonio began in 1890 to commemorate the battles of the Alamo and San Jacinto that were pivotal in Texas independence. The first Fiesta was marked with a parade with horse-drawn carriages and bicycles decorated with fresh flowers. Participants gathered on the grounds of the Alamo to toss flowers at each other, and the event became known as the Battle of Flowers. The contemporary Fiesta celebration is a city-wide, 10-day celebration of the many cultures of San Antonio through events, food, sports and parades. All events are hosted by non-profit organizations with proceeds supporting their missions.

The colors of fiesta are bold and bright, and fiesta décor will be on display throughout the city during the 10-day event. Fiesta San Antonio 2022 is March 31–April 10, so you may want to go to a few events while you are visiting. For a detailed calendar of Fiesta events, visit [www.fiestasanantonio.org](http://www.fiestasanantonio.org).



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