



**THE UNIVERSITY
OF TEXAS AT DALLAS**

UTD Theta Tau Alpha

Candidate Chapter Petition

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Petition Certification Letter

We, the members of the University of Texas at Dallas Alpha hereby petition the Theta Tau Professional Engineering Fraternity for certification as a candidate chapter. We, the undersigned, are all eligible for Theta Tau membership and have no affiliation with any organization considered competitive with Theta Tau.

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Harish Mallik
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Nanya

Pranav

Seetha

Pranjit

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Yashwanth

Vishal

Arjun

T.S. Ramesh

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Chaitanya

Anshu

Pranav

Rohit

Sneha

Pranav

Interest Letter

Mr. Jim Gaffney, Executive Director
Theta Tau Professional Engineering Fraternity
2131 W. Republic Road #528
Springfield, MO 65807

Dear Mr. Gaffney:

The University of Texas at Dallas Theta Tau Interest Group Local Fraternity is pleased to present to your petition for candidate chapter status. Our members have already dedicated so much time, effort, and creativity to the founding of this local interest group, and we believe we are now ready to progress to the next level of involvement.

Over the course of this interest group's establishment, we have inducted approximately 30 members, of which 11 are in executive positions. We have established four standing internal committees, five medium to large-scale projects, and spoken of collaboration projects with more than three large on-campus organizations. The committees are made up of members and executives and have allowed us to delegate tasks efficiently based on our members' expertise. The projects are a medium for us to share knowledge of our different skill sets while also gaining new ones. The collaboration efforts have increased our outreach on and off campus. In a matter of months, we have amassed a number of members that many organizations do not get the pleasure of accommodating until much later in their maturity cycle.

As an organization, we will continue to grow and improve ourselves in the years to come. We are excited to expand our professional resources, mentorship opportunities, and acts of service with our newly assembled body of active and engaged brothers. With the additional resources and brotherhood of Theta Tau available to us, we believe in even further development as a chapter and an exponential growth of our reach within our community. Our main focus is to recruit underrepresented minorities, as we feel within the engineering community they are heavily overlooked. In a sense we want to build an inclusive environment to progress the fraternity further on.

As the founding members of the UTD Theta Tau Interest Group, we are immensely grateful to be able to share with you our Candidate Chapter Petition. We are confident the following petition will demonstrate our potential contribution to Theta Tau, and we eagerly await the opportunity to become a part of your organization.

Sincerely,
The Executive Board of UTD Theta Tau Alpha

Theta Tau UTD Interest Group Members

<p>Name: Manas Singh Hometown: Houston, Texas Major: Computer Science & Software Engineering Graduation: May 2025 GPA: 3.6 Activities: NRHH President</p>
<p>Name: Adithya Chintala Hometown: Frisco, TX Major: Computer Science Graduation: May 2025 GPA: 3.97 Activities: Acm, nebula labs</p>
<p>Name: Yash Narsian Hometown: Dallas Major: Biomedical Engineering Graduation: May 2025 GPA: 3.99 Activities: CPR in Education Chair - Global CPR</p>
<p>Name: Nihanth Attaluri Hometown: Austin Major: Computer Science Graduation: May 2025 GPA: 3.6 Activities: ACM</p>
<p>Name: Manish Malik Hometown: Murphy, Texas Major: Computer Science Graduation: May 2024 GPA: 3.97 Activities: None</p>
<p>Name: Thejaswin Kumaran Hometown: Frisco, Texas Major: Computer Science Graduation: May 2026 GPA: 3.1 Activities: ACM Research, EPICS</p>
<p>Name: Nandan Pabolu Hometown: Frisco, Tx Major: Computer Science Graduation: May 2026 GPA: 3.2 Activities: None</p>

Name: Suhas Shivaraju
Hometown: Frisco
Major: Computer Science
Graduation: 2026
GPA: 3.7
Activities: Dallas Formula Racing, ACM, AIS

Name: Nehith Gopireddy
Hometown: Frisco
Major: Computer Science
Graduation: May 2025
GPA: 3.945
Activities: None

Name: Syam Konala
Hometown: Frisco
Major: Biomedical Engineering
Graduation: May 2026
GPA: 3.6
Activities: BMEN Club

Name: Rujvi Doppalapudi
Hometown: Austin Texas
Major: Computer Science
Graduation: May 2025
GPA: 3.2
Activities: Big data club member

Name: Sathvik Kesireddy
Hometown: Plano, Texas
Major: Computer Science and CIS
Graduation: December 2024
GPA: 3.7
Activities: None

Name: Ozair Kamran
Hometown: Dallas, Texas
Major: Computer Science
Graduation: May 2026
GPA: 3.0
Activities: Programmer for RoboSub

Name: Arihant Sreenivasa
Hometown: Frisco
Major: Computer Science
Graduation: 05/26
GPA: 3.6
Activities: ACM

Name: Peyton Barre
Hometown: Frisco

Major: Computer Science
Graduation: 05/26
GPA: 3.6
Activities: ACM

Name: Siddharth Sharma
Hometown: Frisco
Major: Biomedical Engineering
Graduation: May 2026
GPA: 3.6
Activities: None

Name: Navya Vadlamudi
Hometown: Frisco, Texas
Major: Computer Science
Graduation: May 2025
GPA: 3.5
Activities: Eye Level Learning Special Ed Teacher, MEDENG UTD member, Girls Who Code member

Name: Suhas Shivaraju
Hometown: Frisco
Major: Computer Science
Graduation: May 2026
GPA: 3.73
Activities: Dallas Formula Racing, ACM, AIS

Name: Aryaman Dashora
Hometown: Dublin, Ohio
Major: Computer Science
Graduation: May 2026
GPA: 3.2
Activities: None

Name: Ritvik Thota
Hometown: Frisco, Texas
Major: Computer Science
Graduation: May 2026
GPA: 3.368
Activities: BPA, Fintech, Nebula Labs

Name: Aditya Louis Devas
Hometown: Las Vegas, NV
Major: Computer Science
Graduation: Dec 2025
GPA: 3.1
Activities: Radio UTD, Strings Attached, Nepali Student Association

Name: Rahul Karthik
Hometown: Dallas, TX
Major: Computer Science

Graduation: Dec 2025
GPA: 3.1
Activities: None

Name: Sai Haneesh Tummalapalli
Hometown: Holly Springs
Major: Computer Science
Graduation: May 2026
GPA: 3.9
Activities: Webmaster for Investment Management Club, Member of ACM, Developer for Nova

Name: Cody Kerr
Hometown: Allen, Texas
Major: Computer Science
Graduation: May 2026
GPA: 3.8
Activities: ACM, Fintech

Name: Aryan Punjabi
Hometown: Frisco, Texas
Major: Computer Science
Graduation: May 2025
GPA: 3.4
Activities: None

Name: Snehal Mazumder
Hometown: Frisco, Texas
Major: Biomedical Engineering
Graduation: May 2025
GPA: 3.7
Activities: None

History of The University of Texas at Dallas

The University of Texas at Dallas, established in 1961, has rapidly expanded to become a prestigious university renowned for its engineering, science, and business programs.

Texas Instruments, a defense & technology corporation, established UT Dallas as a graduate research center. In 1969, UTD was formally admitted into the University of Texas System; Alexander Clark, the UTD's first president, was key in solidifying its academic prowess. In honor of the co-founder of Texas Instruments, the Erik Jonsson School of Engineering and Computer Science was founded, further enhancing the university's standing as a leader in innovation and technology. UT Dallas further broadened the scope of its research & academic programs in the 1970s and 1980s.

Further advancement by the launch of new schools/programs and a focus on high-caliber research, was observed in the 1990s. UT Dallas has consistently improved its rank and currently is in the top quarter of all schools nationwide. UT Dallas has become a comprehensive research university with an ever-expanding selection of graduate & undergraduate programs available. Its commitment to research, innovation, and industry collaborations has made it a recognized leader in STEM, business & the social sciences, greatly influencing Texas's and the world's dynamic educational environment.

History of The Erik Jonsson School of Engineering and Computer Science

Named after the Texas Instruments (TI) co-founder J. Erik Jonsson, the Erik Jonsson School of Engineering and Computer Science (ECS) opened its doors in January 1986. Over the decades, renovations and improvements to the engineering infrastructure developed, with the original ECS building (now known as 'ECS North', opening in August of 1992. It was further extended with 'ECS South' opening in August of 2002. One year later, the Jonsson School was further improved upon with Project Emmitt, a public-private partnership between TI and the UT System, infusing up to \$300 million for its expansion. Finally, in April 2018, the ECS West building opened, a four-story building with 200,000 square feet of labs, classrooms and office space.

All six of the undergraduate degree programs offered by the Jonsson School are accredited by the Engineering Accreditation Commission of ABET, with the following degrees being offered:

The Erik Jonsson School of Engineering and Computer Science offers the following majors at undergraduate, graduate, and doctoral levels:

- Biomedical Engineering
- Computer Engineering
- Computer Science
- Electrical Engineering

- Mechanical Engineering
- Software Engineering

Since 2008, the Jonsson School has doubled in size with the creation of four new departments and nine new degree programs, pushing innovation in a variety of research fields such as medical imaging, materials characterization, cybersecurity, organic electronics, wireless networking, and semiconductor design. With almost 10,000 enrolled students, the approximate post-graduate starting salary has been reported between \$81k - \$130k from BS to PhD graduates. UTD's engineering department rigorously prepares its students for successful careers in engineering, computer science, and beyond, and looks to further develop the programs and facilities offered.

Theta Tau Interest Group at UTD

The Theta Tau Interest Group at UTD was initially organized in the early Fall of 2023. The interest group accumulated a group of 11 executive members and a founding class of 28 by the time the group was recognized by the UTD Student Organization Committee in late Fall of 2023. Within our first couple months of operation, we kicked off five medium to large-scale Engineering and Computer Science-related projects of seven members per group. With the advancement of this local fraternity, we want to continue to innovate in the ECS fields for the betterment of our environment and ourselves. In the coming months, we have plans for many small and medium-scale events, one large-scale social, industry collaboration efforts, an in-house startup project, and final project presentations.

Headquarters

We will hold regular meetings in Room 1.365 of the Erik Jonsson School of Engineering and Computer Science West Building at the University of Texas at Dallas, located at 800 W. Campbell Road, Richardson, Texas, 75080. Any chapter property will be stored in ECS West Building, located on campus. Our mailing address will be as follows:

800 W. Campbell Road, Richardson, Texas, 75080.

Oversight Responsibilities

Local organizations with oversight responsibility of Theta Tau UTD Interest Group include UTD Student Organization Center and the UTD Office of Community Standards and Conduct.

Financial Outline

Prior to each semester, each executive committee will propose a budget request to the Treasurer, who will discuss each request with the entire executive board before allocating funds. Funding decisions once submitted will be sent to the Student Organization Center (SOC) via invoice or check requests. Oversight of funding will be left to the treasurer, the co-presidents, and ultimately the SOC for final approval of funds. Funds allocated will be on an event basis. Records of financial transactions are available upon request from the SOC of UTD through email. Upon request, the organization will make a balance sheet of past transactions sheet of past transactions will be made available to the organization for record-keeping and cataloging purposes. This request can be made at any time; however, our organization will make it a priority to update the balance sheet once a month to track ongoing expenditures and proper funds usage. Deposits and fund collection will also be handled through UTD's SOC for holding of funds, which can then be allocated towards expenses as needed upon request of the funds.

Letters of Endorsement



October 30, 2023

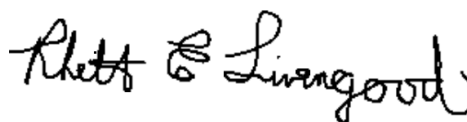
Dear Brothers:

I write to you today to provide my endorsement of the University of Texas (Dallas) Candidate Chapter of Theta Tau and to ask for your vote to award them a charter. As the Candidate Chapter Director based in the Western U.S., I have had the privilege of witnessing the rapid, exceptional growth and leadership displayed by this new engineering interest group.

The candidate chapter of Theta Tau at University of Texas, Dallas has consistently demonstrated remarkable growth, both in terms of membership and influence within the university community. The candidate chapter's commitment to fostering a strong legacy and ensuring a smooth transition of leadership is particularly commendable. Their history of maintaining a robust line of succession for officers reflects a deep sense of responsibility, dedication, and organizational excellence. This commitment to leadership succession and their ability to recruit new members at a majority commuter college not only underscores the fraternity's stability but also highlights their readiness for the responsibilities that come with official chapter status. Such a track record is a testament to their ability to manage the responsibilities and expectations that come with recognition as an official chapter.

I am confident that Theta Tau at the University of Texas, Dallas, will continue to be an exemplary addition to the Theta Tau Professional Engineering Fraternity, further enriching the reputation and influence of the organization in the Southwest region. I wholeheartedly recommend the recognition of Theta Tau at the University of Texas, Dallas, as an official chapter and look forward to their contributions to our broader fraternity.

In H&T,



Rhett Livengood
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April 11th, 2024

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is to verify that students at The University of Texas at Dallas have established a student organization in the hope of becoming an official chapter of Theta Tau. The group has not only met the university's requirements to maintain an official presence on campus but has also shown remarkable growth, boasting one of the largest increases in membership in one semester out of any other organization at UTD.

This swift and significant expansion, which includes establishing a roster of over 40 students, is well above average for student organizations here. Their robust presence on campus and impressive growth rate are clear indicators of the students' dedication to their goals and their strategic planning to ensure the longevity and success of their chapter.

Sincerely,

Brian Ricks (organization faculty sponsor)
Assistant Professor of Instruction
Computer Science Department
The University of Texas at Dallas