



STUDENT  
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# UT PROMISE AT ROCKY TOP TRANSITION



## Frequently Asked Questions

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### **What is happening?**

The UT Success Academy (UTSA) is now part of the UT Promise on Rocky Top program. This means all current UTSA scholars will transition into the UT Promise on Rocky Top community.

### **Why is this change happening?**

This transition allows us to combine the strengths of both programs. We're integrating UTSA's personalized, strengths-based approach into the broader resources of UT Promise on Rocky Top, enabling us to serve more students effectively and support our shared goal to create a more comprehensive and impactful experience for you. This change allows for us to serve more students effectively and support our shared goal of improving retention and graduation rates.

**Does this change my scholarship?**

No. Your scholarship is secure. You will continue to receive your \$2,000 annual scholarship as long as you meet the program's requirements.

**Will my requirements change?**

Yes. Your program requirements are being streamlined to be more manageable and effective. Please see the attached summary of your new requirements as a UT Promise scholar.

**Who will be my support team?**

Your support network remains in place. Dr. Megan King will lead your new home within UT Promise on Rocky Top. You will also continue to work with familiar faces, including Donovan Johnson and your Peer Coaches, who are all transitioning into permanent roles within the program. Dr. Henderson has accepted a new position within the division of Student Success.

**Will we still be able to use the lounge in Perkins Hall?**

Yes, you will. The lounge will become the UT Promise on Rocky Top Lounge, available to all UT Promise on Rocky Top students, including you. Your staff's offices will also remain in Perkins Hall.

**Will there be more UTSA scholars next year?**

No. We will no longer recruit for UTSA. Instead, we will prioritize expanding the UT Promise on Rocky Top program to serve more students.

**What if I have more questions?**

We understand you may have questions about this change. Please feel free to reach out to me directly ([vpss@utk.edu](mailto:vpss@utk.edu)). Additionally, Associate Vice Provost C.J. Sandidge and I will hold open office hours to answer your questions. We will be available this Thursday, September 4, from 10–11 a.m. in Hodges Library, Room 258, and again on Friday, September 5, from 1–2 p.m. in the same location.

**Will I lose any of the opportunities I had in UTSA (like study abroad, career workshops, etc.)?**

You will continue to have access to many of the same opportunities, such as academic coaching, career workshops, and community events. Some offerings may be refreshed or expanded under UT Promise on Rocky Top to serve a broader student audience. Study abroad and other enrichment opportunities will be available to eligible students through UT Promise programming and university-wide initiatives.

**What happens to my progress in UTSA so far?**

Your progress in UTSA will still be recognized. Activities, accomplishments, and milestones you've already completed will be acknowledged, and you will receive guidance on how to continue progressing in UT Promise on Rocky Top.

**Do I need to reapply or sign up for the new program?**

No. Your transition into UT Promise on Rocky Top will be automatic. You will not need to reapply. However, you will be asked to review and acknowledge the updated program expectations.

**Will the expectations for academic coaching or peer coaching change?**

Some coaching expectations may shift slightly to align with UT Promise on Rocky Top, but the personalized support you've come to expect will remain. You will still have access to peer coaches and academic coaches to support your success.

**Will I still be able to participate in UTSA traditions or alumni events?**

While we will no longer host events under the UTSA name, your cohort and community connections will remain strong. We plan to integrate UTSA alumni and traditions into the broader UT Promise network and may host special events to honor the legacy of the UT Success Academy.

**Who do I contact if I have concerns or need individual support?**

If you need help navigating this transition or have questions about your experience, you can reach out to Dr. Meghan King or Donovan Johnson. They are here to support you and ensure your experience remains meaningful and impactful.

**Will I receive a new program handbook or guide?**

Yes. A new UT Promise on Rocky Top guide will be shared with you that outlines the program's mission, your commitments, scholarship information, and available resources.

**Will this impact my graduation timeline?**

Not at all. This transition is designed to support your continued success. As long as you stay on track with your academic goals and program commitments, your graduation timeline will remain unchanged.

