



KEEP THE GARDENS BRILLIANT

How You Can Support the Leach Teaching Gardens



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What are The Gardens at Texas A&M University?

The Gardens are a beautiful green space on the Texas A&M University west campus where visitors can relax and learn. Through our core mission areas of education, wellness, discovery, and culture, we aim to grow community and people's connections to the natural world.

The first seven acres, the Leach Teaching Gardens, opened in 2018 with 21 demonstration gardens and a climate-controlled pavilion. Twenty additional acres of landscape will ultimately be transformed into public gardens, and in future phases, walking trails will connect The Gardens to the George H.W. Bush Presidential Library and Museum.

What inspired The Gardens?

Texas A&M University is among the largest and busiest campuses in the nation. As the university grows, green space diminishes. To counteract this trend, in 1998 the Texas A&M University Board of Regents designated White Creek and the surrounding riparian area as the West Campus Greenway. The Gardens are a part of our commitment to green space where we engage the community in a living classroom.

Why give to The Gardens?

In addition to the inherent beauty of nature, what keeps The Gardens lovely is lots of hard work, year-round, by a team of talented gardeners. That work is supported by our donors' generosity. Donations to The Gardens let this green space delight, teach, and inspire people for many years to come.



Plant the Seeds of Your Texas A&M Legacy

We would love to talk to you about the numerous opportunities to keep discovery and inspiration blooming in The Gardens.

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BECOME A GARDENS BENEFACTOR



Invest in The Gardens...

Gardens are living entities that must be cared for every day. The Gardens Benefactors understand this. They are a distinguished group of donors who provide strategic support for the long-term development and maintenance of this exceptional addition to the Texas A&M campus.

Benefactors may receive exclusive benefits, including:

- Private tours
- Event invitations
- Discounts on event spaces
- Complementary membership as a Friend of The Gardens
- Newsletter with insider content and updates
- Exclusive naming opportunities starting at \$100,000

A gift of \$25,000 or more designates a donor as a Gardens Benefactor. A gift may be made in one or more payments over five years. All Gardens gifts are tax-deductible donations through the Texas A&M Foundation.



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CORPORATE OR INDIVIDUAL SUPPORT OPPORTUNITIES

Partner with The Gardens

The Gardens invite you or your company to partner with us! In addition to cash gifts, we welcome in-kind donations or sponsorships of events and programs. Your gift will include with temporary signage in the gardens as well as social media, website and other appropriate recognition.



In-Kind Donations

The Leach Teaching Gardens are ever changing — and so are our needs! Do you have gardening equipment, pots, seasonal plants, seeds, or other items you would be willing to donate? The Texas A&M Foundation can provide you a receipt for your in-kind gift to The Gardens.

Event or Program Sponsorships

We offer seasonal events like our Maroon & White | Merry & Bright holiday light display, bringing in visitors and students to enjoy nature and community. We would love to feature your company as a partner at one or more of these events. We can also design a special program where we can highlight your company. From the spring bloom season to the fall festival, The Gardens offer many opportunities to create something special.

Our year-round programming focuses on our core mission areas of education, wellness, discovery, and culture. If these values match your company's, you could sponsor a gardening series, a Junior Master Gardener program, yoga events, or an art installation — let us work with you to design a sponsorship. We also welcome volunteers and the opportunity to feature experts from your corporation in The Gardens.



Adopt an Area

Want to keep the Gardens blooming from year to year? We offer seasonal sponsorships of our vegetable beds, floral displays, and crop plantings.



Plant the Seeds of Your Texas A&M Legacy

We would love to talk to you about building your legacy or honoring a loved one by naming an iconic space or structure. Your gift will keep spirit and inspiration blooming in The Gardens for years to come.

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PROGRAMMATIC SUPPORT OPPORTUNITIES

Grow Talents in The Gardens

The Gardens are a place where we grow together. We grow in skills and knowledge, in community and caring, in strength and creativity. When you support our horticultural, educational, discovery, wellness, or cultural activities, you make spirit and inspiration bloom at The Gardens year-round.

Education and Discovery: Giving Opportunities

Help grow gardening skills! Your gift supports a variety of shared programs with the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service, the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, and other campus and community partners. Some examples:

- Lecture series on plant propagation and selection, water conservation, and more
- Specialty classes and tours in fruit trees, vegetable gardening, and pruning techniques
- Gardening 101, a class series on topics such as container gardening, basic lawn care, indoor plants, and more
- Hullabloomers, a children's education series featuring the Texas Parks & Wildlife Growing up Wild curriculum

Undergraduate Internships and Graduate Assistantships

Students in numerous Texas A&M University courses visit The Gardens as part of their classroom experience. These students' education is enhanced when donors support paid internships and graduate assistantships, which also benefit The Gardens. Students gain work experience in public garden management, horticulture, marketing and communications, or event and hospitality management, while Gardens operations gain valuable student perspectives and assistance.



K-12 Education

Join us in getting kids to go outdoors and learn! Donor funding allows us to provide education and outreach programs to children regardless of their family's ability to pay. For school tour groups, we offer a curriculum that supports TEKS standards in STEM fields. Students learn about literature, insects, parts of plants, and more. Donor support will help bring more students to The Gardens and nurture a love of plants, science, and nature.

We also partner with the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Junior Master Gardener program, which uses gardening to ignite a passion for learning.

