

EVOLUTION OF OPEN CLOUD INSTITUTE

Celebrating a decade of excellence



2015

OCI opens its doors at UTSA

The Open Cloud Institute at UTSA launched, with \$9 million in funding to advance cloud computing and big data research.



2016

OCI joins OpenStack Summit

In partnership with Indiana University Jetstream, NSF Chameleon Cloud, and UT TAAC, OCI hosted the first-ever academic booth and panel discussion at the OpenStack Summit, reaching 7,800 participants.



2016

OCI builds pipeline for Intel OpenStack Innovation Center

With Rackspace and Intel, OCI built the pipeline for 10 UTSA interns at the opening of the OpenStack Innovation Center at Rackspace's headquarters.



2017

Graduate Certificate Program & Research Expansion

OCI launched a Cloud Computing certificate program and secured over \$6M in new grants, awarding scholarships to 70+ students.



2018

First Cloud Certificate Graduates

OCI celebrated its first cohort of certified students, marking a milestone in cloud education and workforce readiness.



2019

Launch of the Catalyst Lab

In partnership with the 80/20 Foundation, the Catalyst Lab launched, connecting UTSA graduate students with local tech companies for hands-on paid fellowships.



2020

IEEE Spectrum features AI research

OCI faculty member Dr. Jeff Prevost and student Sanchita Ghose are featured in the IEEE Tech Alert series.



2021

Dr. Jeff Prevost Named Executive Director

Dr. Prevost, an original co-founder, was appointed Executive Director, marking a new leadership chapter for OCI.



2021

OCI Announces Cloud Technology Endowed Faculty

Inaugural Cloud Technology Endowed Faculty Luncheon hosted to announce its core faculty and plans for the future.



2022

OCI graduate student brings knowledge back to UTSA

Graduate student, Aura Teasley, completed an internship at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, where she assessed accelerating cyber assault tests on critical infrastructure systems, applying the experience to her research at UTSA.



2022

Elastic Seminar Series launched

OCI partnered with Elastic in Spring 2022 to deliver a hands-on webinar series for the UTSA community.



2023

OCI Makes Strides in Research

In fiscal year 2023, the Open Cloud Institute (OCI) supported fifteen proposal submissions, generating just under \$700,000 dollars of research expenditures to the university.



2023

Women in Cloud Campaign Launch

OCI honored their first Women in Cloud honorees, Shriya Prasad and Sanchita Ghose.



2023

OCI Dives into the Tech Corridor

UTSA opens San Pedro I, a downtown hub for the Open Cloud Institute, NSCC, and School of Data Science, advancing tech education and workforce development.



2024

AI Safety Research

OCI, in partnership with the School of Data Science, awarded seed grants focused on AI safety to support faculty, enabling research development and strengthened proposals for larger external funding.



2024

South TX Cyber Workshop

OCI and Texas A&M hosted the South Texas Cyber Research Workshop curated to help students, faculty, and industry partners bolster their cyber knowledge.



2025

Quantum Expansion

OCI leads the charge to launch UTSA's Quantum Institute for Cyber Resilience (QulCR), ushering in the OCI 2.0 era.



2025

OCI Celebrates 10 Years

OCI celebrates 10 years of service to UTSA.