



Dr. Robert L. Bland Professorship in Local Government

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U.S. News & World Report ranks UNT's Master's in Public Administration #9 in the nation. To honor Dr. Robert Bland and the MPA faculty's diligence in creating a program of excellence, the Public Administration Advisory Board has established an endowment that will forever provide a professorship in Local Government at the University of North Texas.

Those involved in local government know that Dr. Bland and the Public Administration faculty at UNT prepare students to be successful in the world of local government. The University of North Texas is proud of its many alumni who hold influential leadership positions across Texas, the nation, and around the world. To meet the expanding demands placed on our communities, states, and nations, UNT wants to move to the national forefront in preparing future leaders by building on the foundation set by such distinguished former faculty as Chester Newland, Chardean Newell, and Ray Griffin.

The **Robert L. Bland Professorship** in Local Government is a strong commitment that will allow UNT to recruit a nationally recognized scholar to provide students with the competencies and skills needed to be successful managers.

In order to fund this initiative, the MPA Advisory Board must raise **\$350,000**. We ask UNT alumni and friends around the world to participate by supporting this campaign to make this professorship a reality.

Since 1982, Dr. Robert "Bob" Bland has served as a professor and, since 1992, as chair of the Public Administration Department at UNT. In his role he has helped draw students to UNT and to fulfilling careers in public service. **The 3-legged stool**, a familiar representation of the principles of tax policy to those who have taken his Revenue Policy course, has come to also symbolize the leadership he brings to the MPA program and to public administration. Bob's contagious commitment to public administration as a professional calling has helped draw students to UNT and to fulfilling careers in public service.



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