

Rafael Martín

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Rafael Martín is the Associate Vice President for Research. In this capacity he has responsibilities across the range of university research processes. On the front end, he assists researchers with non-disclosure and other agreements that facilitate building relationships with potential corporate sponsors. Once a mutual research interest is identified, he negotiates the contracts which formalize the relationship between the university and sponsor. On the tail end of the process, Rafael receives intellectual property disclosures from researchers and shepherds them through the university's evaluation and protection process. He then works to find licensing partners or investors for university owned technologies.



Born and raised in Dallas, Rafael received a B.A. in Economics from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. After graduation, he took a job as a consultant with McKinsey & Company, working in the Dallas and Toronto offices. After three years as a consultant, he decided to switch careers and became a paramedic, eventually becoming a field training officer for Durham County EMS in Durham, North Carolina. While working as a paramedic, Rafael received a Master of Environmental Management degree from Duke University, focusing on environmental economics and policy, and a Master of Business Administration degree from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. As a graduate student, he worked for both The Home Depot in their Atlanta headquarters and for Ford Motor Company in Chennai, India. In 2003, Rafael took a position at The University of Texas at Dallas as the university's manager for Technology Transfer, eventually becoming director of the Office of Research Administration. In March of 2005, Rafael left the university to work with Jonathan Bailey Associates, an architecture firm serving the healthcare and education sectors, in business development and operations consulting. In September of 2005 he returned to UTD in his current position.