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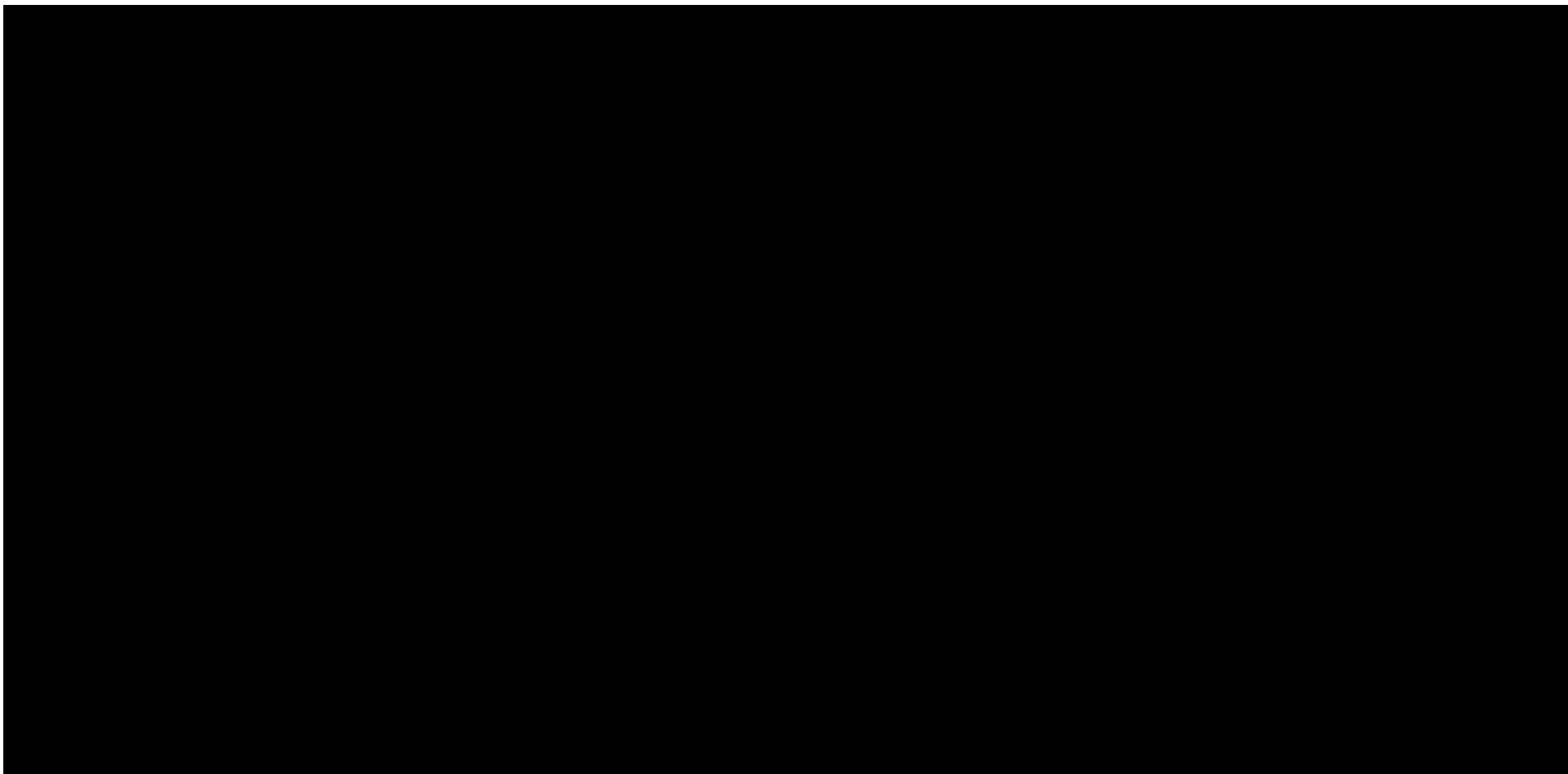
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## 2 UT-Austin professors join prestigious group

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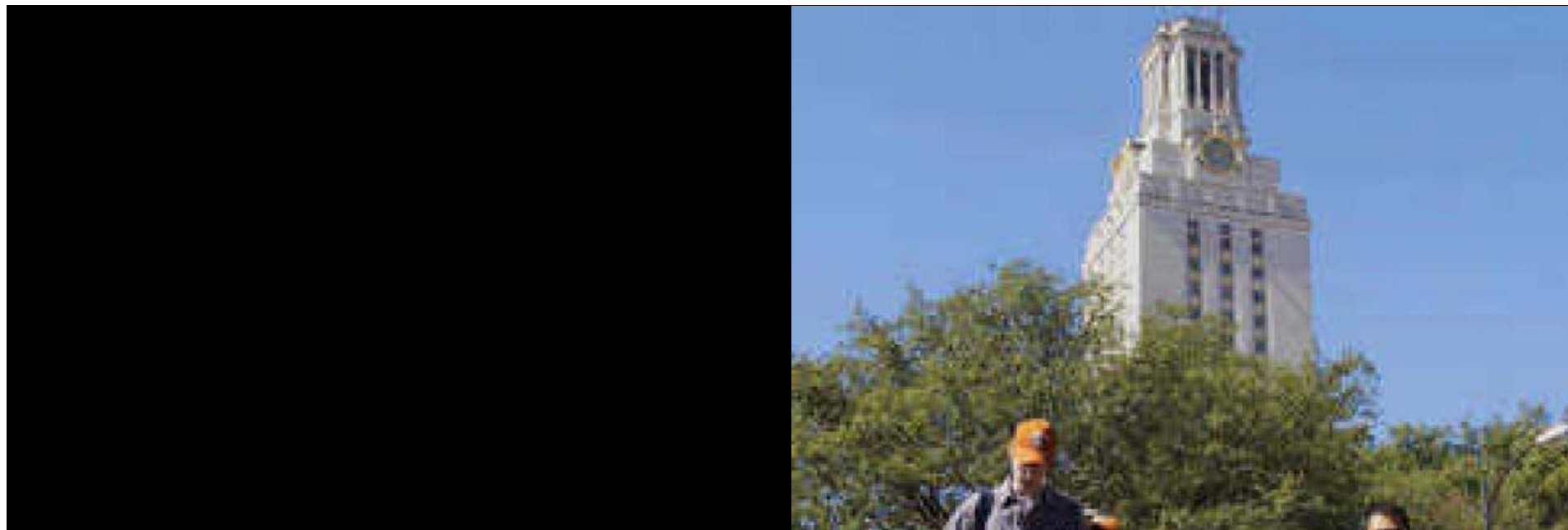


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Two University of Texas at Austin professors have joined the ranks of the national academies, a group of the most respected researchers in the nation.

The National Academy of Engineering announced on Monday that it had welcomed David R. Maidment, a professor in UT's Cockrell School of Engineering, and Bridget R. Scanlon, a senior research scientist in the Jackson School of Geosciences. The two were among 80 professors to join the group this year.

Universities often use national academies membership as a measuring stick of the level of research done at the school. The more national academies members, the better the work done at the university. UT-Austin has the fourth-most members in the nation, the school said in a news release. Eight UT engineers have joined the group since 2013.

"Their election to the academy demonstrates that UT Austin faculty are continually pushing the boundaries of knowledge and truly changing the world," UT President Gregory Fenves said in a statement.

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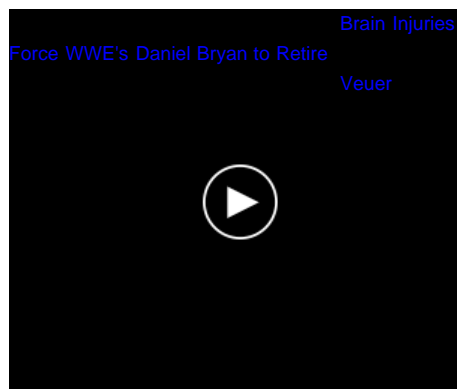
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