

UTSA is a comprehensive university that seeks to become a top tier research institution for excellence, maintaining its commitment to student success, and continuing to offer accessible and affordable education. UTSA is a premier model for success in the "Closing the Gaps" campaign for Texas.

Founded in 1969, over 37 years ago, UTSA is the 5th largest public university in Texas and one of the fastest growing in the state. UTSA is comprised of three campuses: the 1604 Campus; the Downtown Campus, and the Institute of Texan Cultures.

UTSA provides access and opportunity for large numbers of historically underrepresented students. Our student body is comprised of: 44% Hispanic; 39% Anglo; 7% African American; 6% Asian, and 3% International students.



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### Accessibility

- 28,379 students and still growing
- Offering 63 bachelor's, 43 master's and 20 doctoral degree programs
- Students are from 48 states and 92 foreign countries
- 14 % of students are enrolled in graduate programs
- 50% are from outside Bexar County, including over 1,800 from Harris County
- 57% of students come from groups underrepresented in higher education
- 58% are the first in their family to attend college
- 556 tenured and tenure-track faculty

### Affordability

- Tuition and fees for 15 hours of undergraduate study are \$3,101 a semester
- 67% of students are on financial aid

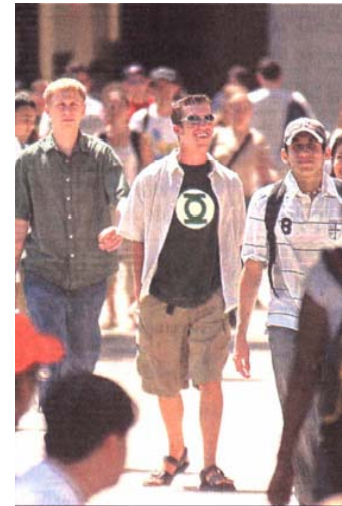
### Graduation Rates

- 67,265 students have graduated from UTSA
- Ranked 3rd in the nation in undergraduate degrees awarded to Hispanics
- Placed 11th nationally in the overall number of master's degrees awarded to Hispanics
- Top 10 for MBA degrees awarded to Hispanic students
- Ranked 1st nationwide for the 9th time in 10 years in the number of biological sciences degrees awarded to Hispanics; 2nd nationwide for degrees awarded to Hispanics in architecture, business, and marketing, and 3rd nationally for teacher education degrees awarded to Hispanics

### Economic Impact

- Ranked 19th among all State Agencies in HUB utilization
- Directly and indirectly produces \$852 million in annual business activity in Texas
- Secured \$50 million in grants and sponsored programs
- Highest employee percent participation in State Employee Charitable Campaign (SECC) among state universities

# UTSA



## *Priorities*

## *80th Legislative Session*

**2008-2009 Biennium**

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## NEW SPECIAL ITEMS

### **San Antonio Life Science Institute (SALSI) \$6M:**

Authorized by the 77th Legislature but not funded. With an initial investment from UT System, UTSA, and UTHSCSA, the Institute created a partnership between the universities to develop and implement joint doctoral and master's degree programs in biotechnology. The institute establishes synergistic research and educational programs, leveraging each university's strengths to become a model institute for the state.



**Homeland Security \$8M:** UTSA continues to demonstrate leadership in Homeland Security Research through partnerships with military, academia, and industry. The purpose of this request is to augment UTSA's strength in cyber research to defend and protect network infrastructures in communities as well as develop first-responder plans and new technologies for security to address state and industry issues.

### **Intellectual Property and Technology Transfer Office (IPTT) \$1.13M:**

UTSA has increased research expenditures by 37%, the highest percent increase in the State. As UTSA moves to leverage public and private resources to expand technology transfer opportunities, the University seeks legislative support to establish an IPTT Office. This office will help promote the rapid conversion of university developed inventions and patents into commercially viable products.

### **10% Reduction in Baseline Non-Formula Funding \$2.97M:**

A reduction in UTSA state appropriations will have a profound impact on our ability to meet institutional goals and fulfill UTSA's mission. The major impacts would be a reduction in the number of faculty hires (quality); a limit to the number of new students accepted (access); a shifting of the cost burden to students (affordability); a negative impact on graduation rates, and a setback to UTSA's progress towards becoming a Tier 1 research institution as new graduate and doctoral degree programs would need to be postponed.

## CONTINUED SPECIAL ITEM SUPPORT

### **Texas Pre-Engineering Program (TX PREP) \$1.1M:**

UTSA founded TX PREP, now expanded to serve student needs at 10 other sites in Texas. Funds are requested to address this successful college preparatory program that serves close to 5,000 students per year. TX PREP students who participate have a high school graduation rate of 99%, a college going rate of 95%, and college completion rate of 85%.

### **Center for Water Research \$0.263M:**

The Center seeks to expand its research and education activities to the Texas-Mexico Border Region. Research from this Center fosters innovative solutions to address regional water resource issues.

### **Small Business Development Center (SBDC) \$6.36M:**

SBDC's continues to develop high-growth small businesses and jobs for Texans, and is certified by the State Comptroller as 'revenue neutral.' SBDC serves over 30,000 businesses through a 79 county region. SBDC clients' business growth in Texas has contributed incremental tax revenue of over \$21.4 million, has created 3,514 jobs, and has retained 3,089 jobs.

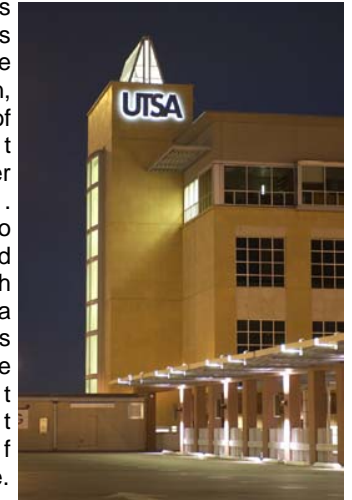
### **Institute of Texan Cultures (ITC) \$3.9M:**

The Institute of Texan Cultures is the state's only cultural history museum, a museum of the people of Texas. Exhibits, events, and programs at ITC present the stories of Texas' cultural groups and individuals, with the goal of educating and inspiring visitors. Funding is needed to expand the educational content in support of hosting school tours and providing videoconferencing for thousands of public school visitations and higher education classes.



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**Downtown Campus Phase II \$2.6M:** The continuation of funding for the Downtown Campus is essential. This campus offers undergraduate core curriculum, 20 bachelor's degrees, five master's degrees, and various certificate programs. The new Campus opened to address needs in the downtown, southern, and western parts of San Antonio. It currently serves over 6,000 students. Funding is needed to meet the rapid enrollment growth beyond formula funding. The campus does not generate enough student semester credit hours to be self sufficient at this time.



**Institutional Enhancement \$9.9M:** This program promotes community and regional educational economic development through P-20 outreach programs, and degree programs. It will also allow UTSA to enhance access to higher education for the educationally and economically disadvantaged by expanding degree program offerings, and improving initiatives in student recruitment and retention.

**Texas State Data Center \$0.654M:** This Center makes demographic, economic, and related data readily available and accessible to the public and private sectors. It produces annual population estimates for counties, and biennial projections of the population by age, sex, and race/ethnicity for counties in Texas for use by state agencies, and for state budgetary planning.

