

**University of Texas at San Antonio**  
**Tuition and Fee Proposal Summary –Fall 2012 and Fall 2013**

UT San Antonio is requesting a 2.6% increase in total academic cost for resident undergraduate students in Fall 2012 and Fall 2013. UT San Antonio estimates a \$7.1 million investment in student success initiatives designed to increase 4-year graduation rates to 25% and six-year graduation rates to 60% over the next decade. Proposed increases in total academic cost, student success initiatives, and proposed goals and targets are outlined below.

**Total Academic Costs for Resident Undergraduate Students Enrolled in 15 SCH**

	Actual Fall 2011	Proposal Fall 2012	Percent Increase	Dollar Increase	Proposal Fall 2013	Percent Increase	Dollar Increase
<b>Total Academic Cost</b>	<b>\$4,403</b>	<b>\$4,518</b>	<b>2.6%</b>	<b>\$115</b>	<b>\$4,636</b>	<b>2.6%</b>	<b>\$118</b>

**Projected Investment in Student Success Initiatives, 2012 – 2014: \$7,130,500**

**Proposed Strategies and Evaluation Metrics:**

**Jump Start Initiative and Math Boot Camp (\$65,000; 0.9%):** These initiatives are designed to introduce new students to campus and bolster math and science proficiency before enrolling in required university core courses. These programs have already been successfully piloted at UTSA and are designed to increase preparedness and decrease time to degree.

**Instructional Technology (\$162,000; 2.3%):** A Faculty Instructional Technology Lab will be created and furnished and two instructional technology specialists will serve in assisting faculty with the integration of new technology in current classes and the development of technologically enhanced courses and online/hybrid courses. It will provide a collaborative space for faculty to gain experience in new learning methods and provide flexibility and interactivity to students.

**New Faculty Hiring (\$3,764,000; 52.8%):** UTSA has a high student-faculty ratio (25:1) relative to that of other peer institutions. Hiring additional faculty can increase the availability of classes as well as enhancing the interaction between faculty and students. Goals of this initiative are to increase completion and graduation rates. As part of the Freshman Focus Initiative, thirty-seven new faculty positions will be developed in a variety of core undergraduate disciplines in addition to the Academic Inquiry Course.

**Expanded Summer Course Offerings (\$1,000,000; 14.0%):** With the hiring of additional faculty, expanded summer course offerings will provide flexibility and help to encourage students to stay on track academically to complete their degrees within four years.

**Investment in University College Model (\$184,000; 2.6%):** The University College model will be utilized to house academic advising, tutoring, supplemental instruction, and other programs that focus on improving student success through retention and graduation rates. University College will also administer the Freshman Focus Initiative that provides academic, social, and financial support for incoming freshmen.

**Academic Early Alert System (\$43,000; 0.6%):** Online tools and interfaces such as Blackboard and Web CT will be used to trigger academic interventions for struggling students so that emerging problems can be quickly and effectively addressed.

**Stay on Track Grants (\$1,000,000; 14.0%):** Eligible students who complete at least 30 credit hours within the prior Fall/Spring/Summer terms with a 2.5 minimum GPA can receive incentive grants to continue with full course loads and pursue graduation within four years. This program is designed for freshmen and sophomore students.

**Finish in Four Incentive (\$912,500; 12.8%):** Juniors and seniors who stay on track with 60 semester credit hour completion and a minimum 2.5 GPA are eligible to receive financial assistance through the eighth semester. Students enter into a contract requiring additional academic support. These initiatives are designed to directly increase 4-yr graduation rates.

**Goals and Targets that align with The Chancellor’s Framework for Excellence:**

***Goals for 2021 Freshman Cohort:***

- Increase 4-Yr Graduation Rate to 25%
- Increase 6-Yr Graduation Rate to 60%
- Improve First Year Persistence Rate from 61% to 85%

**Targeted Persistence and Graduation Rates for 2021**

<u>Current (2011)</u>		<u>Persistence (per 1000 population)</u>			<u>Proposed (2021)</u>	
<i>Cumulative Grad. Rate</i>	<i>Graduate</i>	<i>Persistence</i>		<i>Persistence</i>	<i>Graduate</i>	<i>Cumulative Grad. Rate</i>
		<b>1000</b>	<b>Initial Population</b>	<b>1000</b>		
		↓ (61%)		(85%) ↓		
		<b>607</b>	<b>Persist to 2nd year</b>	<b>850</b>		
		↓ (74%)		(88%) ↓		
<b>1.3%</b>	<b>13</b> (2.9%)	⇐ <b>447</b>	<b>Persist to 3rd year</b>	<b>750</b> ⇒	(4.35%) <b>33</b>	<b>3.3%</b>
		↓ (88%)		(94%) ↓		
<b>9.6%</b>	<b>83</b> (21.4%)	⇐ <b>388</b>	<b>Persist to 4th year</b>	<b>676</b> ⇒	(32.1%) <b>217</b>	<b>25.0%</b>
		↓ (90%)		(95%) ↓		
<b>22.3%</b>	<b>127</b> (46.2%)	⇐ <b>275</b>	<b>Persist to 5th year</b>	<b>415</b> ⇒	(69.3%) <b>288</b>	<b>53.8%</b>
		↓ (90%)		(95%) ↓		
<b>28.8%</b>	<b>65</b> (48.9%)	⇐ <b>133</b>	<b>Persist to 6th year</b>	<b>121</b> ⇒	(73.3%) <b>89</b>	<b>62.7%</b>
<b>38.8%</b>	<b>100</b>		<b>Graduate Later</b>		<b>80</b>	<b>70.7%</b>