

LEGISLATIVE BRIEF

SAN ANTONIO LIFE SCIENCES INSTITUTE



NON-FORMULA SUPPORT ITEM REQUEST SUPPORTING UTSA'S ACADEMIC & RESEARCH ENTERPRISES

ANNUAL FUNDING REQUEST

\$1,388,570 per year | \$2,777,140 over biennium

THE CHALLENGE

During the last legislative session, SALS I funding was trimmed by 35%. Any further cuts in SALS I would hinder the program's ability to train PhD students and limit the number of students participating in joint programs. Reduction or elimination of funding will necessitate the removal of several core SALS I programs. This would affect future strategic hiring efforts, which will impact competitiveness in pursuit of federal funding programs and San Antonio's progress in advancing innovation in the life sciences.

THE IMPACT

SALS I had enabled UTSA and UT Health San Antonio to advance much more quickly toward attaining national prominence for innovations in patient care and health promotion.

Over the past four years SALS I has supported:

- » Joint strategic faculty hires in brain health and data analytics
- » 11 joint research projects
- » 35 faculty researcher partnerships yielding 55 publications/creative works
- » Three patent/copyright filings
- » 21 grant submissions leading to ten awards and \$9.66 million in research funding
- » Trainings for 14 undergraduate students, 22 graduate students and ten postdoctoral scholars

OVERVIEW

The San Antonio Life Sciences Institute (SALS I) leverages the collective power of UTSA and UT Health San Antonio through formalized collaborations and curriculum alignments. SALS I provides students at both institutions with opportunities to join together on research, utilizing faculty and laboratories at both campuses. The program facilitates joint doctoral degree programs in Biomedical Engineering and Translational Science, and has led to many joint publications, patents and copyright filings.

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