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**SAN ANTONIO AREA FOUNDATION GRANT HELPS  
UTSA TEACH THE TEACHERS**  
*Semp Russ Foundation dollars improve voice lab and  
studio equipment for voice students*

SAN ANTONIO — The San Antonio Area Foundation recently awarded UTSA's Department of Music a grant that will allow

Choral music is the most popular participatory art form in the U.S. A survey by Chorus America found that 28.5 million people, or almost 10% of the population of the U.S., sang in a choir on a regular basis.

up until now, curricula for training choral directors have not adequately prepared them for this role. Choral directors thus have a unique opportunity to play a critical role in educating the people they work with about vocal health.

UTSA has decided to address this problem with an innovative interdisciplinary doctoral degree (D.M.A.) in choral performance and pedagogy. Unique in the U.S., this new program will empower graduates with the latest information on voice care and function.

A key part of this degree, which will involve faculty from the UTSA Departments of Music, Psychology, Architecture and Communication, as well as faculty from UTHSCSA's Department of Otolaryngology and the School of Allied Health, is a vocal arts laboratory, where students and faculty will learn first hand about voice health and research.

This grant will help UTSA Music to modernize the equipment in teaching studios and the choral rehearsal hall (to make them compatible with the new lab) and will enable the lab to be fully outfitted with the best equipment for voice teaching and research before the first doctoral students arrive on campus.

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The University of Texas at San Antonio is one of the premier institutions of higher education in South Texas and one of the fastest growing universities in the state. One of nine academic universities and six health institutions that comprise the UT System, UTSA is the second largest institution in the system. Celebrating its 36th anniversary, UTSA serves more than 27,300 students enrolled in 62 bachelors, 43 masters and 19 doctoral degree programs.

Programs are offered through the colleges of Architecture, Business, Education and Human Development, Engineering, Honors, Liberal and Fine Arts, Public Policy, and Sciences, and the Graduate School. A Top 100 Hispanic-serving institution, UTSA is ranked among the top 10. A university of access and excellence, UTSA is committed to research and discovery, teaching and learning, and public service.

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