



The University of Texas at San Antonio  
Office of University Communications  
One UTSA Circle  
San Antonio, Texas 78249-0619  
(210) 458-4550  
[www.utsa.edu/today](http://www.utsa.edu/today)

**DATE:** October 31, 2006  
**MEDIA CONTACT:** Ashley Harris ([ashley.harris1@utsa.edu](mailto:ashley.harris1@utsa.edu))  
(210) 458-5181, office or (210) 410-1305, cell

## **UTSA TO SIGN PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT WITH NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF MEXICO-SAN ANTONIO (UNAM)**

(SAN ANTONIO) – The University of Texas at San Antonio Mexico Center and the National University of Mexico-San Antonio will sign a collaboration agreement at 11:45 a.m., Wednesday, Nov. 1 at the UTSA Downtown Campus Buena Vista Building Assembly Room (room 1.338). UTSA President Ricardo Romo and Rector of UNAM, Juan Ramón de la Fuente will sign the official agreement at the ceremony.

The collaborative effort will allow UTSA and UNAM to pursue international teaching, research activities and faculty exchanges at both schools; professional development initiatives; cultural events on both campuses; as well as the establishment of a joint student exchange program. The universities intent is to deepen the understanding of economic, cultural and social links between the U.S. and Mexico.

In addition to academic endeavors, the UTSA Mexico Center and UNAM-San Antonio will host joint symposia, conferences, short courses and meetings that will be open to the San Antonio community-at-large and will touch upon all aspects of U.S.-Mexico relations.

In addition to the collaboration agreement, the event will also officially open the new facilities of the UTSA Mexico Center. Established in October 1995, the UTSA Mexico Center is an umbrella institute that connects Mexico-related expertise at UTSA through cross-disciplinary research projects and activities. The center's research focuses on four areas relevant to U.S.-Mexico relations: economic development and global entrepreneurship, transnational families, bi-national collaboration with academic institutions in Mexico, and study-abroad programs.

### About The University of Texas at San Antonio

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 28,000 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.

###