Tuition & Fees Proposal for FY23
Differential College Tuition

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Background and Process

Every two years, University of Texas institutions are given the opportunity to submit tuition and fee proposals for consideration by the Board of Regents. Proposals support:

- **Increased services to support student success:** enriched academic programs, additional faculty, upgraded technology and expanded health services

- **Increased career preparation and marketable skills:** internships, service learning, undergraduate research, study abroad and more

- **Increased support for students who require need-based aid:** UTSA’s tuition remains affordable among four-year universities in San Antonio and Texas.
Guiding Principles

To ensure a high level of quality at UTSA, we continue to invest in student success and academic programs, as well as university infrastructure and our faculty and staff. Our guiding principles:

- **Commitment to expanding student support services**
- Prudent fiscal stewardship
- Specific benefit, impact and value for UTSA students
- Demonstrated significant institutional need for requested increases
- Affordable tuition, while ensuring cost of attendance remains comparable to UT System, Texas Emerging Research University, and aspirant peer institutions
UT System Benchmarking

Over the past five years among UT System research universities, UTSA has had the second lowest...

...dollar increase in tuition and fees

...percentage change in tuition and fees

...annual growth rate in tuition and fees
Student Financial Needs

We are committed to minimizing student debt, keeping college affordable, and supporting need-based students.

- Over the last five years, we reduced the average debt of UTSA graduates by $2,997 (11%).
- Between 2015-2016 and 2020-2021 (CDS), UTSA has the second highest reduction in average student debt among aspirant peer institutions and emerging research universities, and the second highest among UT System Institutions.
- 44% of UTSA students are First Generation
- 43% of UTSA undergraduates were awarded Pell grants
Affordability

UTSA sets aside **substantial aid funding** to benefit students who are less advantaged financially.

- **UTSA Bold Promise:** Qualifying freshmen whose families have a median income of less than $50k pay zero in tuition and fees.

- On average, **82% of all tuition and fees are covered by financial aid** (for those who earn less than San Antonio median income of $50k). For every $1 increase, 82 cents are covered with federal, state and institutional aid.

- On average, **54% of all tuition and fees are covered for the middle-income bracket** (incomes from $50k to $100k). For every $1 increase, 54 cents are covered by aid.
What is differential tuition?

- Differential tuition is tuition charged by the college — in addition to the university’s base tuition — to support additional services and programming for students in that college.

- Differential tuition also addresses higher instructional costs associated with certain fields of study.
Why differential tuition?

- Responds to UT System request to reexamine our overall tuition and fee structure, specifically incidental fees.

- Differential tuition supports UTSA’s strategic efforts to provide quality educational programs to all students, regardless of major.

... in accordance with a 1997 State of Texas Attorney General Opinion that says incidental fees authorized by TEC 54.504 should not be used as a "major source of revenue," I encourage you to explore alternative revenue sources to fund expenses related to core academic instruction and operations ...
Our Approach for FY23

UTSA students to pay differential tuition based on their major:

- Simplify student billing
- Eliminate most college-wide course fees
- Better reflect the costs of developing and providing coursework in those disciplines
- Support new and enhanced student success initiatives in their colleges
Eliminated Fees

45 College-level course fees eliminated

Alvarez College of Business
• Global Business Skills Charge
• Learning Resources Fee
• Pro Development Graduate Funds
• Ctr Student Prof Dev Fee
• Tech Instruction Supp Fee

College of Education and Human Development
• Learning Resources Fee
• Edu Field Instruction Fee
• Grad Service Charge
• Tech Services Instruction Support Fee
• Pro Aff, Acc & Dev (New FY21)
• Intern Fee (New FY21)
• Edu Assess Course Fee (Lea 1&2)

College of Engineering and Integrated Design
• COA Program Fees
• COA Graduate Services Fee
• COA Technology Support Fee
• COE Graduate Services Fee
• COE Learn Res Fee
• Tech and Instruction Sup

College of Liberal and Fine Arts
• Graduate Services Fee
• Learning Resource Fee
• Prof Dev Enrichment Fee
• Technology Service Instr Fee
• Poli Sci Grg GIS Materials Fee
• Mod Lang Multimedia Language Ctr Fee
• English Writing Mat Fee

College of Sciences
• Eq Mat Fee Physics
• Graduate Services Charge
• Learn Resource Fee
• Math Manip Res Fee
• Tech Inst Support Fee

University College
• Learning Resource Fee AIS-TA
• Learning Res Fee Write Core Prog
• Tec Instruction Support Fee UG
• Writing Mat Fee Writing Core

College for Health, Community and Policy
• Dietetics & Nutrition Practicum
• Dietetics Program Svc Charge
• Phys Act Eq Fee COEHD
• Outdoor Act Fee COEHD Health Kinesiology
• Crim Just Internship Fee
• Prof Aff Dev Fee Social Work
• Sch Psych Support Fee
• Learning Resource Fee
• Technology Services
• Graduate Service Fee
Existing differential tuition at UTSA

- College of Business (2019)
- College of Engineering (2019)
- College of Sciences (2021)

Proposal will expand/update differential tuition to all colleges.
Benefits to students

- Simplifies tuition and fees billing.
- Allow students and families to better plan for their educational costs each semester and increases clarity on full cost of attendance.
- Better reflects the coursework for student’s major and the student success initiatives in their college.
- Additional financial aid is set aside to support students.
Differential tuition for COLFA

**Undergraduate**
$29/SCH

**Graduate**
$43/SCH

**Eliminated Fees**
- Graduate Services Fee
- Learning Resource Fee
- Prof Dev Enrichment Fee
- Technology Service Instructional Fee
- Poli Sci Grg GIS Materials Fee
- Mod Lang Multimedia
- Language Ctr Fee
- English Writing Mat Fee
COLFA will use differential tuition revenue to...

- Increased support for students, as teaching assistants, reader/graders, peer coaches, graduate/lab assistants, and tuition and fees support.

- Student Success Center, study abroad, scholarships, internships, community engagement, team teaching.

- Fund student research positions.

- Enhance classroom and individual student experience through Professional Development.

- Hire faculty to meet instructional needs and to support new course development.

- Technology support to improve the student learning experience.
Process and Timeline

- **Summer 2021**: Differential tuition rate development (Colleges, differential tuition task force, University Finance Team)
- **October 2021**: Outreach to students, faculty and staff
- **November 1, 2021**: Deadline to submit proposal to UT System for review
- **December 2021**: UT System partners with member institutions to evaluate proposals
- **January 2022**: UT System submits finalized proposals to Board of Regents
- **February 2022**: Board of Regents makes final decisions
More information:

utsa.edu/tuitionproposal