



Research Initiatives and Endowments

The College for Health, Community and Policy

OVERVIEW

The College for Health, Community and Policy (HCaP) boasts four research centers with varying connections to social and health issues. The Institute for Demographic and Socioeconomic Research supports excellent social, demographic, and economic research on important policy issues and includes the Texas Demographic Center. The Institute for Health Disparities Research integrates biomedical and sociobehavioral science to address health disparities in South Texas, the nation, and Latin America. The Center for Community Based and Applied Health Research is a CDC funded center that aims to promote collaborative, interdisciplinary, and applied health research that engages, empowers, and mobilizes communities to address community health problems. The Policy Studies Center provides research, training, and technical assistance to the community to serve as a forum for civic engagement, collaborative research, and knowledge dissemination via evidence-based dialogues. These research centers are dedicated to finding solutions to society's most pressing issues and are active in health disparities work from the local to global scale.

CHALLENGE

HCaP research centers and institutes primarily receive grant funding. Due to the competitive nature of grant funding, the college's ability to maintain continuity in community engagement, action research, student research opportunities, and external partnerships can be impacted. Challenges arise when finding ways to align resources, providing a support system between grant funding cycles, and equipping centers to engage in ongoing research. When funding opportunities are

sporadic, community engagement and action research are limited in scope and lack consistency; moreover, inconsistent funding limits HCaP's ability to recruit and engage students in research projects. Also impacted are the external partnerships that require stability over time and in between funding cycles. To address these funding challenges, research endowments are needed to provide continuity to the vital work conducted by the expert faculty and dedicated students focused on the challenges that matter most to our societies.

IMPACT

The collective impact of the work conducted across HCaP's research centers and institutes is almost immeasurable and drives UTSA's mission to become a nationally-recognized research university while attaining National Research University Fund (NRUF) eligibility and R1 Carnegie Classification. Financial support will enable HCaP

to create an infrastructure that will coordinate community engagement and collaboration with multiple local agencies. By increasing student access to these partnerships, HCaP also creates potential career pathways and increases experiential learning opportunities via internships and hands-on research.

PARTNERSHIPS

The potential for extended and strengthened partnerships is evident. HCaP's research centers and institutes address cross-cutting themes related to health, community, and policy issues that affect local communities and our national and international collaborators. The college's current research partners include UT Health San Antonio and its Institute for Health Promotion Research and Military Health Institute, Bexar County's Health Collaborative, and the City of San Antonio's R&D League. Our hope is to partner with additional health-focused agencies and organizations in clinical, behavioral, and public health. We also have the potential to collaborate with groups such as the San Antonio Water System, CPS Energy, USAA, and others that target social determinants of health.



PHILANTHROPIC OPPORTUNITIES

The University of Texas at San Antonio (UTSA) has launched a comprehensive campaign to support UTSA's 10-Year-Strategic Vision introduced by President Taylor Eighmy in 2017. **Be Bold: A Campaign for Our Future**, which also extends 10 years and has a working goal of \$500 million, is focused on providing the infrastructure and resources needed to become a model for student success and research discovery.

The campaign supports all divisions, schools, departments, and institutes across UTSA. **Scholarships** make a tremendous difference and help UTSA attract and recognize high-achieving students. **Endowed Faculty Positions** help foster excellence in research and support efforts to recruit and retain highly qualified educators, researchers, and administrators. **Capital Projects** provide the necessary spaces to stimulate learning, research, creativity, and collaboration among students and faculty. There are numerous philanthropic opportunities within the College for Health, Community and Policy:

- The Institute for Demographic and Socioeconomic Research
- The Texas Demographic Center
- The Institute for Health Disparities Research
- The Center for Community Base and Applied Health Research
- The Policy Studies Center
- Faculty Support

UTSA has multiple avenues available to make an incredible impact. Gifts made annually can provide scholarship, research, and programmatic support across all areas. Gifts made through certain assets also have many benefits and include stock, IRAs, donor advised funds, real estate, life insurance, intellectual property, collectibles, matching gifts, in-kind gifts, estate gifts, and more.

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