

UTSA & THE 88TH LEGISLATURE PRIORITIES OVERVIEW

The University of Texas at San Antonio (UTSA) is on a trajectory to become a university of the future in the city of the future, modeling a next-generation, Hispanic thriving institution where students from all backgrounds can succeed

REDEFINING HIGHER EDUCATION

As a federally designated Hispanic Serving Institution (HSI) and a national leader in Latino student success, UTSA is preparing Texans for high-demand jobs needed by employers across our state. Continued investment by the State of Texas will accelerate UTSA's ability to fuel the state's workforce with diverse talent.

TIER ONE

Carnegie
classification

RANKED #2

among Tier One HSIs for
% of Latino faculty

RANKED #3

among Tier One HSIs for
% of Latino students

FORMULA FUNDING

UTSA serves as an engine of social and economic prosperity, graduating 34,570 students in the last five years. While the university's headcount has increased approximately 19% over the last five years, its state appropriation per full-time equivalent student has decreased by 7%. UTSA needs to secure resources to help meet the Higher Education Coordinating Board's goal of graduating 7,500 research doctorates per year by 2030.

TEXAS RESEARCH INCENTIVE PROGRAM (TRIP)

UTSA has experienced tremendous growth in securing resources for students and faculty to engage in cutting edge research to solve society's grandest challenges. The university relies upon the TRIP matching component to expand these investments. While UTSA received a total of \$1.6M in TRIP funds in 2022-2023, the university has qualified for an additional \$39M and is eager to invest these dollars further.

\$324M

current backlog in
unfunded eligible TRIP
state matches

\$39M

Approximate unfunded
eligible TRIP matching
gifts at UTSA

CRITICAL

funds for UTSA's
Be Bold Comprehensive
Campaign launch



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BOLD OPPORTUNITIES

UTSA is proposing two bold opportunities to secure the resources needed to accelerate cutting edge research, attract the brightest minds, and prepare students to enter the workforce. Both represent significant new investments for transdisciplinary collaborative R&D.

- **SAN ANTONIO LIFE SCIENCES INSTITUTE (SALSI) | Increased Funding Request: \$4,400,000**
Enables competitive grant proposals to the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and builds Texas' health sciences workforce in neuroscience, cancer prevention, infection disease and regenerative medicine.
- **BOLD RESEARCH INITIATIVE | Funding Request: \$16,000,000**
Funding for state-of-the-art instrumentation acquisition and specialized facilities upgrades for computation, materials handling and visualization. Builds a talent ecosystem in quantum security, AI, cloud computing, data analytics, microelectronics and next gen communication.

ADDITIONAL PRIORITY INITIATIVES



The Institute of Texan Cultures (ITC) **Increased Funding Request: \$1,001,612**

Celebrates the state's rich heritage and draws lessons from the cultural, economic, industrial and social contributions of Texans.



Cybersecure Advanced Manufacturing for Texas **Increased Funding Request: \$750,000**

Provides Texas manufacturers with critical support to earn their certification and expand global competitiveness.



Small Business Development Centers & South-West Texas Border SBDC **Increased Funding Request: \$2,149,416**

Provides small business and economic development resources to a 79-county region while helping to create thousands of new jobs and secure millions in loans.



Texas Demographic Center (TDC) **Increased Funding Request (FY24): \$479,623** **Increased Funding Request (FY25): \$527,585**

Meets increased demands for the production, interpretation and distribution of demographic information for the state.

ADDITIONAL INVESTMENTS

- **HAZLEWOOD | Mitigating the financial impact** | In FY2022, UTSA provided nearly \$20M in cost of attendance reductions for military-affiliated students and their dependents. The state provided \$1.7M to offset the reduced costs. Hazlewood requires UTSA to forgo other investment opportunities, impacting all UTSA students.
- **TEXAS GRANT PROGRAM | A critical resource for low-income and first-generation students** | With 63% of UTSA undergraduates leveraging some form of financial assistance—and a 60% overall retention rate for Texas Grant students—the program enables students to pursue their higher education.

IF ADDRESSED | CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (CCAP)

- **Priority 1: Building Revitalization Initiative** - Addressing deferred maintenance for UTSA's nearly 50-year-old core academic and support buildings.
- **Priority 2: Student Success Center** - A 175,000 GSF building to support the college experience, from prospective student to graduation and beyond.
- **Priority 3: Creative Arts Education and Engagement Building** - A 209,000 GSF building to house programs that enhance the skills of arts students.