

# TEXAS RESEARCH INCENTIVE PROGRAM (TRIP)

Recruiting world-class faculty to enhance the student academic experience and the state's reputation as a research powerhouse

## OVERVIEW

In 2009, during the 81st Legislature, House Bill 51 established The Texas Research Incentive Program (TRIP), making available state matching funds for private gifts intended to enhance research productivity and faculty recruitment at Texas' eight emerging research universities. TRIP funds have a direct impact on UTSA's trajectory toward becoming a nationally recognized research university.

## THE CHALLENGE

The TRIP program has proven to be successful and effective in attracting private gifts to support research at UTSA, but the underfunding of the program in recent years hinders this momentum. Per THECB 11-07-2022 updated TRIP status report statewide there is a current backlog of over \$324M in unfunded eligible TRIP state matches. UTSA alone has approximately \$39M in unfunded eligible TRIP matching gifts. UTSA requests that the Legislature continues to fund this program.

## THE IMPACT

TRIP plays a vital role in UTSA's path toward earning status as a research intensive university as identified by the National Research University Fund (NRUF) and Carnegie Commission on Higher Education. The program offers a significant incentive for donors interested in supporting UTSA's research initiatives.

## CASE STUDY

In 2013, H-E-B made a five-year, \$5M commitment to UTSA to match donations for new endowed academic positions. The gift alone generated \$3.75M in TRIP matching funds. Additionally, the university received an additional \$2.25M in TRIP monies as a result of donations generated by the matching gift challenge. All told, UTSA received \$6M in TRIP matching funds as a result of the H-E-B gift. These funds enabled the university to establish 13 endowed chair and professorship positions, in turn attracting world-renowned scholars into these roles.



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