

INITIATIVE BRIEF

GUADALUPE HALL



Designed with student success in mind, UTSA's newest residence hall will house 360 freshman.

OVERVIEW

Providing on-campus living opportunities fosters student retention and success, and UTSA is committed to expanding the residential experience to a greater number of students. Work is underway to program and design a new 360 bed residence hall for freshmen students. Located at the intersection of Tobin and Brenan Avenues, the residence will provide convenient access to the Roadrunner Café dining facility and other on-campus housing amenities.

INITIATIVE LAUNCH	October 2018
LOCATION	Main Campus
ESTIMATED SIZE	95,000 gross square feet
ESTIMATED COST	Approximately \$33 million
FUNDING SOURCES	Future rental revenue and reserves from past revenue

THE CHALLENGE

Retention rates for UTSA students living on campus are consistently higher than for those who live off campus – especially for first-generation students. UTSA is currently exploring the possibility of requiring all first-year students to live on campus, but in order to meet that goal, additional housing will be needed.

THE IMPACT

The experience of living on campus teaches students skills that are important for their future, such as communication, resilience, conflict resolution and independence. Access to live-in professional staff, resident assistants and educational programming will ease the transition to college for new students and provides a support system that fosters success. Once it opens in the fall of 2021, the new hall will provide more freshmen with the dynamic support network and increased engagement that comes with the residential experience.

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COMPONENTS

- » 350+ beds to house incoming freshman students
- » Common area space that facilitates meaningful interactions to build community
- » Convenience to on-campus support services and amenities that foster connections
- » A full-service coffee shop that serves the larger residential district

OPPORTUNITIES

- » Increases opportunity for incoming freshmen and transfers to live on campus
- » Provides UTSA's newest students with easy access to dining facilities and the campus academic core
- » Engages students in the larger campus community
- » Grows UTSA's infrastructure to serve a larger student population

PHILANTHROPIC OPPORTUNITIES

- » Residence hall naming opportunity
- » Sponsorship opportunities for residential educational programming