

Hinojosa announces grant to boost number of STEM teachers in the Valley

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The University of Texas-Pan American will receive millions to focus on the recruitment and sustainability of Latina teachers in the fields of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM).

U.S. Rep. Rubén Hinojosa, D-Mercedes, announced on Friday that UTPA will be awarded \$3 million by the National Science Foundation for "attracting and nurturing women faculty" at a Hispanic-serving institution.

"My commitment to increasing the representation and success of Latinas in STEM fields remains steadfast," Hinojosa said in a statement. "UTPA has a long commitment as well to increasing the number of STEM field graduates from the University. This grant will ensure successful methods of faculty recruiting and nurturing to support the expanding programs in STEM fields provided by UTPA."

The National Science Foundation guidelines for the grant include on-going support for faculty, self-assessment study, education and empowerment and social science research that is intended to broaden and deepen the knowledge base related to issues that hinder the success of women, particularly Latinas, in STEM fields.