



The *Future*
of **TEXAS**

#1

University
in **TEXAS**

- WASHINGTON MONTHLY'S COLLEGE RANKINGS



WELCOME TO

THE *Future* OF TEXAS.

As our region continues to grow and evolve, so does our university. Never has that notion been more evident than it is today. We have accomplished so much this year, and all of that has helped make UTRGV the #1 University in Texas.

Within this report, you will discover stories and data revealing how UTRGV is shaping the future of Texas. From our Vaqueros Milestones to accomplishments in Academic Expansion, Research, and Rankings to our Construction and Economic Impact, Athletics, Health, Community Engagement, and Fundraising, you will see why the 2022-2023 academic year was one of the most important in UTRGV history.

DR. GUY BAILEY
UTRGV PRESIDENT



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Rio Grande Valley

#1 University
in Texas

2023 Washington Monthly Rankings

THE FUTURE OF TEXAS



Vaqueros Achievements

The core of our mission. Whether it is personalized support, transformative experiences, or academic excellence, UTRGV students have access to it all in a community where they thrive.

31,931

Fall 2023 enrollment, making UTRGV the ninth-largest university in Texas

#3

Fastest-growing doctoral public institution in the nation during the 2011-2021 decade, according to The Chronicle of Higher Education

825

Doctoral-level students in Fall 2023 compared to 243 in Fall 2015, UTRGV's inaugural semester. That is an increase of 582 students or 240% over eight years



\$306 Million

Financial aid disbursed to students in 2022-23

\$52 Million

Texas Grant allocation, the highest among all state universities

86.2%

Percentage of full-time resident undergraduates who received need-based aid and who did not pay tuition or mandatory fees

#1

Ranking among all Texas public universities for lowest student debt upon graduation (U.S. News and World Report)

#3

Ranking among national public universities for lowest student debt upon graduation (U.S. News and World Report)

79%

First-year retention rate of full-time students who started Fall 2022

7,146

Degrees awarded in 2022-23, the most in school history



Vaqueros Achievements *cont.*

LUMINARY SCHOLARSHIP

UTRGV's most prestigious merit-based scholarship offers full funding for undergraduate, graduate, and professional degrees emphasizing academic excellence and community commitment in the Rio Grande Valley.

Fall 2022 Cohort (inaugural year)

- 21 students from the Rio Grande Valley
- 3 students from other parts of Texas
- 7 students in Vaqueros MD Program which, upon graduation, provides conditional admission to UTRGV School of Medicine
- **100%** retention rate

Fall 2023 Cohort

- 20 students from the Rio Grande Valley
- 4 students from other parts of Texas
- 4 students in Vaqueros MD Program which, upon graduation, provides conditional admission to UTRGV School of Medicine
- **100%** retention rate



LEGISLATIVE INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

This hands-on experience provides students with a deeper understanding of the legislative process and offers valuable training and skills development working in the capitol offices of Rio Grande Valley State Legislators.

- In 2023, the program assigned 11 student interns to each of the 11 capitol offices of the Rio Grande Valley legislative delegation.
- Students who participate in the program can earn 3 upper-level credit hours in political science for local internships and 6 credit hours for capitol internships.



Academic Expansion

We are growing in so many ways, including our academic offerings. Today, more students seeking undergraduate, graduate, or doctoral programs across numerous disciplines can start — and complete — them at UTRGV.

NEW DEGREE PROGRAMS ADDED SINCE 2015

16

Bachelor's

15

Master's

5

Doctoral

4

Professional

2016-17

- MA Disaster Studies
- MS Ocean, Coastal, and Earth Sciences
- MS Agricultural, Environment, and Sustainability Sciences
- MD Medicine

2017-18

- MA Political Science

2018-19

- BS Hospitality and Tourism Management
- BS Addiction Studies
- BS Nutritional Sciences
- BS Statistics
- BS Sustainable Agriculture and Food Systems
- MS Civil Engineering
- M.ED. Teacher Leadership
- Ph.D. Clinical Psychology

2019-20

- BFA Graphic Design
- BS American Sign Language Interpretation
- MS Biochemistry and Molecular Biology
- MS Bioethics
- MS Business Analytics

2020-21

- BS Cybersecurity
- MS Applied Statistics and Data Science
- MS Global Commerce

2021-22

- BS Integrated Health Sciences
- MS Dietetics
- Doctor of Occupational Therapy
- Ph.D. Mathematics and Statistics with Interdisciplinary Applications
- Ph.D. Physics



2022-23

- BA Human Dimensions of Organizations
- BAIS Public Heritage and Community Engagement
- MA Higher Education Administration
- Doctor of Nursing Practice
- Doctor of Podiatric Medicine (First in Texas)
- Ph.D. Human Genetics

2023-24

- BA Medical and Health Humanities
- BM Music Composition
- BM Music Technology
- BS Education
- BS Special Education
- MS Biomedical Engineering
- MS Human Resource Management
- Ph.D. Materials Science and Engineering

Upcoming Programs

- Ph.D. Computer Science (*Starting Fall 2024*)
- Doctor of Physical Therapy



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Health

UTRGV is the only institution in Texas with schools of medicine and podiatric medicine. We are preparing students while serving the health care needs of South Texas.

SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

211

Medical Students

256

Medical Residents

SCHOOL OF PODIATRIC MEDICINE

61

Total students — 25 in inaugural cohort and 36 in second cohort

September 11, 2023

First day of patient service

UT HEALTH RIO GRANDE VALLEY

60,105

Established patients served

93.40%

Patient satisfaction

18,369

New patients served

29

UT Health RGV-operated sites throughout the Rio Grande Valley
(as of Aug. 31, 2023)



On the Horizon

CANCER AND SURGERY CENTER

This 145,000-square-foot, state-of-the-art facility will open in 2025 and offer cutting-edge care and treatments in the Rio Grande Valley. The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley is obtaining consulting services from MD Anderson Cancer Center, a world-renowned leader in cancer care, research, education, and prevention.

HISTORIC DOCTORAL PROGRAMS

In the span of seven months, the College of Engineering and Computer Science received approval for the first two doctoral programs in college history: a Ph.D. in Materials Science and Engineering and a Ph.D. in Computer Science with Interdisciplinary Applications. Materials Science started Fall 2023, and Computer Science is awaiting approval from SACSCOC and is scheduled to start Fall 2024.



UTRGV FOOTBALL

Will play its first season of NCAA Division I FCS competition in 2025. More than 3,200 season-ticket deposits have been made, as of March 2024.

WOMEN'S SWIMMING AND DIVING

Will begin competition in NCAA Division I in Fall 2024.

MARCHING BAND

Debuted in Fall 2023 with 150 members from throughout South Texas, performing at competitions and parades. The band will make its UTRGV football halftime debut in 2025.

DRILL TEAM

Debuted Fall 2023 with 13 members, performing at competitions and parades. The team will make its UTRGV football debut in 2025.

Rankings

UTRGV's rise in prestigious state and national rankings not only solidifies our standing as a top institution — it also exemplifies our unwavering commitment to excellence and student success.

WASHINGTON MONTHLY'S 2023 COLLEGE GUIDE AND RANKINGS

National

#2

in performance of Pell Grant students among all private and public universities

#31

overall among public universities

#60

overall among all private and public universities

State

#1

Overall

#1

Best Social Mobility

#1

Performance of Pell Grant Students

#1

Lowest Net Price of Attendance

1. UTRGV (60)

2. Sam Houston State (76)
3. Texas A&M (79)
4. UT Austin (87)
5. UT Arlington (92)
6. Rice (95)
7. UTSA (107)
8. UTEP (116)
9. Houston, Clear Lake (131)
10. Texas Woman's (144)

*National ranking in parenthesis

Notable national universities ranked below UTRGV

68. Ohio State
69. William & Mary
42. Indiana
75. James Madison
78. Georgia Tech
80. Maryland
82. Iowa State
83. Connecticut
85. North Carolina State
91. George Mason
93. Georgia
95. Arizona



Rankings *cont.*

U.S. NEWS AND WORLD REPORT

Rankings based on 19 key measures of academic quality, with peer assessment being the top-weighted factor.

National

#62

Among all universities for Undergraduate Teaching

#123

Among all public universities

#227

Among all universities
↑ Up 72 spots from 2022-23 rankings

State

#1

Top Performer in Social Mobility among all public and private universities

#6

Among all public universities

Top public universities

1. UT Austin
2. Texas A&M
3. UT Dallas
4. Houston
5. Texas Tech
- 6. UTRGV**
7. UT Arlington
8. Sam Houston State
9. North Texas
10. Texas State

DEGREE CHOICES

Rankings based on relative economic value of a university.

National

#7

Among all public universities

#15

Among all universities

State

Top public universities

1. UTRGV (15)

2. UT Austin (54)
3. Texas Woman's (66)
4. UT Dallas (73)
5. Texas A&M (76)
6. Houston (84)
7. UTSA (87)
8. Houston-Clear Lake (93)
9. Texas Tech (103)
10. North Texas (122)

#1

Among all public universities

*National ranking in parenthesis

Notable national universities ranked below UTRGV

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| 16. Vanderbilt | 28. Florida State |
| 18. Washington | 29. Carnegie Mellon |
| 19. UCLA | 31. Duke |
| 20. Columbia | 33. Virginia |
| 22. Illinois | 34. Purdue |
| 23. North Carolina | 38. Notre Dame |
| 27. Georgetown | |

Rankings *cont.*

HISPANIC OUTLOOK

National Rankings: Top 100 Colleges and Universities for Hispanics

#2

for Total Bachelor's
Degrees Granted

#3

for Total Master's
Degrees Granted

#4

for Total Enrollment
for Four-year
schools

#2

for Homeland Security, Law
Enforcement, Firefighting, and
Related Protective Services
Degrees Granted

#2

for English Language
and Literature/Letters
Degrees Granted

#4

for History Degrees
Granted

#5

for Education
Degrees Granted

#7

for Philosophy and Religious
Studies Degrees Granted

#8

for Engineering
Degrees Granted

#9

for Business Management
and Related Support
Services Degrees Granted

#10

for Visual and Performing
Arts Degrees Granted

THIRD WAY

Rankings based on Economic Mobility Index, or how well universities serve their low-income students.

National

#6

Among all universities

State

#1

Among all large universities

CHRONICLE OF HIGHER EDUCATION

Rankings based on federally reported data and enrollment figures from 2011-2021.

National

#3

Fastest-growing doctoral public university

State

#1

Fastest-growing doctoral public university in Texas

**Top 10
Fastest-Growing
Public Doctoral
Institutions**

1. Georgia Tech
2. California at Merced
- 3. UTRGV**
4. Rowan
5. UT Dallas
6. California-San Diego
7. UT Tyler
8. Texas A&M
9. UT Arlington
10. Clemson

Athletics

UTRGV Athletics had some big victories in 2023, celebrating its community service connections through stewardship and welcoming record numbers of Vaquero fans cheering on our men's and women's student-athletes.

3.32

Cumulative GPA, a department record

3,706

Community service hours supporting 30 organizations

84%

Graduation success rate

7th

Overall rank in community service in the NCAA

\$1.8 Million

Fundraising revenue, a department record

\$384,407

Ticket revenue, a department record

100,000

Fan attendance, a department record

\$451,000

Corporate sponsorship revenue, a department record





Research

From the Gulf of Mexico to the depths of space, UTRGV scholars are challenging conventions and discovering new solutions — all while pushing the boundaries of intellectual advancement.

\$78.8 Million

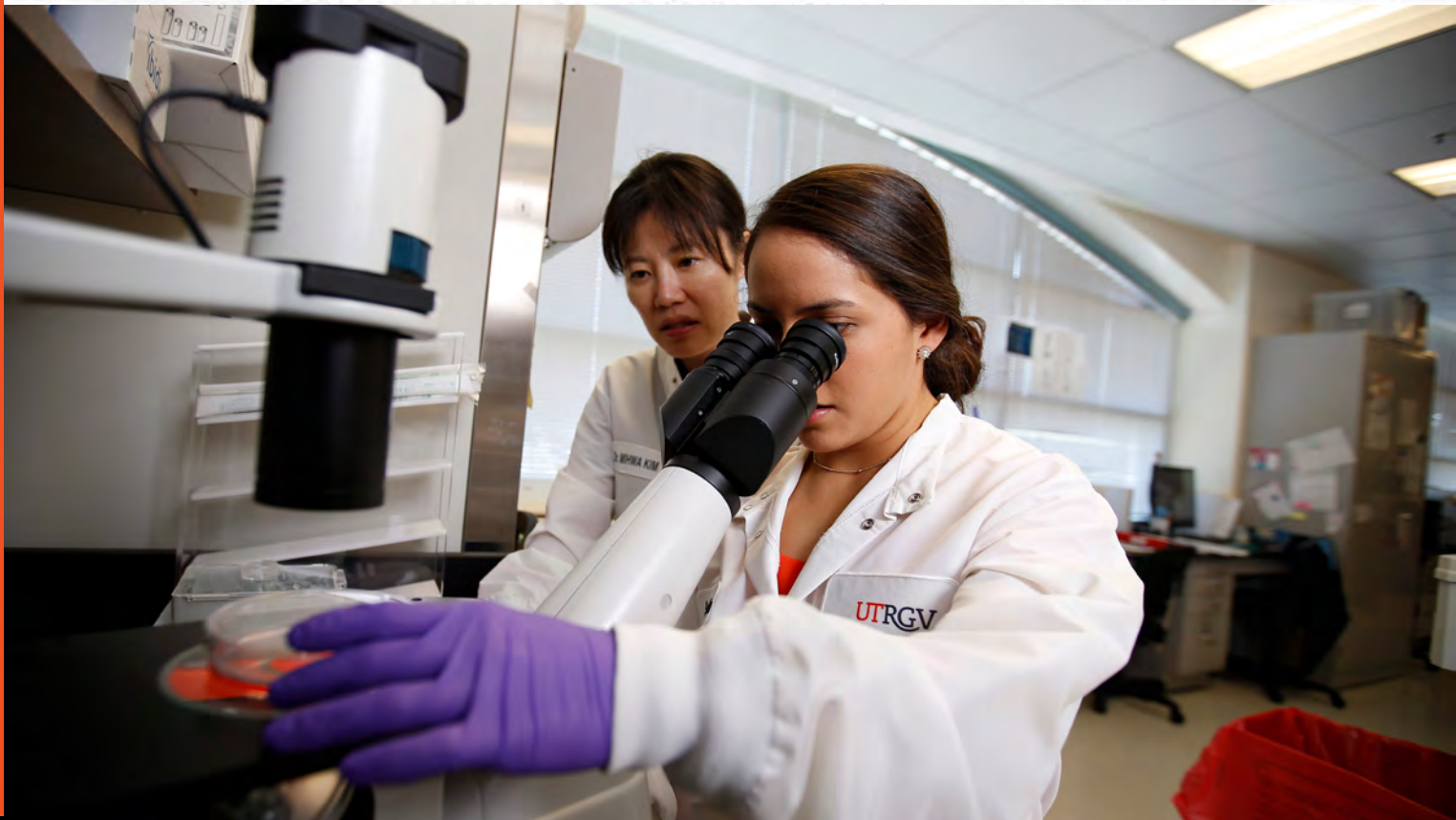
Total research expenditures, an increase of more than \$18.1 million from the previous year

\$42.4 Million

Restricted research expenditures, an increase of \$15 million from the previous year

45

Doctoral degrees awarded
in Academic Year 23



Fundraising

Philanthropy fuels innovation, initiatives, and possibilities. But more than anything, it is an investment in The Future of Texas — the people and ideals that form our UTRGV family.

\$218,185,915

Total private fundraising since 2015
and as of Aug. 31, 2023

\$170,370,458

Total endowment

\$27,383,678

Private fundraising for Fiscal Year 23



Community Engagement & Integration

Family. Hard work. Gratitude. These values define our institutional culture and empower all Vaqueros to forge partnerships across the UTRGV community. The result? A stronger, more connected Rio Grande Valley.

DUAL CREDIT OFFERINGS

In academic year 2022-2023, UTRGV partnered with more than 20 school districts (charter and private schools) throughout the Rio Grande Valley to provide students with opportunities to enroll in dual credit courses.

- **767**

Fall 2022 enrollment, including specialty campuses, Mathematics and Science Academy, and other dual credit students

- **2**

New Collegiate High Schools — specialized dual enrollment schools — currently being built in collaboration with Edinburg CISD and McAllen ISD. The UTRGV Harlingen CISD Collegiate High opened in 2021

COMMUNITY-BASED LEARNING & SERVICE

3,788

Students have dedicated their time to volunteering in the Rio Grande Valley community

30,750

Completed service hours

\$1 Million

Economic impact produced by UTRGV's community engagement efforts



OFFICE OF WORKFORCE & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

4

Satellite offices throughout the Valley, including Brownsville, Harlingen, Mission, and San Benito

1,617

Continuing education certificates awarded

3,274

Business and community clients served

619

Jobs created or retained

4,468

Individuals participating in training and workshops

\$9 Million

In capital formation

109

Businesses created or expanded

Investing in the Rio Grande Valley

UTRGV fuels the Rio Grande Valley economy by generating jobs, infrastructure expansion, fostering innovation, and producing graduates who contribute to workforce development and economic growth.

More than 50,000 graduates

This milestone was achieved during Fall 2023 and represents 3% of the Rio Grande Valley population who have obtained degrees from UTRGV since the university opened in 2015

\$1.2 Billion

Amount invested in completed (\$852.2K) and planned (\$358.5K) construction and major renovation throughout the Rio Grande Valley since 2015, as of February 2023

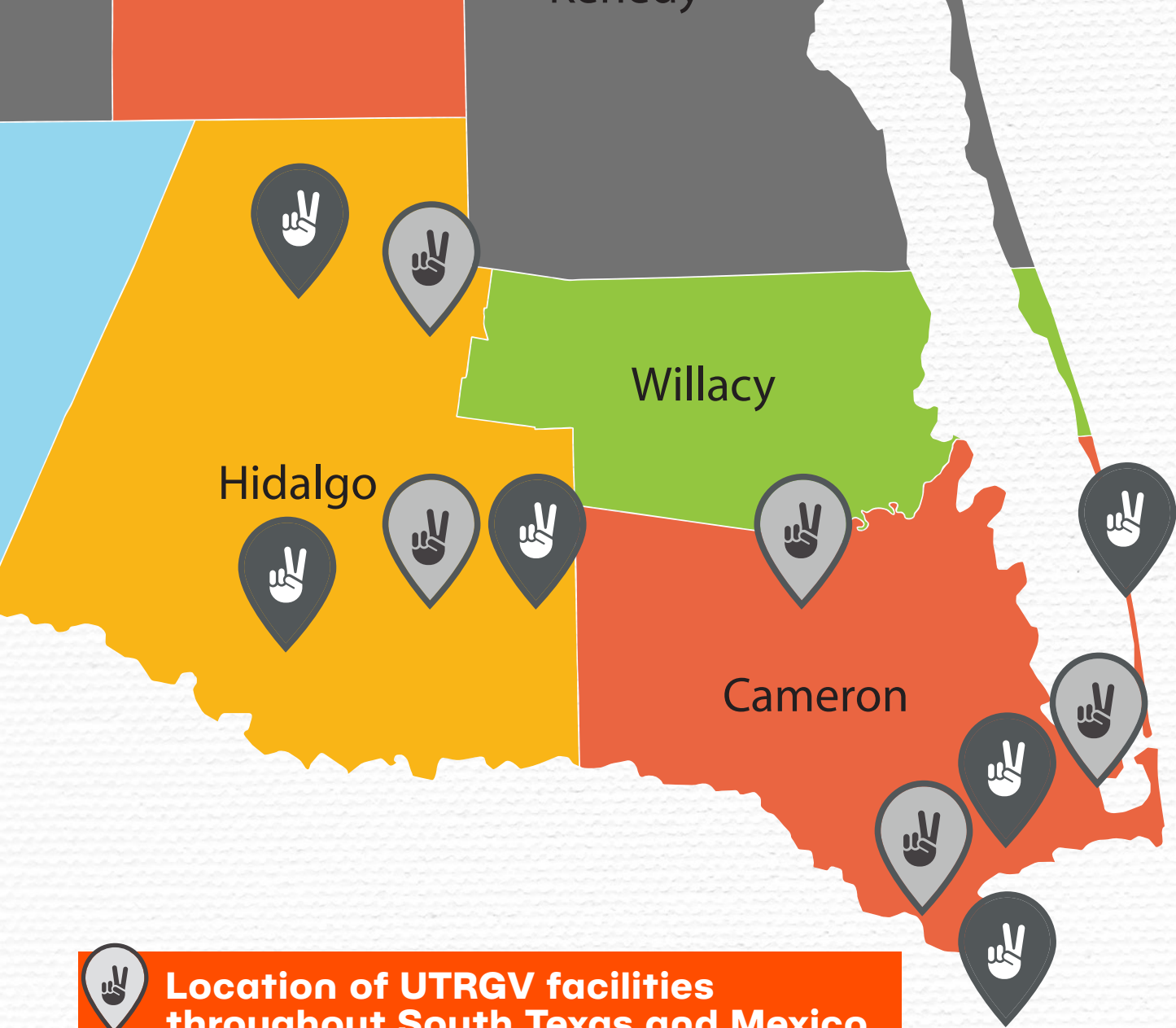
\$478 Million

Total operating revenues for 2015-16, UTRGV's inaugural year



\$705 Million

Total operating revenues for 2023-24, an increase of 47.5% in eight years



Location of UTRGV facilities throughout South Texas and Mexico

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| Boca Chica | Mercedes |
| Brownsville | Port Isabel |
| Edinburg | Rio Grande City |
| Harlingen | San Carlos |
| Matamoros, Mexico | South Padre Island |
| McAllen | Weslaco |

64

Facilities built or acquired since UTRGV opened in 2015

13

New buildings constructed since 2015, as of February 2023

11

New buildings currently in progress or planned, as of February 2023



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