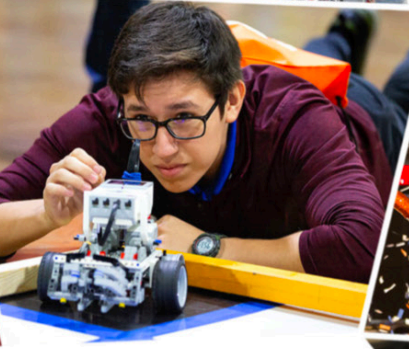
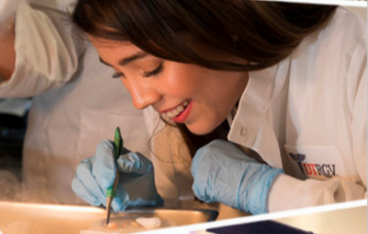
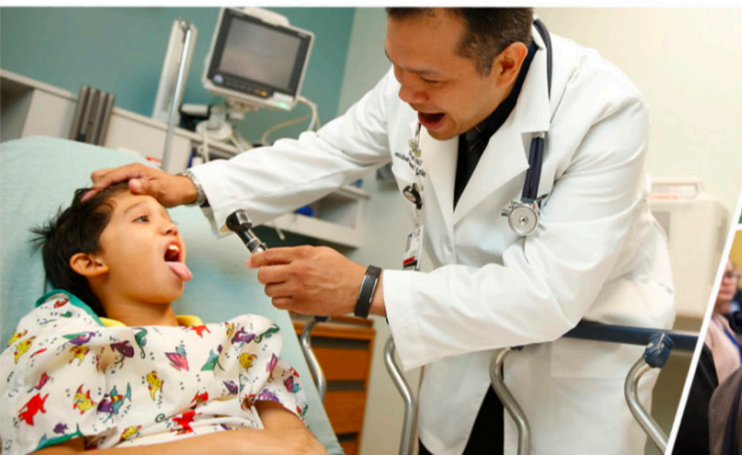


The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley™



Legislative Priorities • 86th Legislative Session





Dr. Guy Bailey
President

The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley (UTRGV)

As we look forward to the completion of our fourth year as UTRGV, I'd like to take this opportunity to thank the Legislature for its hard work to establish the University and its investment in our programs to assure that our students are successful. As you will see within this document, we have much to be proud of.

Many students who began as part of UTRGV's freshman

class in Fall 2015 will graduate this academic year. We should have graduation rates for our first class that are competitive with some of the best universities in the state. Our student success is the result of the collaborative efforts of our students, faculty, staff and external stakeholders such as the Legislature.

Our Fall 2018 enrollment was 28,644, a record for the university. More importantly, the enrollment growth comes at a time when we face increasing competition from universities from outside the region, something which suggests we are becoming a university of choice.

We are also becoming a university of champions. Our chess team

won the National Collegiate Chess Championship; a group of business students defeated 500 teams from 37 countries to win the 15th annual CME Group Trading Challenge; and our Opera Theater's Bravo Opera Company won first place in the National Opera Association's Opera Production Competition. Women's tennis won our first team WAC Regular Season Championship in any sport, our track & field program added seven individual WAC Championships, and our men's basketball team went to its first post-season tournament.

These accomplishments come at a time when the overall success of UTRGV is being recognized in a variety of national rankings.

With its 3rd class beginning in summer 2018, our School of Medicine (SOM) has been a significant driver of the overall success of the university and the economic development of the Rio Grande Valley. The first three classes of medical students are excellent, and those classes are among the most diverse in the country. UTRGV has partnerships with hospitals throughout the Rio Grande Valley and now has 169 medical residents. Our clinical practice, UTHealth Rio Grande Valley, allows us to deliver high-quality patient care across the Rio Grande Valley. The care team of UTHealth RGV is helping to transform healthcare in the RGV, especially for individuals with limited access to primary and specialty services.

There is a broad range of opportunities for our students, and we hope that you will agree that the Legislature's outlay in this institution has and will continue to bring value to the region and the entire state. The requests that we have brought forward to the 86th Legislature are reasonable and reflect our best effort to continue to serve our region and the Great State of Texas.



SCHOOL OF MEDICINE: 2020-2021 BIENNIUM



UTHealth
Rio Grande Valley
School of Medicine

TOP PRIORITY

MEDICAL SCHOOL START-UP FUNDING REQUEST

\$52M in Non-Formula *Start-Up* Funding

Sustain the \$42M base + plus \$10M in Exceptional Item Funding

- The additional \$10 million in start-up funding is the highest exceptional item priority for the SoM. The funding is necessary to achieve full accreditation upon the graduation of the inaugural class in 2020. The funding would allow critical operating resources to sustain the medical education programs.
- The funding will also support years three and four of the School's medical education, which requires funding to support clinical sites, partnerships and clinical faculty.

OTHER EXCEPTIONAL ITEM FUNDING

CERVICAL DYSPLASIA AND CANCER CLINIC & CANCER IMMUNOLOGY PROGRAM - \$4.4 MILLION

- Transfer the Cervical Dysplasia and Cancer Stop Clinic in McAllen from UTMB at Galveston and the related \$712,500 current level of funding to UTRGV's SoM. An additional \$1,287,500 above current funding levels will further allow the expansion of cervical screening services for women in the RGV.
- The exceptional item request also includes \$2.4 million to support the development of a Tier 1 research program in cancer immunology to study how cervical and other related cancers affect Hispanic women in the Rio Grande Valley.

OTHER SIGNIFICANT FUNDING PRIORITIES

Graduate Medical Education – Continued funding for residency positions to support the expansion of GME opportunities in the Rio Grande Valley.

HRI Formula Funding for students enrolled at UTRGV SOM.

GENERAL ACADEMIC UNIT: 2020-2021 BIENNIUM

TOP PRIORITY

SUSTAIN FUNDING FOR CURRENT NON-FORMULA SUPPORT (NFS) ITEMS - formerly "Special Items"

UTRGV is requesting current level funding for its 16 General Academic Unit NFS items - **\$17.5M**

Included in the items is the University's Institutional Enhancement request which totals \$12.7 million for launching new critical programs until sufficient formula funding is generated. UTRGV seeks funding for eight programs within its Institutional Enhancement line item:

- DOCTOR OF PHYSICAL THERAPY PROGRAM - **\$6M**
- PH.D. PROGRAM IN CELLULAR, MOLECULAR AND BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES - **\$1.5M**
- PH.D. PROGRAM IN MATHEMATICAL & STATISTICAL SCIENCES - **\$1.5M**
- PH.D. IN CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGY - **\$1.5M**
- BS IN HOSPITALITY & TOURISM MANAGEMENT - **\$350K**
- MS IN OCEAN, COASTAL & EARTH SCIENCE - **\$500K**
- MS IN CIVIL ENGINEERING - **\$350K**
- BRIDGE PIPELINE PROGRAM TO BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES AND OTHER HEALTH PROFESSIONAL PROGRAMS - **\$1M**

OTHER SIGNIFICANT FUNDING PRIORITIES

CONTINUATION OF HOLD-HARMLESS FUNDING

FORMULA FUNDING – A sustained commitment to formula funding for enrollment growth and inflation.

TUITION REVENUE BONDS – UTRGV requests the following:

BUILDING FOR COLLEGE OF HEALTH AFFAIRS - **\$70M**

Space is needed to address the rapidly increasing demand for undergraduate and graduate programs to produce health professionals such as physician assistants, nurses, pharmacists, occupational and physical therapists, speech pathologists, social workers and rehabilitation specialists.

SIGNIFICANT POLICY PRIORITIES

FINANCIAL AID FOR STUDENT SUCCESS AND THE COORDINATING BOARD PROPOSED GRADUATION BONUS

PRESERVE TUITION SET-ASIDES AND THE CURRENT TUITION-SETTING PROCESS

HAZLEWOOD – Provide funding for the increasing cost of the Hazlewood legacy tuition benefit.

RESEARCH – Continue the state's investments in research funding.

National Recognition

WASHINGTON MONTHLY RANKINGS

Based not on exclusivity, reputation, and size of endowment, but rather on impact on social mobility, research, and community engagement – UTRGV ranked exceptionally well in the Washington Monthly 2018 College Rankings.



1st for the performance of our first-generation students.



2nd for the performance of our Pell Grant students.



7th among "Best Bang for the Buck" universities in the South.

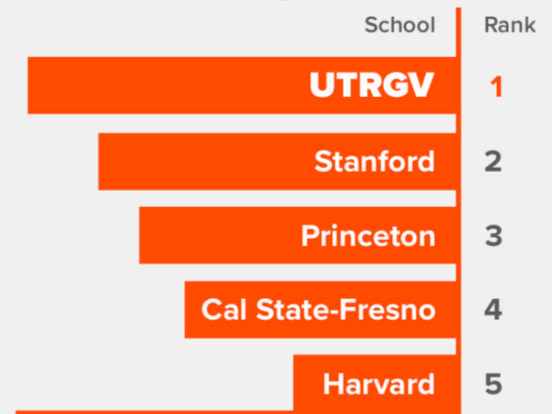


Only two Texas public universities, UT Austin and Texas A&M, ranked higher.



1st among all Texas universities for social mobility.

NET PRICE



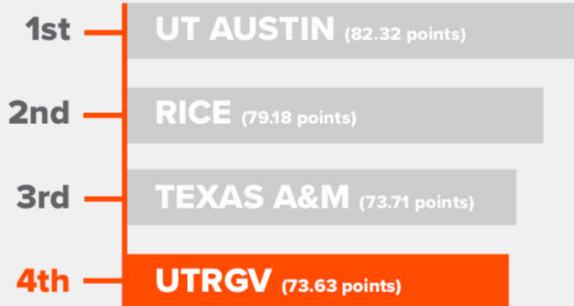
Total cost of one year for a first-time, full-time undergraduate, minus financial aid.

BEST COLLEGES RANKINGS

BestColleges.com ranked UTRGV as the 4th best university in Texas, behind only UT Austin, Rice, and Texas A&M. Our online master's degree in Social Work is ranked 2nd in the country, behind Boston University and ahead of Columbia, Southern California, and Case Western.



BEST IN TEXAS



2nd

best online master's degree in social work. UTRGV trailed only Boston University, and ranked higher than Columbia, USC and Case Western.

UTRGV AT A GLANCE

Our university stretches over 120 miles and has locations throughout the entire Rio Grande Valley from South Padre Island to Rio Grande City. We are the 9th largest 4-year public university in Texas, and the 4th largest within the UT System and we expect to continue growing.

The local communities we serve are predominantly Hispanic, experience high levels of poverty, and continue a pattern of significant population growth.

- ★ UTRGV has the highest Hispanic enrollment among all 4-year public universities in Texas; many of them are first-generation students.
- ★ Many of our students are on some type of financial aid:
 - 79% receiving some form of financial aid.
 - 63% of undergrads are receiving Pell Grants... 5th in the U.S.
- ★ Providing educational opportunities in relevant fields:
 - UTRGV offers programs through its 10 academic colleges and a School of Medicine
 - 48% of UTRGV students major in a STEM or Health-Related field.



A university
of promise,
opportunity, and
limitless possibilities.

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MCALLEN

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SOUTH PADRE ISLAND

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(956) 761-2644



Largest Hispanic enrollment in the state of Texas.



HISPANIC ASSOCIATION OF COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES



1st among Texas institutions for awarding the most undergraduate 4-year degrees to Hispanics (2nd nationally).



1st among Texas institutions for awarding the most graduate degrees to Hispanics (4th nationally).



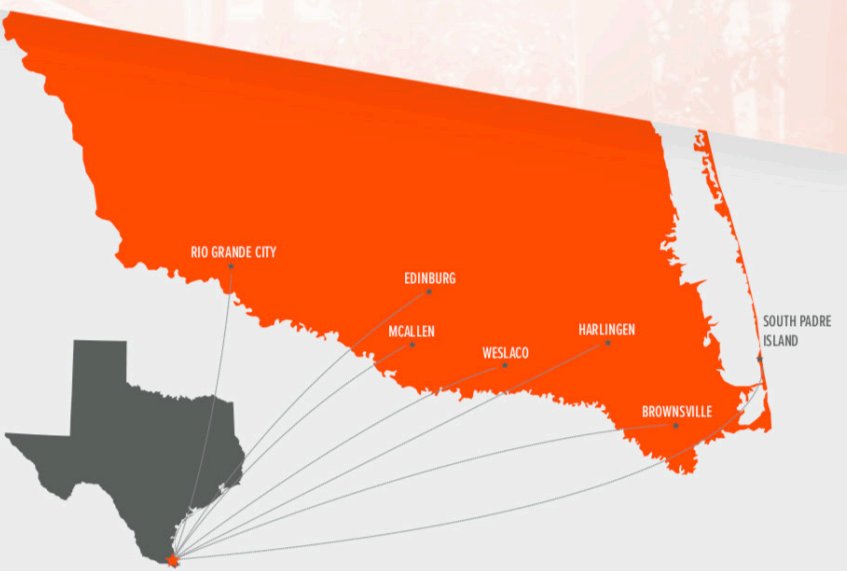
1st among Texas institutions for awarding the most biology and biomedical sciences bachelor's degrees to Hispanics (2nd nationally).



2nd among national institutions for awarding mathematics bachelor's degrees to Hispanics.



TOP TEN producer of Hispanic physicists and engineers in the United States.



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