



UTRGV After 10 years

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A DECADE OF GREATNESS



UTRGV in 2025

Began AY25 with an enrollment of over 35,000

- About **85%** are undergraduate students; about **3%** are in doctoral or professional programs
- About **94%** of undergraduates and **75%** of grad/prof. students are Hispanic/Latino
- Almost two-thirds of undergraduates are Pell Grant eligible; **78%** of students who receive some sort of financial aid are Pell eligible



ABOUT

55%

of undergraduates are
first generation students

ALMOST

2/3

of undergraduates are
full time students

OVER

88%

of undergraduates are
traditional in terms of
age (under 24)

ABOUT

1,200

are collegiate high
school/dual credit students





UTRGV 10 Years In

Texas' largest distributor of need-based financial aid

- During 2025-26, UTRGV will distribute over **\$125 million** in Pell Grants
- During 2025-26, UTRGV will distribute close to **\$60 million** in Texas Grants
- During 2025-26, UTRGV will distribute **\$25 million** in institutional funds





UTRGV 10 Years In

We are built on a new model of higher education finance that

- Is designed to minimize student debt
- Limits tuition and mandatory fees to the maximum payout of a Pell Grant + Texas Grant
- Guarantees tuition & mandatory fees for 4 years for **all undergraduates**
- Provides free tuition & mandatory fees for qualifying Texas residents in good academic standing whose family income is **\$125,000 or less**

As a result,

- **91% of UTRGV fulltime undergraduates pay no tuition or fees**
- UTRGV undergraduates have the lowest debt load in Texas public 4-yr institutions
- 4-year graduation rates have increased from **24.7% to 36.3%**
- UTRGV students have the best Return on Investment in Texas



Progress over 10 years

Enrollment

35,000+

UTRGV (2015-2025)

8,009

UTB (2014-2015)

21,015

UTPA (2014-2015)

1st Yr. Retention Rate

80.1%

UTRGV (2015-2025)

71.1%

UTB (2014-2015)

76.1%

UTPA (2014-2015)

Four-Year Graduation Rate

36.3%

UTRGV (2015-2025)

12.4%

UTB (2014-2015)

20.6%

UTPA (2014-2015)

Six-Year Graduation Rate

54.3%

UTRGV (2015-2025)

27.6%

UTB (2014-2015)

44.8%

UTPA (2014-2015)

Time to Degree (years)

4.7

UTRGV (2015-2025)

5.8

UTB (2014-2015)

5.1

UTPA (2014-2015)

Total Academic Cost of Degree

\$4,512

UTRGV (2015-2025)

\$11,298

UTB (2014-2015)

\$4,631

UTPA (2014-2015)

Average Debt Load

\$15,660

UTRGV (2015-2025)

\$25,182

UTB (2014-2015)

\$17,093

UTPA (2014-2015)

Research Expenditures

\$103.7

MILLION
UTRGV (2015-2025)

\$5.8

MILLION
UTB (2014-2015)

\$11.3

MILLION
UTPA (2014-2015)

Total External Fundraising

\$302.8

MILLION
UTRGV (2015-2025)

\$1.7

MILLION
UTB (2014-2015)

\$4.4

MILLION
UTPA (2014-2015)



Recognition After 10 Years

2026 U.S. News & World Report Best Colleges Rankings

#213

nationally among
all universities
(up 86 places in three years)

#118

nationally
among public
universities

#56

nationally among
Most Innovative
universities (debut)

#1

in Texas among
top performers
for Social Mobility

2025 Washington Monthly Rankings

#1

in Texas

#7

Nationally

#3

nationally among
top doctoral
universities

#2

Best Hispanic
Serving University
in the nation

#2

Best Bang for the
Buck among
Southern Colleges

2025 Wall Street Journal/ College Pulse Social Mobility

#1

in Texas for
Best Value among
public universities

#1

in Texas for
Best Social Mobility
among all universities

#5

overall among public
Texas universities



UTRGV 10 Years In

We have expanded health care in the RGV. In 2025:

- **24 health sites** around the RGV saw more than **127,199 patients** (FY25)
- **225** medical students; **288** graduates since 2016
- **123** medical residents; **449** graduates since 2016
- **109** students in podiatric medicine





UTRGV 10 Years In

We have assisted in workforce & economic development. In 2025:

- **3,116** business and community clients were served
- **109** businesses were created or expanded and **1,950** jobs created or saved
- **\$7.2 million** in capital formation was developed and **\$154 million** in new sales and contracts





UTRGV 10 Years In

We have made significant investments in our faculty and staff

- 10 consecutive years of either merit or equity adjustments or both
- Over **\$80 million** in salary adjustments
- More than **1500 new positions**

We have made significant investments in facilities

- More than **\$813 million** in new facilities
- **12** new buildings and **35** major renovations
- **\$410 million** in new construction and renovation planned over the next few years



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THE FUTURE OF TEXAS

10TH

2015

2025

ANNIVERSARY

Welcome to the
#FIRSTCLASS
UTRGV

2016

HOME
COMING
-2022-

UTRGV