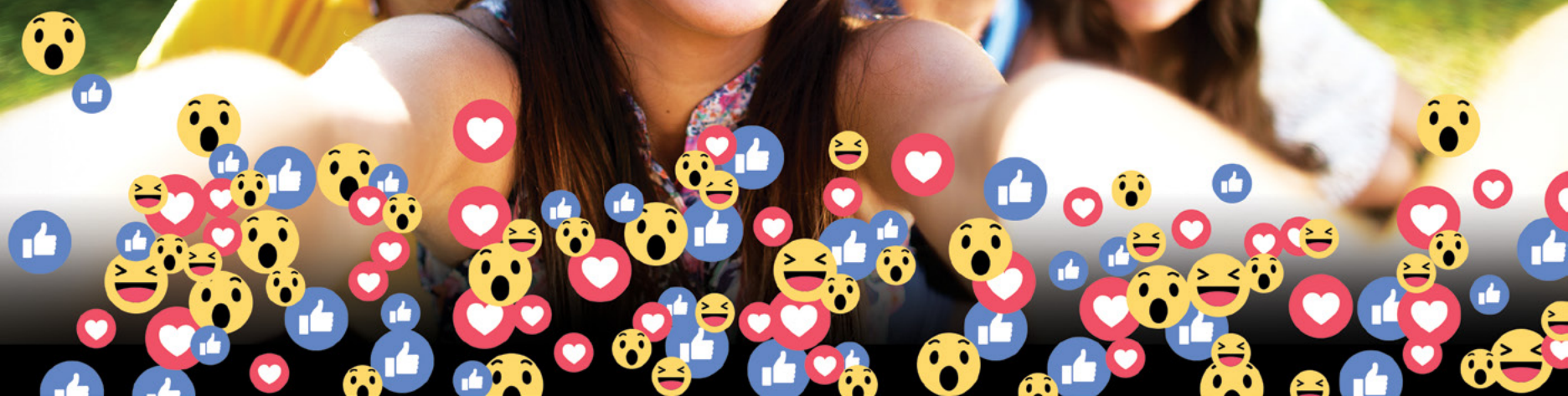


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# About Vaquero Connection

Vaquero Connection is a publication produced by The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley that offers important UTRGV information, college readiness advice and career pathways guidance to high school students and their parents.

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# MY WORLD BEGINS WHERE THE SURFACE ENDS.

I am UTRGV



**Catheline Fröhlich**  
School of Earth, Environmental,  
and Marine Sciences  
Research Associate II  
Ulm, Germany

I've been able to bring my passion to the surface. Conducting research alongside world-renowned scientists. Encouraging budding biologists. Discovering a world of silent beauty — with profound importance to the Gulf, and to the world.

We are all on this adventure together. To make the world a better place. See issues in a new light. Be of service to our community. Together, we are **UTRGV** and we will inspire the world.

## Greetings, Future Vaqueros

I'm Alondra Galvan, **president of The UTRGV Student Government Association for 2017-2018**, and it is my pleasure to introduce you to The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley.

Three years ago, I was a senior in high school, trying to figure out which university I should attend. I thought I had to leave the **Rio Grande Valley** to gain opportunities that would allow me to attain my career goal.

But I was so wrong! UTRGV has opened so many doors for me and provided the opportunity to grow and move closer to obtaining the career I want. My UTRGV journey has revolved around great professors, staff and fellow students who are supportive and provide direction when I need it. I got involved on campus, too, because UTRGV offers so much, I just couldn't reject the opportunities here.

If you're like I was, trying to make the right choice about the future, you should definitely look into joining the **Vaquero family**. The Valley is very family oriented, and when you attend UTRGV, you will have a new, extended family you can depend on, people who will help you succeed, and who will not fail you.

**I hope to see you around campus. I am UTRGV, and you can be, too!**

Alondra Galvan



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(956) 882-7362 (B)

### Child Development Center

(956) 665-2469 (E)

### Counseling Services

(956) 665-2574 (E)  
(956) 882-3897 (B)

### Graduate Admissions

(956) 665-3661 (E)  
(956) 882-6552 (B)

### Honors College

(956) 665-2341 (E)

### Housing

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(956) 882-7191 (B)

### International Admissions

(956) 665-2922 (E)  
(956) 882-7092 (B)

### IT Service Desk

(956) 665-2020 (E)  
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(956) 882-8980 (B)

### ROTC

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### Scholarships

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### Student Food Pantry

(956) 665-3663 (E)  
(956) 882-7126 (B)

### Testing Services

(956) 665-7570 (E)  
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### Parking & Transportation Services

(956) 665-2738 (E)  
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### UTRGV Athletics

(956) 665-2221 (E)

(E) Edinburg Campus (B) Brownsville Campus

# SEE YOURSELF @ UTRGV

HERE ARE SOME REASONS WHY YOU SHOULD PICTURE YOURSELF AT THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS RIO GRANDE VALLEY

Link up with one of the nearly **300 student organizations** and connect with fellow Vaqueros.

Explore our **120-plus** majors and minors and set your sights on career success.

Make **28,000** new friends.

Our tuition rates are **guaranteed for 4 years** from the time you start college. So, you will not see a tuition increase while you attend UTRGV.

Plunge into research as an undergraduate with **first-rate faculty in high-tech fields** like engineering, or go under the sea and study the Gulf Coast in our marine biology major.

Put Your **V's Up!** Support our Vaqueros athletes in NCAA competition.

# HOW TO GET YOURSELF HERE

BELIEVE IT OR NOT, IT'S TIME TO START GETTING READY FOR COLLEGE. TO HELP YOU STAY ON TRACK AND GET COLLEGE READY, UTRGV HAS A FEW TIPS JUST FOR YOU.

**1** Start thinking about your **dream career.**

**2** Talk to your high school counselor about your **plans for college.**

**3** Take **college preparatory classes now** – they're worth it.

**4** Talk to your parents about **saving for college.**

**5** Talk to your high school counselor about **financial aid and scholarships.**

**6** Attend **college fairs.**

**7** Go to **career day** at your school or elsewhere.

**8** Scope out **summer programs** that focus on a particular subject, like science or math.

**9** Attend **campus events** at UTRGV.

**10** **Strive for a great GPA.** Grades are super important and one of the top things universities consider.



# CHECK OUT UTRGV

The best way to get to know UTRGV is to book your campus tour today!

Your time on campus is the perfect chance to tour our state-of-the-art facilities, speak with faculty, and get personalized information about admissions and financial aid. Since most of the visit consists of walking the campus, be sure to dress comfortably.

PLAN YOUR VISIT NOW!  
[CAMPUSTOURS@UTRGV.EDU](mailto:CAMPUSTOURS@UTRGV.EDU)

# GET a head START: UTRGV PROGRAMS FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

## DUAL ENROLLMENT PROGRAM @UTRGV

If you are a high school junior or senior with a proven record of academic achievement, you are invited to participate in our UTRGV Dual Enrollment Program. As a DE student you will have the opportunity to enroll in university courses, benefit from the expertise of highly qualified professors, and take advantage of our outstanding academic facilities. Best of all you will earn college credit while you're still in high school!

[utrgv.edu/undergraduate-admissions/dual-enrollment](http://utrgv.edu/undergraduate-admissions/dual-enrollment)

## TEXAS PRE-FRESHMAN ENGINEERING PROGRAM (TEXPREP)

TexPREP provides a challenging academic program designed to motivate and prepare middle and high school students for success in advanced studies leading to careers in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM). The program is accredited by the Texas Education Agency (TEA), and students earn one-unit elective credit for every year they successfully complete in the program.

[utrgv.edu/texprep](http://utrgv.edu/texprep)

## UTRGV High Scholars Program

The College of Sciences at UTRGV established an exciting program to engage high school students from the Rio Grande Valley in research projects being conducted by the university faculty at UTRGV's Brownsville and Edinburg campuses. Students spend 25 hours per week, with a flexible schedule agreeable to the student and their mentor(s), in state-of-the-art laboratory and field research facilities at UTRGV.

[utrgv.edu/highscholars](http://utrgv.edu/highscholars)

## HOLMES CADETS PROGRAM

The UTRGV College of Education and P-16 Integration has partnered with STISD's South Texas Business, Education & Technology Academy (BETA) to offer an educator pipeline via the Holmes Cadets Program. This program provides BETA students interested in a career in education an opportunity to broaden their horizons by completing concurrent college courses at UTRGV. The program is designed to prepare education students to become teachers in the K-12 system.

[utrgv.edu/cep](http://utrgv.edu/cep)

Contact: (956) 665-3410

## MATHEMATICS & SCIENCE ACADEMY (MSA)

For high school students gifted in mathematics and science, UTRGV's MSA offers students the opportunity to complete two years of college concurrently with their last two years of high school. The MSA is an award-winning program in which Texas 11th and 12th grade high school students take classes from UTRGV faculty, alongside UTRGV students, and gain invaluable university experience with more heightened supervision and guidance than traditional UTRGV students.

[utrgv.edu/msa/apply-now](http://utrgv.edu/msa/apply-now)

TO DISCOVER MORE UTRGV PROGRAMS FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS, CHECK OUT [UTRGV.edu](http://UTRGV.edu)

# YOUR COLLEGE JOURNEY STARTS HERE

When you're about to begin an experience that will change your life forever, the first step is always the biggest.

For you, that means submitting your application materials to UTRGV on time to ensure a smooth and seamless admission process.



## LET'S GET STARTED!

**STEP 1:** Fill out your UTRGV application online at [www.applytexas.org](http://www.applytexas.org) by submitting a "Freshman, U.S." application.

**STEP 2:** Submit the following:

- ACT or SAT scores directly from the testing agency.
- A high school transcript. Make sure it indicates your diploma, class rank, class size and GPA.
- TSI Assessment scores or proof of exemption.
- Official college transcripts for any college coursework taken while in high school, if applicable.

**STEP 3:** Provide proof of meningitis vaccination.

**STEP 4:** Once you're admitted, register for New Student Orientation.

For more information, visit

[UTRGV.edu/admissions](http://UTRGV.edu/admissions) OR email [RECRUITMENT@UTRGV.edu](mailto:RECRUITMENT@UTRGV.edu)

## SEND US YOUR SELFIE!

Get ready for the next steps in your academic career. Follow us on social media for the latest UTRGV information. Don't hesitate to ask questions, there are teams in place ready to help you get started.

If you have any questions, give us a call at (888) 882-4026 or email [recruitment@utrgv.edu](mailto:recruitment@utrgv.edu). We are happy to help.

**#IAmUTRGV...It's Time to Celebrate!**

Show #IAmUTRGV by taking a selfie with the poster on the next pages.

Best photos will win FREE UTRGV swag!

<p>1. Tape it to wall</p>	<p>2. Put your V's up</p>	<p>3. Take your selfie</p>	<p>4. Share on social media</p>
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Let the world know #IAmUTRGV



# I am UTRGV



Put your V's up!

#Vaquero Connection



# DISCOVER YOUR SELF HERE

THIS IS YOUR TIME TO FIND OUT WHO YOU WANT TO BE AND WHAT YOUR CAREER GOALS ARE. UTRGV IS CHANGING WHAT A COLLEGE EDUCATION MEANS IN THE RIO GRANDE VALLEY AND BEYOND.

WE offer more than **120 degrees and programs** with personalized mentorship from world-class faculty, leading edge facilities and technology, and opportunities for significant undergraduate research – from aerospace, to international business, to cultural border studies, to marine biology, UTRGV's undergraduate learning experience is focused entirely on student success.

## DEGREES TO CHOOSE FROM:

### ROBERT C. VACKAR COLLEGE OF BUSINESS & ENTREPRENEURSHIP

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- Accountancy
- Economics
- Entrepreneurship & Innovation
- Finance
- Information Systems
- International Business
- Management
- Marketing
- Materials Management & Logistics

#### CAREER OPTIONS

Entrepreneurs • Government Accountants and Auditors • Management Accountants and Internal Auditors • Public Accountants • Budget Analysts • Financial Analysts • Financial Managers • Insurance Underwriters • Loan Officers and Counselors • Personal Financial Advisors • Stockbrokers and Financial Services Sales Agents • Human Resources Managers • Medical and Health Services Manager • Top Executives • Management Consultants, Market and Survey Researchers • Buyers and Purchasers.



### COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING & COMPUTER SCIENCE

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- Civil Engineering
- Computational Science
- Computer Engineering
- Computer Information Systems – Technology
- Computer Science
- Electrical Engineering
- Engineering Technology
- Manufacturing Engineering
- Mechanical Engineering

#### CAREER OPTIONS

Civil Engineers • Aerospace Engineers • Agricultural Engineers • Chemical Engineers • Computer Hardware Engineers • Electrical and Electronics Engineers • Environmental Engineers • Industrial Engineers • Materials Engineers • Mechanical Engineers • Petroleum Engineers • Mining and Geological Engineers • Surveyors • Computer Programmers • Computer and Information Research Scientists • Computer Systems Analysts • Database Administrators • Information Security Analysts • Network and Computer Systems Administrators • Software Developers.



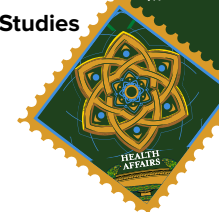
### COLLEGE OF HEALTH AFFAIRS

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- Biomedical Sciences
- Clinical Laboratory Sciences
- Communication Sciences & Disorders
- Exercise Science
- Health
- Health Services Technology
- Kinesiology
- Nursing
- Rehabilitation Services
- Rehabilitation Services – Deaf Studies
- Social Work

#### CAREER OPTIONS

Physician Assistants • Physical Therapists • Occupational Therapists • Advanced-Practice Nurses • Dieticians and Nutritionists • Speech-Language Pathologists and Audiologists • Social Workers • Rehabilitation Specialists • Mental Health Counselors • Exercise Science Specialists • Health/Physical Educators • Medical Doctors.



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- Communication Studies
- Criminal Justice
- Criminology & Criminal Justice
- English
- History
- Mass Communication  
Advertising/Public Relations  
Broadcast Journalism  
Print Journalism
- Mexican American Studies
- Multidisciplinary Studies
- Philosophy
- Political Science
- Psychology
- Social Studies Composite
- Sociology
- Spanish
- Spanish Translation & Interpreting

#### CAREER OPTIONS

Civil Service • Educators • Policy Analysts • Nonprofit Sector Management • Forensic Scientists • Detectives • Police Officers • Federal Agents • Foreign Service Officers • Community Organizers and Activists • Journalists • Copywriters • Editors • Photographers • Public Relations Specialists • Technical Writers • Writers • Announcers • Reporters and Correspondents • News Analysts • Camera Operators and Film and Video Editors • Art Directors • Illustrators.



### COLLEGE OF SCIENCES

[utrgv.edu/cos](http://utrgv.edu/cos) • [cos@utrgv.edu](mailto:cos@utrgv.edu)

- Biology
- Chemistry
- Environmental Sciences
- Marine Biology
- Mathematics
- Physical Science
- Physics

#### CAREER OPTIONS

Research Scientists • Microbiologists • Secondary School Teachers • Pharmacologists • Nature Conservation Officers • Zoologists • Astronomers • Geophysicists • Statisticians • Systems Developers • Investment Analysts • Actuaries • Environmental Consultants • Wildlife Conservationists • Ichthyologists • Marine Biochemists • Oceanographers • Aquarists • Dentists • Pharmacists • Chemical Engineers • Forensic Scientists • Toxicologists • Science Writers • Healthcare Scientists • Higher Education Lecturers.



### COLLEGE OF FINE ARTS

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Latin American Art History  
Studio Art  
Art Education
- Dance  
Graphic Design  
Studio Art  
Ceramics • Metals/Jewelry • Painting/Drawing  
Photography • Printmaking • Sculpture
- Music  
Performance
- Theater

#### CAREER OPTIONS

Educators • Composers • Artist Management • Conductors • Entrepreneurs • Marching Band Directors • Historians • Graphic Designers • Archivists • Curators • Museum Conservators • Multimedia Artists • Animators • Craft/Fine Artists • Actor • Dancer • Music/Dance Therapists • Theatre Directors • Screenwriters • Arts Administrators • Copywriters • Journalists • Writers • Set/Costume Designers • Marketing/Advertising.



### COLLEGE OF EDUCATION & P-16 INTEGRATION

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- Early Care & Early Childhood Studies
- Education  
Middle School Preparation  
Life Science
- Interdisciplinary Studies  
Elementary Education  
Bilingual Education  
Early Childhood  
English as a Second Language  
Special Education

#### CAREER OPTIONS

Elementary School Teachers • Middle School Teachers • High School Teachers • Special Education Teachers • Early Head Start Directors • Librarians • Adult Educators • Instructional Coordinators • Education Administrators • Child Psychotherapists • Career Advisers • Principals • School Superintendents • School Psychologists • School and Career Counselors • Postsecondary Teachers.



FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT OUR DEGREES AND PROGRAMS, VISIT: [UTRGV.edu/UNDERGRADUATEPROGRAMS](http://UTRGV.edu/UNDERGRADUATEPROGRAMS)

# SO YOU WANT TO BE A DOCTOR?

If you want to get an early start on your career in medicine, the UTRGV School of Medicine has a few tips and advice to help you.

## First, ask yourself, "Is a career in medicine right for me?"

If your answer is "yes," then you understand that a medical career is earned with:

- Hard work.
- Diligent investment of time.
- Responsibility for self and decisions made.
- Maturity to understand the reality of setbacks.
- Accepting facts:
  - Asking for help when necessary.
  - Willing to listen to and accept constructive feedback.

According to the Association of American Medical Colleges, high school students interested in a career in medicine should:

Work on building a good foundation of math and science coursework and take advanced classes (Advanced Placement or Dual/ Concurrent Enrollment) if available.

Use your time in high school to develop solid study habits, test-taking skills, and written and verbal communication skills.



## Become a Self-Starter Now!

- Choose to learn the subject matter instead of memorizing to get the grade, rank, social status.
- Read! Read! Read! It helps to develop reading speed, complex comprehension skills, verbal and writing skills.

Did you know that in a typical first semester of medical school, you will read about 14,400 pages!

- Be of service to others. Diversify your volunteer activities and make sure these activities have meaning for you. This is critical in helping to develop your "human experience" skills.
- Define your moral and ethics compasses as that will define who you are as a health professional and assist you in making tough decisions in life.

To learn more about what it takes to start your career in medicine at UTRGV, visit [www.utrgv.edu/school-of-medicine](http://www.utrgv.edu/school-of-medicine) or email [AskUTRGVsom@utrgv.edu](mailto:AskUTRGVsom@utrgv.edu).

# FINANCIAL AID 101

## PAYING TO GO TO COLLEGE

We know paying for college is not always easy. We can help. There are different types of financial aid available to you when you are ready to start your life as a college student: **grants, scholarships and loans.**

Before finding out what assistance is available to you, students need to fill out the **Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)** or the **Texas Application for State Financial Aid (TASFA)** to determine which types of aid they qualify for.

Students who are U.S. citizens or legal permanent residents are to fill out the FAFSA while students who are not U.S. citizens or permanent residents and are classified as Texas residents under state law must complete the TASFA.

### APPLYING IS EASY:

1 **APPLY ONLINE**

at [fafsa.gov](http://fafsa.gov)

2 **USE THE UTRGV FAFSA CODE**

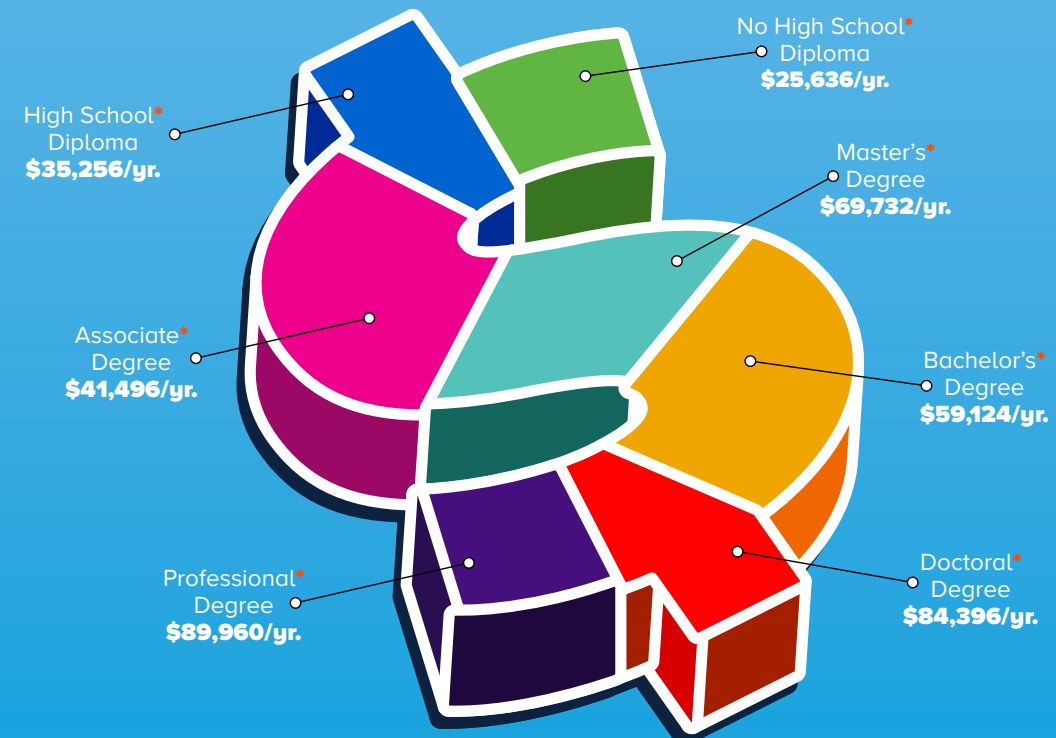
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3 **APPLY BY DEADLINE**

**UTRGV PRIORITY DEADLINE: MARCH 15**

[UTRGV.edu/finaid](http://UTRGV.edu/finaid)

## The difference a degree makes



\*2016 Media U.S. Earnings by Educational Attainment (for workers age 25 and older).

Heeelp! I got accepted to college but I dont know how to pay for it?

Wow! Congrats! Hmm.. Have you applied for financial aid?

Nope... What are the different types of financial aid?

Well.. there's alot!! LOL 😊

**Scholarships:** Are funds that do not require repayment. Scholarships are awarded based on merit, need, and achievement in academics, athletics, or other scholarly areas.

**Grants:** Do not require repayment and are awarded based on financial need. Grants are provided by various sources including federal, state and institutional funds.

ARE YOU STILL THERE?! 😡

YUPPI!! 😊

Ok...Just wanted to make sure..

**Loans:** Are available at the state and federal levels and repayment typically begins six months after you've graduated or dropped to less than half-time status.

**Work-Study:** These programs and campus employment will enable you to earn money that can offset educational costs. Your work-study job is likely to be on campus or nearby.

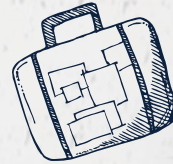
**Other:** Institutional aid programs, funding for military veterans and their families, waiver programs from the state for certain out-of-state/nonresident students.

WOW! Thanks! 😊



# Make The WORLD YOUR CLASSROOM @ UTRGV

Another reason, you should picture yourself at **UTRGV ... Studying Abroad.**



At UTRGV, Vaqueros Study Abroad Programs are short, affordable and led by our world-class faculty. It is a high-impact learning experience that will force you to change the way you think about the world. You will be immersed in a new culture and will visit the sites that you are reading about in your coursework. Students who engage in study abroad return to their degree programs more motivated and more engaged.



## STUDY Abroad by The NUMBERS



Number of Participants:  
**223**

Number of Faculty Leaders:  
**20**

**28 COURSES**  
Delivered

Average Length of Programs:  
**MINIMESTER: 2 weeks;**  
**SUMMER PROGRAMS:**  
**5 weeks each.**

Total Number of Countries Visited:  
**12 COUNTRIES**

### COUNTRIES VISITED:

Mexico	Italy
Peru	Spain
Puerto Rico	France
Ireland	China
United Kingdom	South Korea
Germany	Japan



Total Number of Internal Scholarships Distributed  
(In Dollars):  
**\$304,800**

**Gilman Scholarships and Average Award Amount:**  
**\$41,000**  
(AVG. \$3,400 PER STUDENT)

**Average Award Amount of Internal Scholarships**  
**\$1,360 (PER STUDENT)**

# GET YOURSELF INVOLVED

At UTRGV, we want you to experience all that being a Vaquero has to offer. If you like getting involved, we have nearly 300 student organizations to choose from, including Greek Life, service groups, student publications and numerous leadership opportunities.

If you like sports, you can cheer on our 14 NCAA Division I athletic teams ... **GO VAQUEROS!**

To help you take care of your mind, body and spirit, UTRGV offers student services and wellness facilities to guide you to a healthy lifestyle throughout your journey as a UTRGV student.



**CAMPUS PROGRAMMING BOARD**

**FRATERNITY & SORORITY LIFE**

**LEADERSHIP & SOCIAL CHANGE**

**MENTORING & TRANSITION SERVICES**



**SPIRIT PROGRAMS**

**STUDENT ACTIVITIES**

**STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION**

**STUDENT MEDIA**

**STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS**

Check out [www.utrgv.edu/involvement](http://www.utrgv.edu/involvement) to learn about Student Involvement.

# RESOURCES

At UTRGV, you are never alone on your journey to a college degree. UTRGV wants to see you thrive in all aspects of your time in college. In addition to the academic services explained on this page, students have access to Student Health Services, Counseling Services, the Military and Veterans Success Center, University Recreation, the Student Food Pantry, and more to help you hike the trail leading to your success.

**CAREER CENTER**

**STUDENT ACCESSIBILITY SERVICES**

**ACADEMIC ADVISING CENTER**

**LEARNING CENTER**

**WRITING CENTER**

**LIBRARY**



For more information, visit the **International Programs and Partnerships in the Office of Global Engagement** at [www.utrgv.edu/ipp/study-abroad](http://www.utrgv.edu/ipp/study-abroad) or call (956) 665-3572 or (956) 882-8955.



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