



2019

UTA LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT ARLINGTON



UTA PRIORITIES

FOR THE 86TH TEXAS LEGISLATURE

FORMULA FUNDING

Support consistent funding of the state higher education formulas first, to support increased enrollment and weighted semester credit hour growth, continuing to help hold tuition costs down for students and their families.

RESEARCH FUNDING

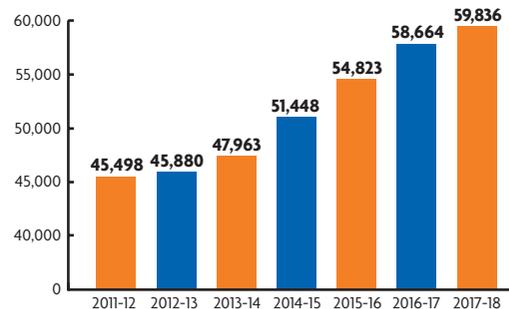
Support increased funding for the Texas Research Incentive Program (TRIP), Governor's University Research Initiative (GURI), and Core Research Fund (CRF), all of which support increased research activity and economic development around Texas' Tier 1 research institutions and enable a stronger and more competitive state.

FINANCIAL AID

Ensure adequate support for TEXAS (Toward EXcellence, Access, and Success) grants and other critical state investments in financial aid programs that may affect access to higher education for all Texans, in line with the 60x30 plan.



DEGREE-SEEKING STUDENTS SERVED GLOBALLY



RESTORATION OF 2017 BUDGET REDUCTIONS

Restore funding to pre-2017 levels, when the Texas Legislature enacted Senate Bill 1, reducing general revenue funding to The University of Texas at Arlington by \$5.4 million. This reduction came during a period when UTA had grown by 6 percent in FTSE and 4.1 percent in WSCH since the previous reporting period.

P-16 EDUCATION

Promote funding and legislative changes that would ensure streamlining of education initiatives designed to foster seamless transitions and pathways from early childhood education until completion of a college degree, which would lower costs to the state and students and more effectively graduate an educated workforce to build the Texas economy.

INNOVATION INVESTMENT

Continue to support funding to promote strategic research collaboration, augment technology transfer and commercialization, and support UTA's goals of increased partnerships with the corporate community, both as a means of economic development and a way of building an innovation economy, thus enabling further advancement as a major national research university.



NURSING SHORTAGE REDUCTION PROGRAM

Texas' Nursing Shortage Reduction Program (NSRP) has been vital to the growth of UTA's College of Nursing and Health Innovation. Through innovation in online education programs, UTA has dramatically increased capacity while maintaining exceptional quality standards, as demonstrated by a consistent NCLEX first-time pass rate of greater than 90 percent. We urge the Legislature to continue to fully fund the Texas NSRP and maintain its original purpose to ensure that the demand for highly educated nurses is met as the state's population continues to grow.

THE COLLEGE OF NURSING AND HEALTH INNOVATION AND SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK ACADEMIC BUILDING

The new facility will combine UTA's Smart Hospital—which is filled beyond capacity and in a small, deteriorating modular building—and the School of Social Work—located in a deteriorating building that dates to 1922—to move to a permanent home that meets capacity demands. This new facility will feature a mixture of conventional classrooms, Smart Hospital teaching labs, faculty offices, support staff offices, and student work and research spaces.



UTA BY THE NUMBERS

Ranked among

TOP TIER of national universities

(U.S. News & World Report, 2019)

#1 in Texas **#7** in U.S.

for **VETERANS** and their families

(Military Times, 2019)

UTA produces

THE MOST

baccalaureate-degreed

NURSES of any

public institution in Texas,

WITH 1 OUT OF EVERY 2 **BSN GRADUATES**

coming from the University

Record

RESEARCH EXPENDITURES

topped **\$100** MILLION

in 2018, a new high

65% of UTA's

220,000 ALUMNI

live in North Texas, contributing to the University's

\$12.8 BILLION

annual economic impact on the region

For fall 2018, **15.4%**

more new students scored

in the **TOP 5%** nationally

on SAT/ACT exams than in fall 2017

UTA conferred more than **14,000**

DEGREES AND ACADEMIC CERTIFICATES in 2017-18

preparing a highly educated workforce for Texas

UTA is **ONE OF ONLY 10** universities with both

Carnegie Research-1 & Hispanic-Serving Institution

designations

UTA's nearly **3,400 FRESHMEN** in fall 2018 represent a **4.4% increase** over the previous year



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