



85th Texas Legislature Funding Priorities

Formula Funding

Continue to recognize enrollment growth by increasing the funding allocated through the formulas.

Texas Research Incentive Program (TRIP)

- Clear out the backlog of TRIP matching funds, currently estimated at \$130M.
- TRIP has had a transformative impact at UT Dallas. Since TRIP was created, the University has raised \$102.7M in private funds for faculty chairs, graduate student fellowships, and research, which has been matched by \$83.3M in TRIP funds.
- TRIP causes donors to get out their checkbooks and support UT Dallas.

National Research University Fund (NRUF)

UT Dallas expects to begin receiving funds from NRUF in FY 2018. FY 2016 marked the first of two qualifying years for UT Dallas. In FY 2016, UT Dallas met the \$45M threshold for restricted research and then 4 of 6 required qualitative benchmarks, which included high quality freshman class, high quality faculty, membership in Phi Kappa Phi, and at least a \$400M endowment. UT Dallas is expected to again meet these benchmarks in FY 2017.

Core Research Support

Maintain the strides made last Session to streamline research funding support. Core Research Support rewards the eight emerging research universities for both total research funding and for restricted research funding.

Special Item - Engineering For Life – \$8M/biennium

Engineering for Life is a unique UT Dallas initiative designed to capitalize on the university's engineering strengths, the accessibility of the North Texas high tech sector, and the needs of the health care community for technological innovations. The next revolution in health care will be driven by medical devices. UT Dallas is conducting life changing research, specifically a programmable electronic nose that has the potential for monitoring blood sugar levels without requiring a blood sample and detecting a wide variety of cancers from a sampling of exhaled air. The return on investment for the region will be very large.

Hazlewood Legacy Program

Develop a long term solution for the rising costs to maintain the Hazlewood Legacy Program. In FY 2016, UT Dallas provided \$4.3M in tuition for veterans. The Hazlewood Legacy portion of those funds was \$2.7M. In FY 2015, UT Dallas provided \$2.2M in Hazlewood Legacy tuition.

Governor's University Research Initiative (GURI)

While UT Dallas did not receive a GURI Award, it is an important program for the state. The effectiveness of the program would be enhanced if GURI funds could also be awarded to "rising stars" who have enormous potential to be inducted into the National Academies.