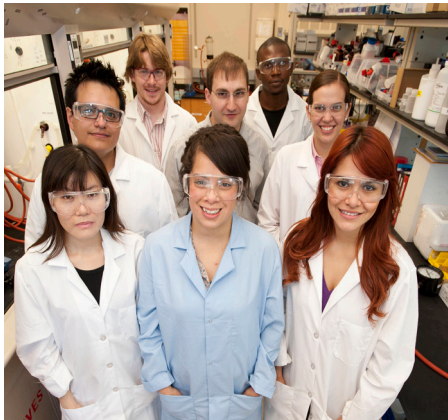


INITIATIVE BRIEF

RESEARCH EXCELLENCE



Living out the notion that great universities need great cities and great cities need great universities, UTSA is on the fast track to becoming a nationally-recognized multicultural discovery enterprise.

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THE CHALLENGE

The city of Boston has eight universities that hold an R1 Carnegie classification, signifying they engage in the highest levels of research activity. San Antonio deserves a world-class Carnegie R1 institution, and UTSA is well positioned to be its first. To be eligible for both designations, UTSA will focus on meeting a slate of targets that encompass research expenditures, faculty awards and Ph.D. graduates, among others. UTSA's goal is to meet all NRUF criteria by fiscal year 2020. By maintaining those numbers for a mandatory two-year period, the university will achieve NRUF eligibility and subsequent funding in fiscal year 2023. The evaluation cycle for the R1 Carnegie classification will occur during fiscal year 2022.

THE IMPACT

Once achieved, the NRUF and Carnegie R1 distinctions will bring new levels of prestige to UTSA and to San Antonio. More importantly, they illustrate the university's commitment to providing transformational experiences inside and outside of the classroom, engagement opportunities with world-renowned scholars, and preparation for careers and meaningful work that tackles our society's grandest challenges. Ultimately, they set the stage for UTSA to align with institutions in the prestigious Association of American Universities.

OVERVIEW

UTSA is positioned to gain access to the National University Research Fund (NRUF), monies designated by the Texas State Legislature to help our state's universities achieve prominence on the national stage. Several strategies have been implemented over the last year to align UTSA's resources and intellectual talents with NRUF and Carnegie R1 criteria. The task force assembled for this initiative will shepherd the university through the final milestones in preparation for upcoming review cycles.

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