

Texas Research Incentive Program

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Texas Research Incentive Program (TRIP) Overview

- TRIP was created by the Legislature in 2009 to incentivize certain public universities to solicit private gifts for research
- To be eligible for this competitive process, an institution must be designated as an Emerging Research University under the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board's Accountability System, as required by statute. They are expected to:
 - Offer a comprehensive range of excellent undergraduate and graduate programs,
 - Award at least 30 PhD degrees annually, and
 - Generate at least 20% of the research universities criteria (which was 20% of \$170 million in 2018 dollars)
- Gifts between \$100,000 and \$10 million are eligible for matching funds with the state match set in statute at:
 - 50% for gifts from \$0.1M to \$999,999M
 - 75% for gifts from \$1.0M to \$1,999,999M
 - 100% for gifts from \$2.0M to \$10.M



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Eight public universities currently qualify for TRIP:

UT Arlington	UT Dallas
University of North Texas	University of Houston
Texas Tech University	UT El Paso
Texas State University	UT San Antonio

Appropriations for each biennium have varied considerably since program inception

Thus far the Legislature has appropriated over **\$326.2M** for TRIP which has matched **\$417M** in private gifts from donors

TRIP Appropriations by Biennium

- 2010-2011 - \$ 47,500,000
- 2012-2013 - \$ 70,025,000
- 2014-2015 - \$ 35,625,000
- 2016-2017 - \$138,097,004
- 2018-2019 - \$ 35,000,000
- Total \$326,247,004

The review process for each cycle allows for institutional challenges and appeals

- Institutions submit required TRIP paperwork within 30 days of receipt of funds
- Participating (peer) institutions review submissions (redacted versions) and may submit challenges
- Coordinating Board senior staff committee reviews TRIP submissions and challenges and makes determinations on eligibility for funding
- Institutions are notified of decisions and may appeal to the Commissioner
- The Commissioner reviews all appeals and notifies institutions of his decision regarding eligibility for funding

Cycle concludes with certification of matches by Board

Statistics for the latest matching cycle 19-1:

- 37 matching requests were received
- Peers challenged 21 of the submissions
- Of the 37, staff recommended approval of 31 and did not recommend approval of 6
- There were 3 appeals to the Commissioner after notifications were sent
- The Commissioner determined 1 of the 3 appeals should be recommended for funding
- Thus, the recommendation is to fund 32 of the 37 matches

TRIP state matches recommended for certification this cycle total **\$20.5M**;
 The unfunded total is now **\$178.8M** in matches for **\$245.7M** in private gifts

Institution	State Matches Recommended for Certification – Cycle 19-1	Gift Matches Waiting for State Funding; Previously Certified by the Board	Total Matches Waiting for State Funding
The University of Texas at Arlington	\$ 250,000.00	\$ 6,232,939.42	\$ 6,482,939.42
The University of Texas at Dallas	6,992,472.39	39,966,656.67	46,959,129.06
The University of Texas at El Paso	-	2,872,755.00	2,872,755.00
The University of Texas at San Antonio	750,000.00	8,624,728.72	9,374,728.72
University of Houston	9,590,413.20	40,894,553.22	50,484,966.42
University of North Texas	1,267,365.07	11,540,910.83	12,808,275.90
Texas Tech University	1,494,237.91	36,771,755.01	38,265,992.92
Texas State University	202,500.00	11,345,541.40	11,548,041.40
Totals	\$ 20,546,988.57	\$ 158,249,840.27	\$ 178,796,828.84

Private gifts matched totaled **\$245,724,037.94**

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