

National Research University Fund

Eligibility Benchmarks. An institution:

1. must be designated as an emerging research university;
2. must have restricted research expenditures of at least \$45 M; and
3. must comply with **four** of the following:
 - A. \$400 million endowment;
 - B. 200 PhD degrees awarded annually;
 - C. freshmen class with high academic achievement;
 - D. membership in Association of Research Libraries, Phi Beta Kappa or equivalent national recognition;
 - E. high quality faculty;
 - F. commitment to high quality graduate education, based on a review of doctoral programs.



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After reaching the benchmarks for two years in a row, an institution must pass an audit by the State Auditor.

In 2012, Texas Tech University and the University of Houston reached eligibility.

In 2018, The University of Texas at Dallas reached eligibility.

Funding Received from the National Research University Fund							
	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018
UT-Dallas							\$7,590,868
UH	\$7,877,932	\$8,453,949	\$8,815,806	\$9,131,233	\$9,454,322	\$7,420,950	\$7,590,868
TTU	\$7,877,932	\$8,453,949	\$8,815,806	\$9,131,233	\$9,454,322	\$7,420,950	\$7,590,868
Total	\$15,755,864	\$16,907,899	\$17,631,612	\$18,262,465	\$18,908,644	\$14,841,901	\$22,772,604

NRUF Funding is based on:

- Endowment market value (ca. \$660 million)
- Distribution rate based on return expectations (max 4.5 percent, current 3.5 percent)
- Equal distribution based on appropriation with cap for less than four recipients

