# 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.
- 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
- 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 (eligible in 2012) 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:

- 70 matching requests were received
- Peers challenged 44 of the submissions
- Of the 70, staff recommended approval of 48 and did not recommend approval of 22
- There were 10 appeals to the Commissioner after notifications were sent
- The Commissioner determined 5 of the 10 appeals should be recommended for funding
- Thus, the recommendation is to fund 53 of the 70 matches



### TRIP gifts for certification this cycle total \$14.4M; The unfunded total is now **\$158.25M** in matches for **\$220.8M** in private gifts

Gift Matches

	State Matches Recommended for Certification — Cycle 18-2	Waiting for State Funding; Previously Certified	Total Matches Waiting for State Funding
The University of Texas at Arlington	\$320,000.00	\$5,912,939.42	\$6,232,939.42
The University of Texas at Dallas	3,163,889.67	36,802,767.00	39,966,656.67
The University of Texas at El Paso	377,500.00	2,495,255.00	2,872,755.00
The University of Texas at San Antonio	1,094,279.50	7,530,449.22	8,624,728.72
University of Houston	4,386,503.03	36,508,050.19	40,894,553.22
University of North Texas	520,285.00	11,020,625.83	11,540,910.83
Texas Tech University	3,399,741.89	33,372,013.12	36,771,755.01
Texas State University	1,114,090.57	10,231,450.83	11,345,541.40
Totals	\$14,376,289.66	\$143,873,550.61	\$158,249,840.27



