ECONOMIC & COMMUNITY IMPACT

The University of Texas at San Antonio (UTSA) and The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio contribute critical tax revenue and jobs to the San Antonio area. Together, the institutions account for an annual budget of $1.21 billion, directly employ more than 10,500 faculty and staff, enroll some 33,500 students, spend nearly $234 million on research and provide access and opportunity for large numbers of historically underserved students.

Since it was founded in 1969, UTSA has grown into three campuses with an annual budget of about $468 million and directly employs more than 4,500 faculty and staff. A 2008 study, the most recent economic impact study on the university, indicates that UTSA directly and indirectly produces more than $1.2 billion in annual business revenue in the San Antonio area, supports more than 15,700 jobs and adds more than $200 million in personal income to the local economy. In fiscal year 2008, UTSA spent more than $16.5 million (29.8 percent of total purchases) with historically underutilized business vendors.

More than 59 percent of UTSA’s students come from underrepresented groups in higher education and 44 percent are Hispanic. Many students are the first in their families to attend a college or university. Nationally, UTSA ranked first in the total number of undergraduate biological, biomedical and architecture degrees awarded to Hispanic students in 2009. The university ranks 12th nationally in awarding master’s degrees to Hispanic students. The university’s College of Business is the largest undergraduate business school in The University of Texas System and ranks third nationally in graduating Hispanic undergraduates. The college’s MBA program is among the top 10 in the nation according to BusinessWeek, Hispanic Business and Princeton Review.

With its annual budget of $743.6 million and the direct employment of 5,957 faculty and staff, the Health Science Center is a vital part of the South Texas Medical Center. According to a 2009 study, the institution contributes $914 million a year to the Bexar County economy (not including the South Texas region), accounts for more than 14,000 jobs on and off its campuses, and is the chief catalyst for the $24.5 billion yearly biosciences and health care industry in San Antonio. The Health Science Center encompasses six campuses: The Joe R. and Teresa Lozano Long Campus, the Greehey Academic and Research Campus, and the Texas Research Park Campus in San Antonio; the Laredo Regional Campus; the Regional Academic Health Center Medical Education Division in Harlingen; and the Regional Academic Health Center Medical Research Division in Edinburg.

Health Science Center faculty treat patients in UT Medicine San Antonio, South Texas’ largest multispecialty practice; the Dental School clinic; the University Health System; the Cancer Therapy & Research Center (CTRC) at the UT Health Science Center; the South Texas Veterans Health Care System; CHRISTUS Santa Rosa Health Care; and other facilities. They conducted 900,000 outpatient visits in FY 2010. The CTRC aligned with the Health Science Center School of Medicine in December 2007.
In the fall of 2009, the Health Science Center opened the 250,000-square-foot Medical Arts and Research Center for state-of-the-art patient care under UT Medicine San Antonio. The Health Science Center also delivers about $23 million of uncompensated care to the uninsured or underinsured annually. The institution’s outreach extends well beyond its six campuses. The Health Science Center has affiliations and partnerships with health education and patient-care programs throughout South Texas, including the Rio Grande Valley.

Health Science Center San Antonio signature programs are cancer, cardiopulmonary disease, diabetes and endocrinology, gerontology, musculoskeletal disease, neurological disease, oral health, transplantation, trauma and women’s health. For every dollar the state invests in the Health Science Center, the citizens of South Texas receive a $5 return on their investment.

EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION
UTSA, which offers more than 130 degree programs, meets the Carnegie classification for being a doctorate-granting university. UTSA continues its move toward national research university status, and as of 2009 included 622 tenure/tenure-track faculty. More than 98 percent of full-time faculty hold doctorates or equivalent terminal degrees and more than 275 tenured and tenure-track faculty positions were added in the last seven years.

UTSA has the third-largest student enrollment among UT System institutions with 30,258 students in fall 2010 and has been one of the state’s fastest-growing public universities for much of the last decade.

In fall 2010, nearly half of the UTSA student population, or 15,908 came from areas outside of Bexar County. Of the 30,258 students enrolled, 14,087 were from other Texas counties, 775 were from other states and 1,046 were from outside of the United States. Many of the university’s more than 80,000 alumni live and work in the region, contributing to the local economy.

With more than 3,600 students living on-campus, UTSA has grown into a vital metropolitan university with an active student life and an increasing research presence. Research and sponsored programs totaled more than $70 million in 2010, and over the past five years, the university has added technologically-advanced labs and classrooms as well as the world’s most advanced electron microscope, a first in the United States.

The Health Science Center educates the majority of physicians and other health care professionals practicing in South Texas. The institution has five schools offering programs in biomedical sciences and health professions: The Dental School, The Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences, The School of Medicine, The School of Health Professions and The School of Nursing. In all, the Health Science Center offers 67 health science-related degree specialties and pre- and post-baccalaureate certificate programs.
Of 1,640 students in the region who enrolled in a Texas health institution (public and private), 1,468 (90 percent) attended a UT System institution and 1,154 (70 percent) enrolled at the Health Science Center. In all, more than 3,000 students each year train in an environment that involves more than 100 affiliated hospitals, clinics and health care facilities in South Texas. Health Science Center students reflect the diverse population of Texas. A majority of its 26,000 graduates work and live in Texas.

RESEARCH
UTSA and the Health Science Center collaborate on a variety of biomedical and biotechnology projects through the San Antonio Life Sciences Institute. The institute links biological and biomedical resources between the two institutions to help develop and implement joint doctoral and master's degree programs in life science areas.

UTSA's research expenditures alone totaled more than $48.7 million in FY 2010. Research at UTSA is as diverse as its student body. The school is a national leader in research fields ranging from cyber security and emerging infectious diseases to teacher education in reading to urban policy as well as sustainability. Awards from federal, state and local agencies, as well as private foundations, support a wide range of basic and applied research projects, public service work and training programs.

The Health Science Center, one of the country’s leading health sciences universities, ranks in the top 3 percent of all institutions worldwide receiving federal funding. Research and other sponsored program activity totaled $228 million in fiscal year 2010. The Health Science Center is home to several national awards and studies, including a Clinical Translational Science Award from the National Institutes of Health (NIH) to more quickly convert bench research to therapies that will boost the health of communities.

UT SYSTEM'S COMMITMENT
The core commitment of the University of Texas System is to education as a life-transforming experience. The System is dedicated to strengthening the entire education enterprise, from pre-kindergarten through post-graduate studies. UT System’s 15 institutions are composed of thousands of people who are making a difference in Texas and in the global community.
facts at a glance

UT SAN ANTONIO
Year Established: 1969
Year Joined UT System: 1969
Enrollment: 30,258 (Fall 2010)
Degrees Awarded: 4,939 (2009-10)
Faculty: 1,319 (Fall 2010)
Personnel*: 3,278 (Fall 2010)
Budget: $468.4 million (FY 2011)
Research Spending: $48.7 million (FY 2010)
President: Ricardo Romo
Website: www.utsa.edu

UT HEALTH SCIENCE CENTER AT SAN ANTONIO
Year Established: 1959
Year Joined UT System: 1959
Enrollment: 3,270 (Fall 2010)
Degrees Awarded: 1,211 (2009-10)
Faculty: 1,676 (Fall 2010)
Personnel*: 4,281 (Fall 2010)
Budget: $743.6 million (FY 2011)
Research Spending: $185.2 million (FY 2010)
President: William L. Henrich
Website: www.uthscsa.edu

* Does not include student employees.