

# UTR GV™

Transforming the Rio  
Grande Valley

# UTRGV: “Best Bang for Your Buck”

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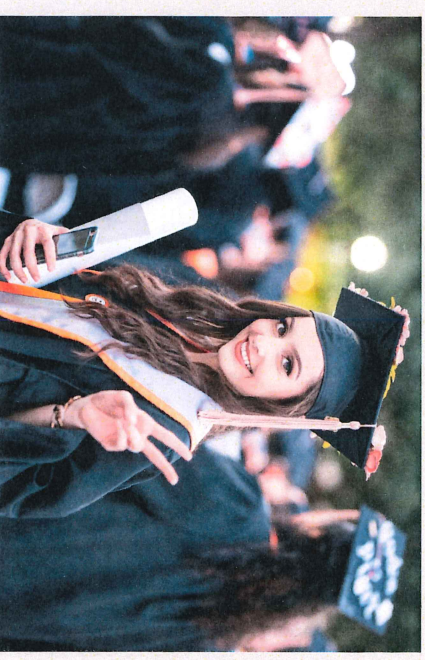
**79<sup>th</sup> out of 316** schools based on social mobility, research and service.

Other Texas schools ranked included:

- UT Austin – 75<sup>th</sup>
- UTEP – 106<sup>th</sup>
- UTSA – 181<sup>st</sup>
- UT Dallas 209<sup>th</sup>

**7 out of 50** in the Southern Colleges Category – schools that help non-wealthy students attain marketable degrees at affordable prices.





- Judged on 21 categories
- 2 other schools were in the top 50
- UTEP - #25
- UT Arlington - #44



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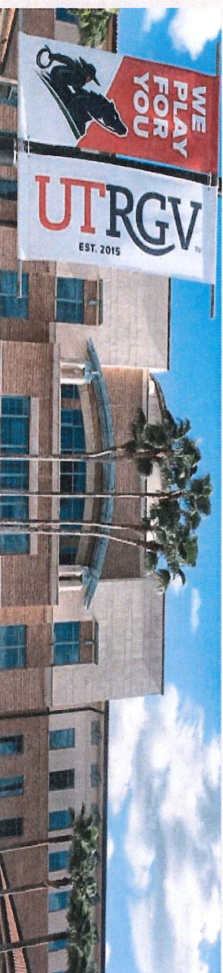
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## UTRGV ALSO RANKED #2 “BEST ONLINE MASTER’S IN SOCIAL WORK

1. Boston University
2. UTRGV
3. Columbia University – New York
4. University of Southern California
5. Case Western Reserve University

# WE ARE:

## Educating the largest growing population in Texas. UTRGV:

- Largest Hispanic enrollment in the state of Texas
- Awards the largest number of undergraduate 4-year degrees to Hispanics among Texas institutions, and is 2nd nationally.
- Awards the largest number of total graduate degrees to Hispanics among Texas institutions, and is 4<sup>th</sup> nationally.
- Ranks 3<sup>rd</sup> in the number of bachelor mathematic degrees awarded to Hispanics.
- Center for Advanced Radio Astronomy (CARA) has placed UTRGV among the top 10 producers of Hispanic physicists in the U.S.





# Student Success

**14,998**

Degrees awarded from Fall 2015 to Fall 2017.

**37.2%**

Students enrolled in at least 15 hours for Fall 2018.

**52.8%**

Undergraduate students receiving Pell Grants.

**76.9%**

First-year retention rates for Fall 2017 full-time students.

**1,623**

Transfer students, an increase of 659 since Fall 2015.

**68%**

Students receiving some form of financial aid.

**47.9%**

Undergraduate STEM/Health majors in 2018.

**WE ARE:**

## Affordable

UTRGV is ranked No. 1 in lowest overall costs for low-income students among all the nation's four-year public research universities.

Our tuition is transparent, predictable, and incentivizes students to graduate sooner.

- **Transparent** – Eliminated most fees
- **Predictable** – Guaranteed for four years
- **Incentivizing** – Tuition and fees capped at 12 hours. Enrollment at 15 hours gives student **one free class** every semester or **one free semester overall** to encourage progress toward graduation; enrollment in 18 hours gives students **two free classes** a semester or **one free year.**

**WE ARE:**

## Expanding Educational Opportunities

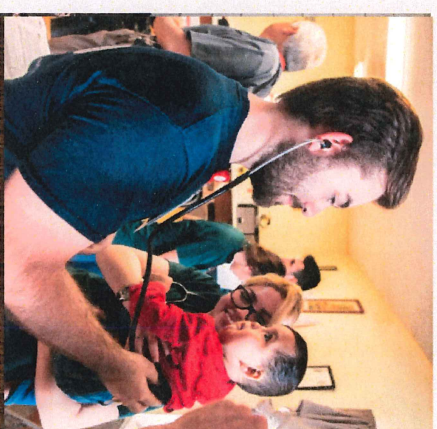
Since the last legislative session, UTRGV had 10 new programs approved and has several others pending approval or under development.

Programs for which IE funding is sought include bachelor, master and professional degree programs.

- Doctor of Physical Therapy
- Ph.D. Program in Cellular, Molecular and Biomedical Sciences
- Ph.D. Program in Mathematical & Statistical Sciences
- Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology
- BS in Hospitality & Tourism Management
- MS in Ocean, Coastal & Earth Science
- MS in Civil Engineering
- Bridge Pipeline Program to Biomedical Sciences and Health Profession Programs

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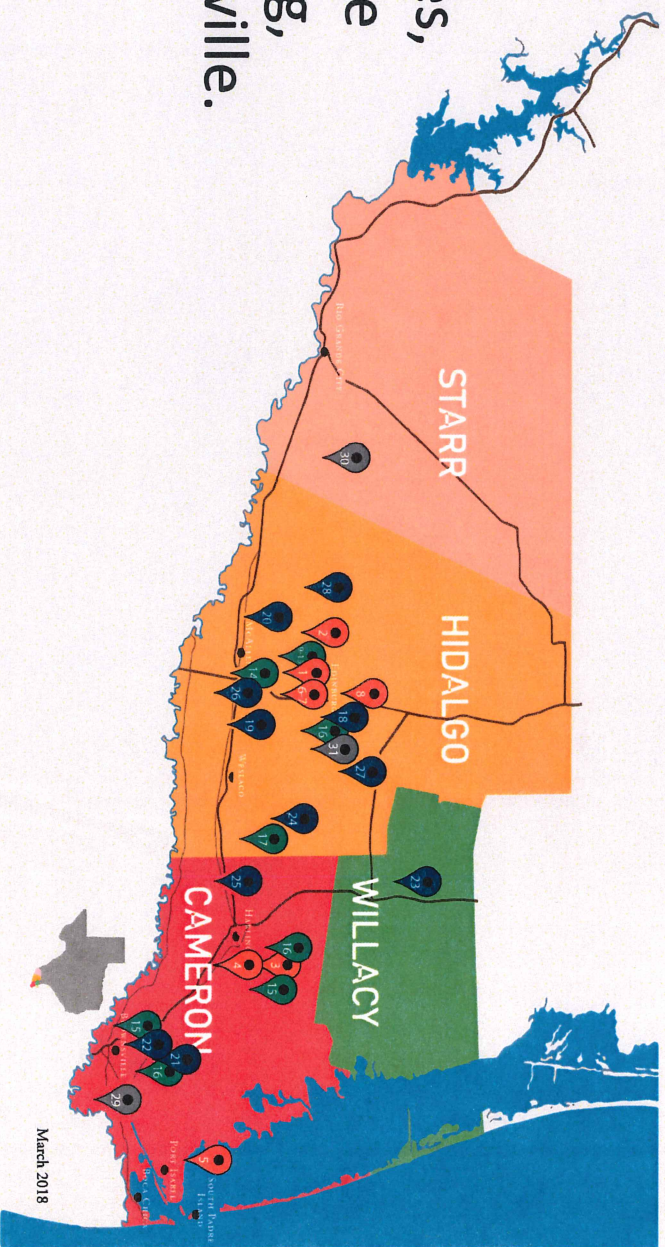
- 9 GME residency programs
- 155 medical students
- 166 medical residents
- 26 PhD Scientists
- 109 Faculty + 255 Staff & A&P
- 10 Mobile Medical Clinic Sites
- 3 Area Health Education Centers
- Conducting research in diseases of importance to the RGV
- Opening an 87,000 sq.ft. medical research building in McAllen, planning an additional educational building in Edinburg, seeking to operate and provide uncompensated care at the Cervical Dysplasia and Cancer Stop Clinic in McAllen and so much more.



# LOOKING FORWARD

## UT Health RGV

- Plan to open more sites, including our employee health sites in Edinburg, Harlingen and Brownsville.



# WE ARE:

## Growing Our Research:

- **Diabetes** - UTRGV's South Texas Diabetes and Obesity Institute (STDOI) is a major research center advancing research on diabetes and obesity, studying the genetics behind diabetes and developing better treatments, with the goal of improving the health of residents in South Texas and beyond.
- **Zika** - UTRGV is leading the way in Zika virus and vector-borne disease research, which has become critically important to the State of Texas and particularly to the border region.
- **Space Exploration** - The Center for Advanced Radio Astronomy is conducting research training and developing future leaders in space exploration and related technology development.

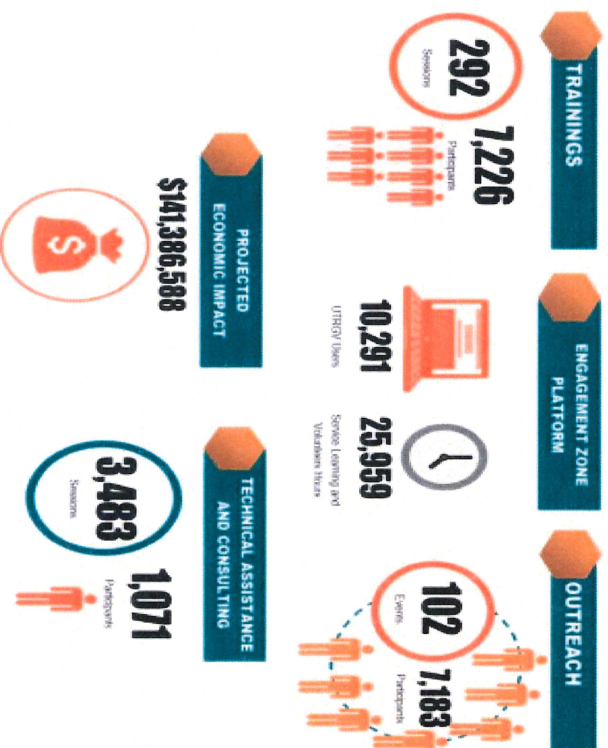


# WE ARE:

## Engaged:

- UTRGV was ranked #5 by The Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education (AASHE) for Public Engagement, ahead of universities like Stanford and ASU.
- The Office of Engaged Scholarship and Learning coordinated almost 41,000 service learning hours in FY17-18 from students serving and learning in the community.
- 16,000 students are involved in one of our over 300 student organizations.
- Our SBDC conducted numerous outreach trainings, consulting and assistance to community members resulting in significant economic impact.

### ENGAGEMENT NUMBERS



# WE ARE:

## Gaining National and International

### Attention:

- Chess: UTRGV's Chess Team won the 2018 President's Cup, the national chess championship, and was honored as the Chess College of the Year by the U.S. Chess Federation.
- Economics: UTRGV's economic students won the 2018 CME Group Trading Challenge, which included participation by 500 teams/2,100 students from 37 countries around the world. This competition is a four week electronic trading competition where students trade derivatives in the stock market.
- The Arts: Our UTRGV Mariachi Aztlan repeatedly gets invited to perform at the U.S. Capitol, the Kennedy Center and throughout the United States. Our UTRGV Opera Theatre as awarded 1<sup>st</sup> place in our division in the National Opera Association Opera Production Competition for the Spring, 2017 show, Orpheus in the Underworld!



**WE ARE:**

# Securing employment opportunities for our students:



- **3,036** students employed on campus in Fall 2017 through Spring 2018
- 17% increase in reported internships with 23% increase in internship postings
- 613 employers attended career expos in 2017-18
- 3,081 students attended a career expo, a 13% increase over the prior year
- UTRGV's **work study retention** has been in the upper 80%, **just under 90%**.
- Hiring freeze continues EXCEPT for student employment because work study is a proven retention tool.

# WE ARE:

## Preparing the Next Generation of Students:

**Early College High School:** UTRGV has partnered with Harlingen ISD and is the primary higher education partner for Harlingen Early College High School, serving approximately 170 juniors and seniors. Classes are taught at the University Center in Harlingen with a focus on core completion and Education & Engineering Pathways.

**Math & Science Academy:** Gifted high school students take classes alongside college students at UTRGV campuses in Edinburg and Brownsville and earn up to 60 college credit hours.

**Counseling, Advising and Tutoring to K-12 Students:** UTRGV received a GEAR UP grant in 2017 to work with 4,000 students in 13 middle schools in 3 school districts. To date 4,050 students have received counseling and advising

**Summer Camps:** Our top K-12 Summer Camps have tremendous participation. In 2018, we had 57 camps with over 5,000 students participating.

**HESTEC:** UTRGV's Hispanic Engineering, Science & Technology Week is a nationally recognized week-long educational conference for middle school, high school and college students and educators and is in its 17<sup>th</sup> year.





**THANK YOU!**

UTRGV and its School of Medicine thank you for your continued support and for helping us transform the Rio Grande Valley.

