



UTRGV: How Far We Have Come and Where We are Going

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As We Conclude Our 8th Year



We have grown our enrollment substantially

- 4353 total students – 15.8%
- 1160 graduate students – 36.9%
- 825 doctoral students – 240%
- Graduated over 50,000 students (equivalent to 3% of the RGV population)
- Fall 2023 enrollment – 31,931

We have added a wide range of new programs

- 16 Bachelor's degrees
- 15 Master's degrees
- 5 Doctoral degrees
- 4 Professional degrees (M.D., DPM, DNP, Doctor of Occupational Therapy)

As We Conclude Our 8th Year (Continued)

- **We have made significant investments in the Rio Grande Valley**

- Net worth of UTRGV has grown from \$737 million to \$1.1 billion (52.1%)
- Operating revenues have grown from \$478 million to \$705 million (47.5%)
- Number of employees has increased from 5265 to 7401 (40.58%)
- Increased minimum wage for FTEs to \$16.25 and students to \$12
- Provided salary increases each of the past eight years (\$63 million total)
- Have invested over \$813 million in new construction and renovation
 - 12 completed buildings and 11 in progress across the RGV
 - 35 major renovations completed and 11 more in progress



- **We have built a significant research enterprise**

- Have increased research expenditures from \$20.78m to \$82.44m
- Have developed research foci in (1) diabetes and obesity; (2) human genetics; (3) neurosciences; (4) cancer; (5) rail safety; (6) additive manufacturing; (7) coastal studies among other things

As We Conclude Our 8th Year (continued)



- We have developed a new model of higher education finance that
 - Is designed to minimize student debt
 - Limits tuition and mandatory fees to the maximum payout of a Pell Grant + Texas Grant
 - Guarantees tuition & mandatory fee rate for 4 years for all undergraduates
 - Limits tuition & mandatory fees to 12 hours – anything over 12 hours is free
 - Provides free tuition & mandatory fees for Texas residents in good academic standing whose family income is \$125,000 or less
- As a result,
 - 86% of UTRGV undergraduates pay no tuition and fees
 - UTRGV undergraduates have the third lowest debt load in the U.S.
 - 4-year graduation rates have increased from 24.7% to 34.1% (38%)

As We Conclude Our 8th Year (continued)

- We have assisted in workforce and economic development (FY23)
 - 3,274 business and community clients served
 - 109 businesses created or expanded
 - \$9 million in capital formation
 - 619 jobs created
- We have expanded healthcare in the Rio Grande Valley (FY23)
 - 60,105 patients seen
 - 29 UTRGV health sites around the RGV
 - Podiatrists began seeing patients on 9/11/23
 - 211 medical students; 256 medical residents; 61 students in podiatry



Recognition As We Conclude Our 8th Year



- **Washington Monthly**
 - # 60 among national universities; #31 among public universities
 - #1 among all Texas universities
 - #1 in Texas for social mobility; #1 in Texas for lowest net price of attendance; #1 in Texas for performance of Pell Grant students
- **U.S. News and World Reports**
 - #227 among all universities (up 72 places); #123 among publics
 - #62 among all universities for undergraduate teaching
- **Degree Choices (based on relative economic value of universities)**
 - #15 among all universities; # 7 among all publics
- **Third Way (based on an economic mobility index)**
 - # 6 among all universities

Where We Are Going

- **Coming soon**

- \$410.8 million in new construction and renovation over the short term
- Continued enrollment growth, especially among graduate and professional students
- Continued addition of new programs (not an exhaustive list)
 - Ph.D. in Computer Science (Fall 2024)
 - Doctor of Physical Therapy (Fall 2025)
 - Doctor of Optometry (in the approval process but anticipate Fall 2027)
- Continued hiring to keep pace with enrollment growth and new programs
- Recognition as a research university
 - Emerging Research University status (Fall 2024)
 - Carnegie R1 status (2030)



Where We Are Going



- **Expanded medical education and healthcare**
 - Increase the size of the first-year medical school class
 - Implement new residency programs with HCA (2025)
 - Implement residency programs for podiatry
 - Open the Cancer and Surgery Center in McAllen (2025)
 - Create a diabetes management and limb preservation center (2024/25)
- **Expanded Luminary Scholarships**
 - Provide the best students in the RGV with scholarships that span both their undergraduate and graduate education in exchange for a commitment to live and work in the RGV after graduation

Where We Are Going

- Expanded student life and athletics
 - Construct new housing and dining on the Edinburg campus (Fall 2026)
 - Expand student activities – marching band and spirit squads (2024)
 - Begin women’s swimming and diving (2024)
 - Begin playing football (2025)



Thank You

