UT Health San Antonio

118th Congress, 1st Session

Funding and Policy Priorities

President, William L. Henrich
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Everything it Takes
Six drugs and three devices from our science in clinical trials for cancer, emergency abdominal surgery, brain trauma and PTSD.

Among the TOP-RANKED institutions in Texas for aging research funding from the National Institute on Aging.

$400 MILLION

Annual research awards and sponsored program activity (FY23)*

$633.1 MILLION

In uncompensated health care services provided annually by UT Health San Antonio FY22
Support enhanced FY24 funding for academic health centers through a full appropriations package to the National Institutes of Health (NIH), the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), the Department of Defense (DoD), and the Centers for Disease Control (CDC).

- Federal funding opportunities for academic medicine research and development, workforce development, and direct services through related federal agencies, along with potential funding opportunities through Congressionally Directed Spending/Community Project Funding, will continue to provide vital resources for our communities throughout San Antonio and the South Texas border region.

Passage of the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA)

- Continued funding would support the longstanding collaborations UT Health San Antonio maintains with the region’s military medical system and the Department of Veterans Affairs.
- Support continued funding from NDAA in FY24 and beyond to be applied toward research and collaboration with the Department of Defense (DoD) on Human Performance Optimization (HPO) and related pursuits.

Encourage the timely passage of an annual spending bill.

- Continuing resolutions (CRs) would create a disruptive environment for long-term initiatives in research, education, and public health.

Support any additional funding for the Advanced Research Projects Agency for Health (ARPA-H) that would supplement NIH’s base budget.

Support legislation and funding for opportunities to expand brain health research and development, which will catalyze opportunities for collaboration with state programs.

- Support expansion of access to telehealth and addressing barriers to care for mental and behavioral care.
- Support funding and legislation for research into Long COVID-19 to determine and address the long-term physical and cognitive issues associated with illness.

Support legislation to increase the number of federally supported Graduate Medical Education (GME) slots to produce new physicians annually.

*Updated February 1, 2023*
UT Health San Antonio Facts

Clinical Facts:
- Supports over 2 million patient visits each year
- 2.5 million projected patient visits in 2022
- 800 providers in 100+ medical specialties and subspecialties
- #1 reputation for healthcare in San Antonio
- Safety net for trauma in our 38-county region

Education Facts:
- Fall 2022 = 3,600 students enrolled in 5 schools:
  - School of Medicine
  - School of Dentistry
  - School of Nursing
  - School of Health Professions
  - Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences
- 2024 School of Public Health admits first class
- Five nationally ranked accredited schools

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