Texas Research Incentive Program

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- Created by the Legislature in 2009 to provide matching funds to emerging research universities based on their eligible private gifts.

- The size of the match is set in statute (TEC 62.123):
  - ✓ 50% match for gifts between $100,000 and $1 million,
  - ✓ 75% match for gifts between $1 million and $2 million,
  - ✓ 100% match for gifts of $2 million to $10 million.
  - ✓ Matching grants are awarded in order of the date of certification until funds are depleted.

- Institutions report eligible gifts to the Coordinating Board, which facilitates a peer review of all TRIP match requests.

All TRIP requests are vetted through a transparent process of peer review

- In 2009, Coordinating Board staff and emerging research institutions jointly developed a process for reviewing TRIP requests for eligibility.
- In March 2012, Coordinating Board staff hosted representatives from emerging research institutions to review TRIP and address questions and concerns.
- Process for review:
  - Redacted copies of grant documentation are shared with all TRIP eligible institutions.
  - Any institution may challenge the validity of any TRIP request, triggering review of the request by Coordinating Board staff.
  - Coordinating Board staff determine if the challenge has merit.
  - If a TRIP request is denied after review, the originating institutions may appeal this determination.
  - Coordinating Board staff will review the appeal and make a final determination.

Previous Basis for Institutional Challenges

- Donor agreements are missing, incomplete (includes references to other documents not provided or missing pages), or not fully executed (signed by all parties).
- Donor agreement stipulates a quid pro quo relationship. This can be established with (but is not limited to) requests for reports, invoices, or rights to intellectual property.
- Donor agreement includes clauses that revoke the donation in the event of noncompliance.
- Donor agreement does not stipulate the money be used for only TRIP eligible uses.
- Donation is a grant not a gift.
- Donor agreement allows for non-research uses.

Requested TRIP Matching Grants

	FY 2010		FY 2011		FY 2012	
	Gift Count	Requested Match*	Gift Count	Requested Match*	Gift Count	Requested Match*
Received by CB	149	$65,612	96	$31,350	104	$40,053
Challenged by another institution	36	$10,873	31	$12,098	17	$5,200
Disqualified after review	35	$10,823	18	$5,527	9	$4,443
Appealed by institution	1	$100	9	$4,114	6	$4,140
Reversed on appeal	-	-	6	$3,707	5	$4,040

* thousands

In FY13, the Coordinating Board has received 19 applications eligible for $14.4 million in matching funds.

TRIP Funding Received by Institution

Institution	FY 2010*	FY 2011*	FY 2012*	FY 2013*	Unmatched*
Texas Tech	$10,820	$9,738	$3,815	$1,953	$23,128
Texas State - San Marcos†	-	-	-	-	$2,163
UT-Arlington	$281	$253	$91	$213	$1,345
UT – Dallas	$7,728	$6,955	$1,715	$11,075	$12,730
UTEP	$1,508	$1,358	$1,996	$462	$4,799
UTSA	$1,425	$1,283	$1,092	$1,550	$2,380
UH	$2,380	$2,142	$8,178	$2,385	$7,477
UNT	$858	$772	$925	$175	$1,315
Total	**$25,000**	**$22,500**	**$17,813**	**$17,813**	**$55,337**

† First became eligible in FY12

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