

# The University of Texas System Office of Federal Relations

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- ◆ Overview of federal research funding to universities
- ◆ Congressional earmarks
- ◆ Competitive awards
- ◆ OFR strategies for increasing federal funding to UT components
- ◆ Other federal legislative activities

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## Federal Research Funding

Where does Texas rank in relation to other states?

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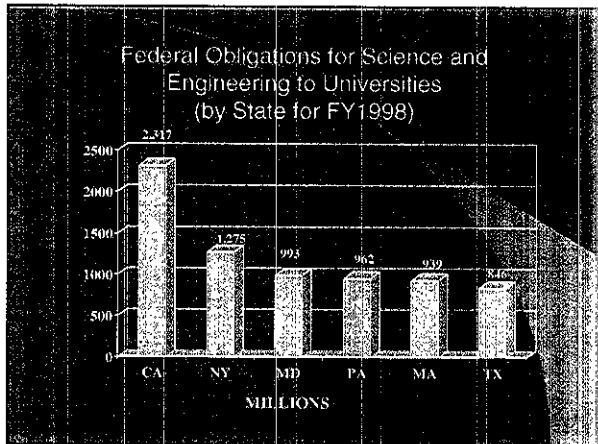
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### Federal Obligations for Science and Engineering to Universities by State for fiscal year 1998

- In FY1998, Texas ranked 6<sup>th</sup> in terms of federal science and engineering funding
- We are behind California, New York, Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, and Maryland
- This trend has been the same since 1991, with Texas in 6<sup>th</sup> place each year
- California has experienced substantial growth since 1993

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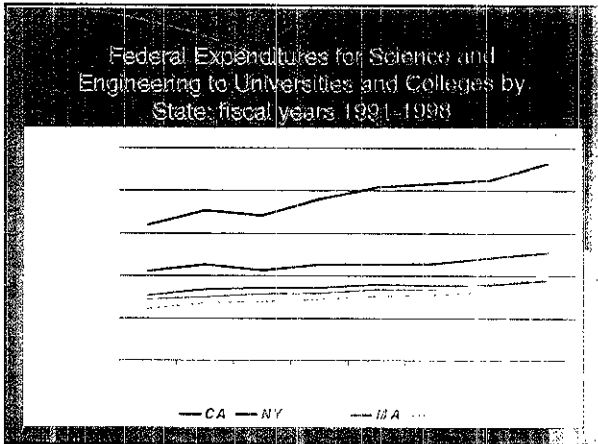
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## Federal Funding for Higher Education

### Congressional Appropriations

- Work with Congressional appropriators to secure earmarks for UT System components
- OFR has focused on earmarks in 1999 and 2000
- Goal of developing projects that are viable after congressional funding ends

### Competitive Awards from Agencies

- Majority of federal funding for UT components comes from competitively awarded research
- In 2000 and beyond, OFR is working on a strategic plan for helping components to compete more effectively and win these awards

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## Federal Appropriations Congressional Earmarks

- Lung Cancer Research
- U.S. Army's University XXI Initiative
- National Consortium for Countermeasures to Biological and Chemical Threats
- Emerging Infectious Diseases Project
- Border Development Alliance

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## Lung Cancer Research

- Major new lung cancer program at M.D. Anderson
- \$7 million earmark in Department of Defense appropriations bill for FY00
- Seeking another \$7 million in FY01
- Funding to total \$35 million over 5 years

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## U.S. Army's University XXI Initiative

- Joint digitization project between UT-Austin and Texas A&M at Fort Hood
- \$2 million earmark per year in FY99 and FY00
- Good example of successful earmark: U.S. Army budgeted \$1 million of its own money for this project in FY01
- Currently seeking additional \$5 million from Congress for total of \$6 million in FY01

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## National Consortium for Countermeasures to Biological and Chemical Threats

- Joint program with UT-System, Texas Tech System, and the University of Florida System
- UT components involved are UT-Austin, UTMB-Galveston, and UT Southwestern
- \$13 million earmark in Department of Defense appropriations bill for FY00
- Seeking \$21 million from Congress in FY01

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## Emerging Infectious Diseases Project

- Joint project between UT-Health Center Tyler and UT-Medical Branch at Galveston
- Seeking \$2 million in fiscal year 2001 in the Labor/HHS appropriations bill
- Addressing emerging infectious diseases was identified as a top administration priority again in fiscal year 2001
- Example of an earmark OFR is pursuing that fits within a relatively new federal funding trend

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## Border Development Alliance

- Consortium of UT-El Paso, UT-Pan American, UT-Brownsville, and Texas A&M-Laredo
- \$500,000 earmark in VA/HUD/Independent Agencies bill for FY00
- Earmark is equally split among the consortium members
- Seeking \$500,000 from Congress in FY01

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What can be done to increase UT's share of the federal pie?

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## Congressional Earmarks

- Continue efforts to obtain congressionally earmarked funding
- This has an upper limit which we are fast approaching
- Our successes in FY00 and FY01 will likely put UT System in the top few recipients of congressionally earmarked funds

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## Non-earmarked Appropriations

- Identify specific federal research programs in which UT components are particularly competitive
- Monitor congressional funding for these programs
- Inform congressional leaders of UT activities in these areas of research
- Where appropriate, protect or seek an increase in funding levels for these programs

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## Competitive Funding

- The majority of federal research funding to universities is awarded by federal agencies on a competitive basis
- Much of this funding flows through agencies such as NSF, NIH, NASA, DOD, EPA, DOE, and the Department of Commerce
- As with overall federal research funding, the State of Texas ranks well below where it should with regard to competitive awards

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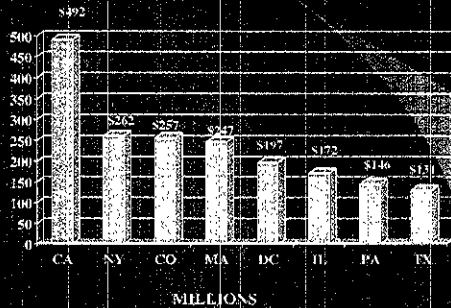
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## NSF Awards by State for FY1999



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How can OFR help component institutions with competitive opportunities?

- Develop relationships with federal agency personnel
- Early notification to components of federal funding opportunities
- Assist components with strategic planning
  - OFR will identify all agencies funding research within the expertise of the component
  - OFR will help to position components based on trends in federal research funding
- Coordinate teaming arrangements between UT components, the private sector, and other universities throughout the country to maximize UT's ability to obtain federal research funding

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### Other activities of the Office of Federal Relations

- Tax legislation
  - PUF bond arbitrage exemption
  - IRA charitable rollover
- Immigration
  - H-1B visas
  - Foreign student tracking system fees
- Organ transplant allocation
- Graduate Medical Education
- Cancer center exemption from Medicare outpatient prospective payment system
- UT personnel appointments to federal boards & commissions

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