



# President and Provost Roundtable Discussion

## *Topic: University Classification and Focus*

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#### Classification Definitions

- **Associate's Colleges** – Includes institutions where all degrees are at the associate's level, or where bachelor's degrees account for less than 10% of all undergraduate degrees. Excludes institutions eligible for classification as Tribal Colleges or Special Focus Institutions.
- **Baccalaureate Colleges** – Includes institutions where baccalaureate degrees represent at least 10 percent of all undergraduate degrees and where fewer than 50 master's degrees or 20 doctoral degrees were awarded during the update year. (Some institutions above the master's degree threshold are also included) Excludes Special Focus Institutions and Tribal Colleges.
- **Master's Colleges and Universities** – Generally includes institutions that awarded at least 50 master's degrees and fewer than 20 doctoral degrees during the update year (with occasional exceptions). Excludes Special Focus Institutions and Tribal Colleges.
- **Doctorate-granting Universities** – Includes institutions that awarded at least 20 research doctoral degrees during the update year (excluding doctoral-level degrees that qualify recipients for entry into professional practice, such as the JD, MD, PharmD, DPT, etc.). Excludes Special Focus Institutions and Tribal Colleges.
  - **RU/VH** – Research Universities (very high research activity)
    - 108 – 4 Texas Universities
  - **RU/H** – Research Universities (high research activity)
    - 99 – 8 Texas Universities
  - **DRU** – Doctoral/Research Universities
    - 90 – 9 Texas Universities
- **Special Focus Institutions** – Institutions awarding baccalaureate or higher-level degrees where a high concentration of degrees (above 75%) is in a single field or set of related fields. Excludes Tribal Colleges.
- **Tribal Colleges** – Colleges and universities that are members of the American Indian Higher Education Consortium, as identified in IPEDS Institutional Characteristics.

# Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (FY 11)

## Research and emerging research universities:

- Have a wide range of baccalaureate and master's programs and serve a student population from within and outside their region.
- Award 20 or more doctoral degrees annually in targeted areas of excellence that span at least 10 disciplines (research universities may award over 100 doctoral degrees in a comprehensive range of programs).
- Place significant emphasis on research and creative activities and generate research expenditures in the tens of million of dollars (research universities generate over \$150 million annually).

**Success Measure Focus:** For research and emerging research universities the significant accountability measures identified by the cross-impact analysis are:

- First-year persistence rate
- Six-year graduation rate
- Six-year graduation and persistence rate

## Research Universities

	Federal Research Expenditures	FTFE	Federal Research Expenditure/FTFE
Texas A&M University	\$288,647,455	1175	\$245,679
The University of Texas at Austin	\$355,437,164	1402	\$253,612

## Emerging Research Universities

	Federal Research Expenditures	FTFE	Federal Research Expenditure/FTFE
University of North Texas	\$14,500,310	674	\$21,500
Texas State University-San Marcos	\$12,479,395	349	\$35,781
Texas Tech University	\$35,190,905	581	\$60,616
University of Houston	\$52,959,540	680	\$77,853
The University of Texas at Arlington	\$30,658,500	475	\$64,600
The University of Texas at El Paso	\$35,398,689	367	\$96,469
The University of Texas at Dallas	\$33,216,006	254	\$130,571
The University of Texas at San Antonio	\$31,972,285	474	\$67,435

## Sam Houston State University

	Federal Research Expenditures	FTFE	Federal Research Expenditure/FTFE
Sam Houston State University	\$3,538,908	356	\$9,930

\*Based upon THECB Accountability System FY 11 Reporting. FTFE was derived from total Federal Research Expenditure and Federal Research Expenditure/FTFE data.