

UNIVERSITY of HOUSTON

Texas Research Incentive Program (TRIP)

TRIP was established by the Texas Legislature in 2009 for the purpose of providing matching funds to assist eligible public institutions to leverage private gifts for the enhancement of research productivity and faculty recruitment. It is implemented through the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.

Gift Eligibility

Only cash gifts are eligible for TRIP. Contributions from a government agency is not eligible. Pledges do not qualify, but pledge payments qualify. Gifts-in-kind and gifts of property do not qualify unless they were given originally for the sole purpose of research and sold for cash. Contracts or fees for services are not eligible for TRIP.

Qualifying gift purposes include:

- Endowed Chairs
- Endowed Professorships
- Research Facilities
- Research Equipment
- Research Program Cost
- Research Graduate Stipends/Fellowships
- Undergraduate Research

To qualify for TRIP matching, a gift must be made in a minimum payment of \$100,000 and designated exclusively for research purposes. The match is provided in three categories:

Matching Levels	
50% Match	Cash gift of \$100,000 to \$999,999
75% Match	Cash gift of \$1 million to \$1,999,999
100% Match	Cash gift of \$2 million to \$10 million

Documents Needed

- Copy of deposit documentation (i.e. check, wire, ach).
- Fully executed agreement and/or award letter that clearly restricts gifts to research support.
- Stock submission require transaction letter or statement from the donor and institution broker.

Processing Requirements

Research gifts that are over 100k along with supporting documentation have a 30 day submission clock.

- Stocks can be bundled with another gift in order to reach minimum payment level. Those gift must be deposited within 10 days of each other. The 30-day submission clock begins after last deposit of each other. The 30-day submission clock begins after last deposit.
- Documents are submitted to the Higher Education Coordinating Board and are anonymously peer reviewed.
- Submission are considered in the chronological order by which they become eligible, which is defined by the deposit date of the funds.
- Once the coordinating board approves, the gift/match is added to list of approved matches and awaits legislative review for timing of funding. Funding can take between 1-4 years.