



Texas Higher Education

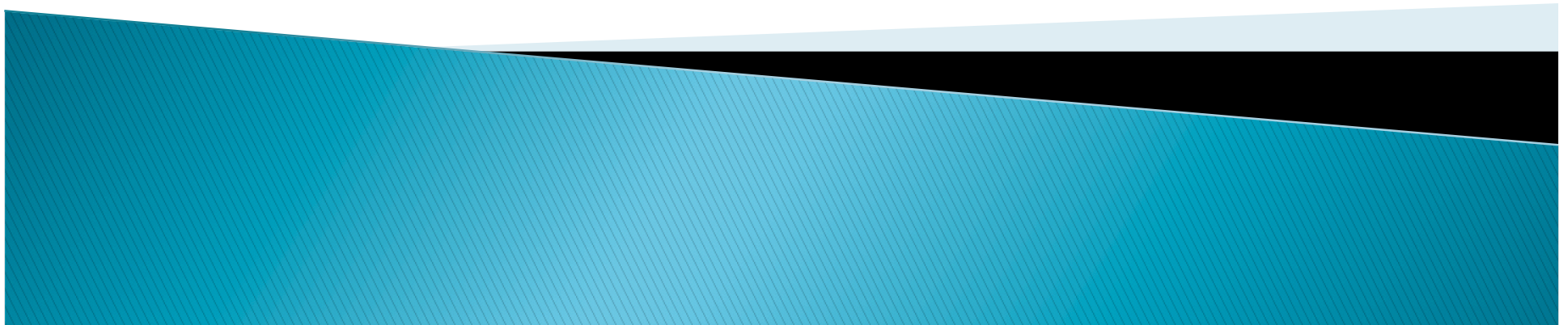
Research

Data and Reporting

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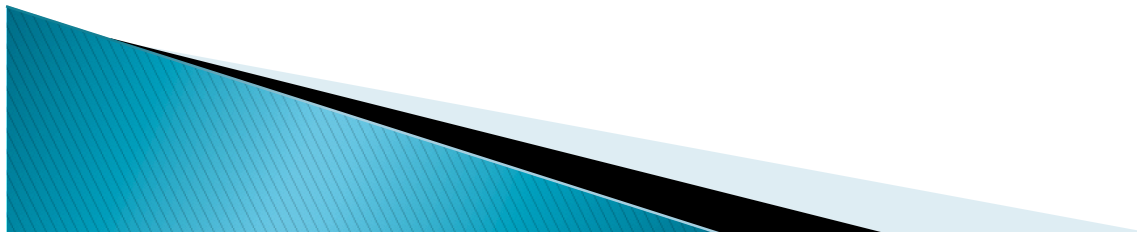
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Role/Responsibilities



- ▶ The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board was created by the Texas Legislature in 1965 to provide leadership and coordination for the Texas higher education system to achieve excellence for the college education of Texas students.

- ▶ Collect research data from general academic and health-related institutions through two annual reports:
 - Research Expenditures Annual Report
 - Restricted Research Expenditures Annual Report





Research Expenditures

Annual Report

- ▶ Texas Education Code, Section 61.051(h)

The board shall make continuing studies of the needs of the state for research and designate the institutions of higher education to perform research as needed. The board shall also **maintain an inventory of all institutional and programmatic research activities being conducted by the various institutions**, whether state-financed or not. Once a year, on dates prescribed by the board, **each institution of higher education shall report to the board all research conducted at that institution** during the last preceding year. All reports required by this subsection shall be made subject to the limitations imposed by security regulations governing defense contracts for research.

Research

Institutions Report Aggregate Data



- ▶ Research Expenditures Annual Report
 - General Academic Institutions and Health-Related Institutions report annually
 - Includes data on all research expenditures, including overhead
 - In the future, these data will be used in the formula to allocate funding under the Research University Development Fund for emerging research and Tier One institutions (House Bill 51, 81R)

Research Expenditures

Annual Report



- ▶ Data elements and definitions used in the report are comparable to those collected by the National Science Foundation (NSF).
- ▶ Coordinating Board data includes research in all research disciplines, while NSF reporting focuses on science and technology.
- ▶ No specific data on stem cell research are collected using this process.

Research Expenditures

Annual Report



- Agricultural Sciences
- Biological and Other Life Sciences
- Computer Science
- Engineering
- Environmental Sciences
- Mathematical Sciences
- Medical Sciences
- Physical Sciences
- Psychology
- Social Sciences
- Other Sciences
- Arts and Humanities
- Business Administration
- Education
- Law and Public Administration
- Other Non-Science Activities

Restricted Research Expenditures



- ▶ Authorized by Texas Education code, Sec. 62.096
- ▶ To qualify as a restricted research expenditure, the project must be properly classified as research and the source of funds must be from a **restricted funds group**.
- ▶ **Restricted funds** are provided to institutions with specifications on their use.
- ▶ State appropriated funds are not included in the restricted funds group and are not reported as restricted research.

Restricted Research Expenditures



- ▶ **Restricted** Research Expenditures Annual Report
 - Specific General Academic Institutions report
 - Health-Related Institutions do not report
 - Currently used in formula to allocate Research Development Fund
 - Includes **only** expenditures directly linked to conducting research projects (no state funds)
 - In the future, these data will be used to allocate National Research University Fund for emerging research institutions (HB 51, 81R)

Restricted Research Expenditures



- ▶ 31 general academic institutions report restricted research expenditures (no health-related institutions report)
- ▶ Institutional officials meet annually and review each restricted research project
- ▶ Restricted Research Expenditures Annual Report provides transparency and accountability

Restricted Research Expenditures



- ▶ Institutions report annually on projects
 - Title
 - General Description
 - Addresses the question
 - What makes this project a good investment for the state or institution
 - Financial Information
 - Salaries/Wages for New or Reassigned FTEs
 - Salaries/Wages for Existing FTEs
 - Operating Expenses
 - Staff Benefits
 - Capital Expenditures

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