

QUARTERLY BOARD BRIEFING

November 2026

TEXAS SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY

FY 2028–2029 LEGISLATIVE APPROPRIATIONS REQUEST

A disciplined funding request strengthens existing state investments, expands workforce capacity, and advances one major capital project.

$43.36M

2028–29 GR LIMIT

Non-exempt General Revenue limit after the 3% reduction; not the University's total appropriation.

$1.34M

3% REDUCTION

Reduction applied to the $44.70 million non-exempt General Revenue base.

SIX EXCEPTIONAL ITEMS

Approximately $7.48 million over the biennium for academic, accreditation, student-success, and workforce priorities.

ONE CAPITAL PROJECT

Thurgood Marshall Law Center: approximately $193.65 million in separately requested capital construction financing.

Targeted operating investments plus a separately identified capital priority.

EXCEPTIONAL ITEMS | ENGINEERING AND ACCREDITATION

Priority investments in engineering expansion and accreditation-related academic capacity.

1 URBAN INFRASTRUCTURE AND APPLIED ENGINEERING

$955,143 / FY | $1,910,286 biennial

Expands engineering education, laboratories, applied research, and industry pathways in transportation, energy, water, and resilient infrastructure.

2 ACCREDITATION — PHARMACY

$69,072 / FY | $138,144 biennial

Enrollment-driven increase: expands faculty and clinical instruction, experiential training, and accreditation support for more Pharmacy students.

3 ACCREDITATION CONTINUATION — BUSINESS

$724,294 / FY | $1,448,588 biennial

Strengthens AACSB accreditation, faculty capacity, business analytics and financial-markets curricula, and employer partnerships.

Incremental requests; each annual amount is repeated in FY 2029.

EXCEPTIONAL ITEMS | EDUCATION AND WORKFORCE

Targeted investments in educator preparation, timely completion, and creative-industry employment.

4 ACCREDITATION — EDUCATION

$717,519 / FY | $1,435,038 biennial

Supports educator preparation and certification, clinical and residency partnerships, and school-improvement practices.

5 TIGER SUMMER OF ACCELERATION

$525,716 / FY | $1,051,432 biennial

Expands summer coursework, tutoring, advising, gateway-course completion, and degree progression toward timely graduation.

6 TEXAS CREATIVE INDUSTRIES WORKFORCE INITIATIVE

$750,000 / FY | $1,500,000 biennial

Establishes training in film, television, performing arts, and digital production, including technical skills, apprenticeships, and employer partnerships.

Combined six-item request: $3,741,744 annually; $7,483,488 for the biennium.

THURGOOD MARSHALL LAW CENTER — CAPITAL PRIORITY

The University requests approximately $193.65 million in capital construction financing, separate from the six exceptional items.

CAPITAL REQUEST

$193.65 MILLION

Modern Thurgood Marshall Law Center construction.

ACADEMIC PURPOSE

Expand law instruction, clinical legal education, courtroom simulation, advocacy training, and experiential learning.

STRATEGIC VALUE

Strengthen preparation of practice-ready attorneys and sustain the Law School's statewide public-service mission.

90TH TEXAS LEGISLATURE | UNIVERSITY PRIORITIES

The 2027 session provides an opportunity to align statewide higher education policy with the University's Centennial priorities.

OPERATING INVESTMENTS

$7.48 million in six exceptional items supporting engineering, accreditation, student progression, and workforce development.

CAPITAL PRIORITY

$193.65 million Thurgood Marshall Law Center construction-financing request; separate from recurring academic funding.

PERFORMANCE-BASED FUNDING

Support measurable student outcomes and meaningful student-need weights while protecting core operating support and institutional stability.

STRATEGIC ENGAGEMENT

Coordinate University leadership, students, alumni, and legislative partners around a consistent, documented message.

Legislative success requires a unified academic, fiscal, and student-success narrative.

TIGER DAY AT THE TEXAS CAPITOL

Proposed student-centered legislative engagement during the 90th Texas Legislature.

TENTATIVE DATES

February 23, 24, or 25

2027

One date to be confirmed

STUDENT LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY

Students visit and engage legislators' offices, emphasizing institutional accomplishments, student outcomes, and the Centennial.

CORE LEGISLATIVE MESSAGE

Communicate the six exceptional items, the Law Center capital request, and the University's role in Texas workforce and civic leadership.

Planning priorities: student preparation • office coordination • leave-behind materials • nonpartisan institutional messaging

TEXAS SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY

INVESTING IN THE NEXT 100 YEARS

90th Texas Legislature

Building Opportunity. Advancing Texas.

THURGOOD MARSHALL LAW CENTER

Building the Next Century of Legal Education, Public Service, and Leadership.



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A FOUR-STORY, 256,825-GSF CENTER
Connecting learning, practice, scholarship, and public service.

Learning & Scholarship
Classrooms • law library • Earl Carl Institute

Practice & Student Success
Courtroom simulation • law clinics • organizations • wellness

Faculty, Research & Operations
Faculty offices • academic support • administration • technology

Public & Community
Auditorium • lobby • cafeteria • outdoor gathering

$193.7 MILLION CAPITAL REQUEST | Design work advancing | Schematic design begins October 16, 2026

SIX STRATEGIC INVESTMENTS

Strengthening Programs. Expanding Opportunity. **Serving** a Stronger Texas.

1. **Urban Infrastructure and Applied Engineering** — Expands applied engineering education and workforce capacity addressing Texas infrastructure needs. — Two-Year Request **$1,910,286**
2. **Pharmacy Accreditation** — Supports accreditation requirements and maintains the quality of pharmacy education. — Two-Year Request **$138,144**
3. **Business Accreditation** — Sustains accreditation standards and strengthens business education. — Two-Year Request **$1,448,588**
4. **Education Accreditation** — Supports educator preparation, certification quality, and accreditation requirements. — Two-Year Request **$1,435,038**
5. **Summer of Acceleration** — Helps students maintain academic momentum and advance toward graduation. — Two-Year Request **$1,051,432**
6. **Texas Creative Industries Workforce Initiative** — Develops workforce pathways in film, television, and performing arts. — Two-Year Request **$1,500,000**

FY 2028–2029 EXCEPTIONAL ITEMS: $7.48 MILLION COMBINED BIENNIAL REQUEST

TEXAS SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY | A CENTURY OF ACHIEVEMENT. A BOLDER TOMORROW.

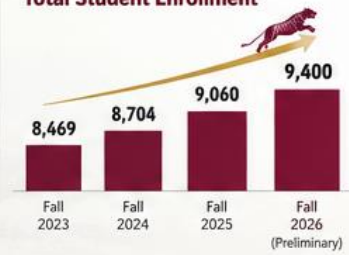
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SOARING INTO THE NEXT 100 YEARS

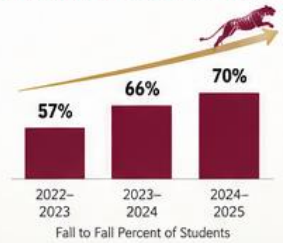
More Students. Greater Achievement. Stronger Communities. A Brighter Texas.

STUDENT SUCCESS ON AN UPWARD TRAJECTORY

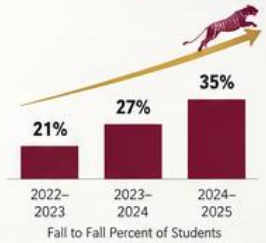
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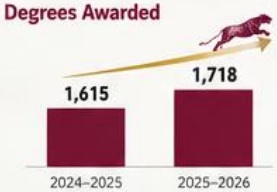
First-Year Persistence Rate



First-Year Progression Rate

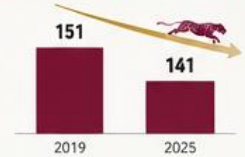


Degrees Awarded



6% INCREASE

Average Semester Credit Hours to Degree



7% DECREASE

EXPANDING IMPACT ACROSS TEXAS

$9.998 MILLION FORGE GRANT

RESEARCH GROWTH AND WORKFORCE CAPACITY

Expands defense-aligned research and workforce capacity in artificial intelligence, advanced materials, resilient systems, biomanufacturing, and logistics.

15,676 JOBS

SUPPORTING TEXAS COMMUNITIES

Texas Southern University's impact extends well beyond campus, supporting economic growth, workforce development, and opportunity throughout the region.

$1.6 BILLION

ANNUAL ECONOMIC IMPACT

Driving opportunity, innovation, and a stronger Texas economy.

A STRONGER TODAY. A BRIGHTER TOMORROW.

As we approach our 2027 centennial, Texas Southern University is building for its next century through accountability, student achievement, research growth, and strategic investment in facilities and statewide impact.

TEXAS SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY | 1927 – 2027 | A CENTURY OF ACHIEVEMENT