

# TEXAS RESEARCH UNIVERSITY FUND (TRUF)

The TRUF allows Texas A&M to compete with other national universities in recruiting and maintaining outstanding faculty.

## TRUF FACTS

- ▶ Created by the Texas Legislature in 2015 to provide *"funding for eligible research universities to support faculty to ensure excellence in instruction and research.\*"*
- ▶ Texas' research universities with total research expenditures above \$450 million are eligible for **TRUF**
- ▶ Funds are distributed based on a three-year average of total research expenditures
- ▶ **Texas A&M's** 2nd largest source of General Revenue (GR)
- ▶ Funding increased approximately 18% from last biennium to this biennium

# REQUEST

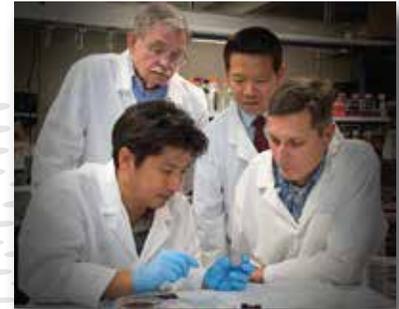
Keep the **TRUF** formula at 10.9% of the three-year average of total research expenditures

\*Texas Education Code Chapter 62, Subchapter C. Sec. 62.052.

## WHY IS TRUF IMPORTANT?

- Researchers are like small businesses, and the economic impact from hiring outstanding faculty is a **return to the state seven times the initial investment.**

- **Dr. Ivan Rusyn** (pictured far right) has been awarded millions of dollars in federal research funding since arriving at Texas A&M.
- Dr. Rusyn was also elected to chair a National Academies committee on the protection of human health and the environment.



**Dr. Bonnie J. Dunbar** is a member of the National Academy of Engineering and worked for 27 years at NASA, flying five shuttle flights and logging more than 50 days in space.

An Eminent Professor at Texas A&M, Dr. Dunbar serves as the Director of the Institute for Engineering Education & Innovation, and the Aerospace Human System Laboratory.

## DID YOU KNOW?

- Almost 90% of **Texas A&M** students would:
- Choose Texas A&M again; describe it as inspiring; and say the investment is worth it!

- Wall Street Journal, 2020