A new era of excellence is dawning at Texas Tech University as it stands on the cusp of becoming one of the nation’s premier research institutions.

Texas Tech University (TTU): In 2012, Texas Tech received designation as a National Research University (NRU) from the State of Texas. The designation comes with additional state funding to enhance and expand the university’s research enterprise. The NRU designation is competitive with only Texas Tech and one other of seven designated universities achieving the state’s benchmarks in the first two years of eligibility. The NRU designation is the state’s effort to increase the number of Tier One or AAU-like universities in Texas.

Texas Tech University is located in Lubbock, Texas. Created by legislative action in 1923 as Texas Technological College, the name was changed to Texas Tech University in 1969. Campus physical facilities include a total of 7,449,218 square feet in 188 buildings. The university is composed of more than 26,400 undergraduate, 5,200 graduate and 700 law students. Annually, total research expenditures exceed $125 million. The Carnegie Foundation classifies Texas Tech University as a RU/H: Research Universities (high research activity).

Texas Tech shares its campus with its sister institution, the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center (TTUHSC). Texas Tech’s breadth of academic offerings, coupled with its School of Law and the close proximity to TTUHSC creates a wealth of potential collaborative possibilities. Texas Tech, TTUHSC and Angelo State University in San Angelo make up the Texas Tech University System. TTUHSC is home to the Schools of Medicine, Nursing, Allied Health and Pharmacy. Texas Tech Health Sciences Center has campus locations in Lubbock, Amarillo, Abilene, Midland, Odessa, Dallas and El Paso, Texas.

**Texas Tech at a glance**

• M. Duane Nellis president of the university

• Texas Tech was founded in 1923

• The first students admitted in 1925

• Current enrollment numbers can be found at www.irim.ttu.edu/factbook

• Texas Tech is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS)

**Lubbock, Texas at a glance**

• Lubbock’s population is 260,000

• Lubbock is the economic center of a 29-county region with a population of more than 500,000

• Lubbock is the 11th largest city in Texas

**Texas Tech University’s Mission Statement**

As a public research university, Texas Tech advances knowledge through innovative and creative teaching, research, and scholarship. The university is dedicated to student success by preparing learners to be ethical leaders for a diverse and globally competitive workforce. The university is committed to enhancing the cultural and economic development of the state, nation, and world.