

REGIONAL INNOVATION & PARTNERSHIPS

RI+P

Connecting Research to Regional Opportunity

El Paso anchors one of the largest binational, bicultural regions in the Western Hemisphere, with deep ties to Ciudad Juárez and Las Cruces.

We believe lasting regional impact starts with people, not platforms: trusted relationships between faculty, government leaders, and community partners, constructed over time.

Regional Innovation & Partnerships exists to widen that circle of trust and connect it to UTEP's research strengths.

Building Partnerships

Place-Based Strategy

We leverage UTEP's binational location as a strategic advantage, aligned with the 2030 Strategic Plan.

Relationship First

We invest in the personal trust that makes partnerships work, showing up for faculty, government, and community leaders.

Structured Matchmaking

We use a bi-directional faculty-government matching protocol and a Partner Readiness Tier system.

AI-assisted Intelligence

We use the El Paso Regional Collaborative Tool to surface funding opportunities, so our time goes to relationships.

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HOW WE SUPPORT



Faculty-Government Matchmaking

Pairing UTEP faculty expertise with regional governments, school districts, and community organizations, made on relationships



Coalition and Funding Strategy

Dual-track funding strategies, from federal Small Business Technology Transfer partnerships to equitable-access coalitions, that bring partners together around shared goals



El Paso Regional Collaborative Tool

An AI-assisted tool that helps track regional funding opportunities, so relationship-building stays at the center of the work

PARTNER WITH US

TRUSTED RELATIONSHIPS

Long-term partnerships formed through consistency, listening, and follow-through.

REGIONAL EXPERTISE

Deep understanding of the border region and its unique people, challenges, and strengths.

RESEARCH THAT CONNECTS

Helping transform ideas into collaborative projects that drive innovation & community impact.