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SCIENTIFIC INVENTIONS EARN TOP DOLLARS FOR UT SOUTHWESTERN

DALLAS — November 30, 1995 — UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas, which ranked first among the state's public universities in revenue from licensed patents and technologies during fiscal year 1994, increased that revenue by nearly 20 percent during fiscal 1995.

For the year that ended Aug. 31, UT Southwestern's intellectual property revenue totaled \$3.2 million.

During the 1994 fiscal year, UT Southwestern earned \$2.7 million in revenue from intellectual property, topping second-ranked UT M.D. Anderson Cancer Center by \$375,652 and third-ranked Texas A&M University by nearly \$1.1 million.

Intellectual property includes patented technologies, software and proprietary biological materials such as cell lines, genetic vectors and antibodies.

"With the gains seen this year, we anticipate that our ranking will be similar," said Katherine Chapman, UT Southwestern vice president for legal affairs and technology transfer.

Statewide figures for publicly supported universities are compiled annually by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board. The 1994 figures were reported in the board's annual Research Expenditure Report, issued in April.

In an annual survey conducted by the Association of University Technology Managers, UT Southwestern is competitive in royalty income with other nationally recognized medical-research institutions, Chapman said. She serves as vice president for planning for the national technology managers' organization.

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"Introduction of our technologies into the marketplace is more difficult than those of universities not related to health care because ours are subject to more federal regulation," said Ray Wheatley, director of technology transfer at UT Southwestern. "Even so, we are comparably ranked."

During fiscal 1995, 54 invention disclosures were filed with UT Southwestern's Office of Legal Affairs and Technology Transfer, Wheatley said. Eighteen patents and 12 licenses were issued the same year. More than 100 U.S. patent applications are pending, many of which are already licensed.

Since 1984, more than 300 UT Southwestern employees have been named as inventors on 406 invention disclosures. A total of 109 patents and 86 licensed technologies have generated \$11.4 million in revenue since 1984.

"The consistent support of the UT Southwestern administration has made this phenomenal growth possible," said Chapman.

Revenue from patents and licensed technologies is an important source of support for continued research.

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Editor's note: The UT System's fiscal year 1994 was Sept. 1, 1993, through Aug. 31, 1994. Fiscal year 1995 was Sept. 1, 1994, through Aug. 31, 1995.

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