

ABSTRACT

Texas A&M International University (TAMIU), a member of The Texas A&M University System located in Laredo, will provide a CAMP program that includes ongoing, individualized support to 28 migrant and seasonal farmworker (MSFW) students annually through comprehensive advising services from entry into the program to graduation. The program will also implement wrap-around services focusing on academic, personal, and financial support.

Targeting nine counties with the highest concentration of migrant families in Texas, TAMIU CAMP staff will offer bilingual recruitment and raise awareness of post-secondary educational opportunities for MSFW students and their families. The program leverages TAMIU's two decades of recruitment in the South Texas Plains, emphasizing inclusivity through bilingual outreach.

TAMIU CAMP's primary activities include tutoring, mentoring, leadership development, and comprehensive financial assistance. The five-year budget, averaging \$444,000 annually, prioritizes bilingual staff, scholarships, stipends, outreach, and programming materials. By engaging students in support services that foster success, the program aims to achieve a first-year completion rate of 86%. In addition, TAMIU CAMP staff aims to ensure a 92% retention rate by providing follow-up services to participants after year one in the program.

TAMIU CAMP represents a concerted effort to address the pressing needs of MSFW students, blending TAMIU's institutional expertise, community collaborations, and a commitment to at-risk students. The program's initiatives strategically address the CAMP invitational priority through targeted bilingual recruitment and community engagement. TAMIU Camp program will not only propel individual success but also to contribute to the broader socio-economic development of the region and beyond.