The University of Texas System Board of Regents has honored seven exemplary faculty members of the UT Health Science Center San Antonio with Regents’ Outstanding Teaching Awards (ROTA) for 2015.

The awards are given annually to a select few faculty members at the nine academic and six health institutions of the University of Texas System who have demonstrated extraordinary classroom performance and innovation in instruction. With an award of $25,000, ROTA is one of the largest programs in the nation for rewarding outstanding faculty performance.

Those honored from the Health Science Center are:

- **Y.W. Francis Lam, Pharm.D.**, professor, Department of Pharmacology.

- **John Lee, PhD.**, professor, Distinguished Teaching Professor, Department of Biochemistry.

- **Robert J. Nolan Jr., M.D.**, professor, Distinguished Teaching Professor, Department of Pediatrics, Associate Dean for Graduate Medical Education.

- **Jean Petershack, M.D.**, professor, Distinguished Teaching Professor, Department of Pediatrics.

- **Omid Rahimi, Ph.D.**, associate professor, Distinguished Teaching Professor, Department of Cellular and Structural Biology.

- **Rajeev Suri, M.D.**, associate professor, Distinguished Teaching Professor, Department of Radiology.

- **Karen Troendle, D.D.S.**, MPH, professor, Distinguished Teaching Professor, Department of Comprehensive Dentistry.

“These innovative and inspirational educators are indicative of the culture of teaching excellence for which the Health Science Center is known,” said President William L. Henrich, M.D., MACP. “This recognition by the Board of Regents is well deserved.”

Board of Regents chairman Paul Foster praised all the awardees.

“These amazing educators are responsible for helping to prepare the next generation of great leaders,” regents chairman Paul Foster said. “With a total award of more than $1.9 million dollars this year, no other university system in the nation is making this kind of an investment in rewarding outstanding faculty. The efforts of these faculty members significantly enhance the educational experiences of our students and the UT Board of Regents is pleased to have this opportunity to honor them.”