

SUPPORT STUDENTS CREATE OPPORTUNITY



2023 STATE BUDGET AND LEGISLATIVE AGENDA



ACCESS TO AN AFFORDABLE DEGREE FOR ALL STUDENTS

KEEP TUITION LOW FOR WORKING FAMILIES

The Public University Support Fund (PUSF) is the primary source of state funding for operations and services to students. We are asking for a baseline budget of \$1.05 billion in the PUSF for all public universities in Oregon for the 2023-25 biennium, which is \$150 million more than the 2021-23 budget. This allocation will help the UO and other public universities ensure that tuition for incoming students is as low as possible and allow campuses to continue to provide necessary wraparound services to support students. Oregon currently ranks 45th in the nation for funding received from the state; \$150 million more won't get us to where we need to be, but this is a necessary down payment toward opportunity for all students.



MAKE A DEGREE AFFORDABLE FOR LOW-INCOME STUDENTS

The Oregon Opportunity Grant (OOG) is Oregon's largest state-funded, need-based grant program for college students. Approximately 40,000 students receive Oregon Opportunity Grants each year, including 2,600 UO students. Currently, Oregon lags two and a half times behind the national average for student aid programs. We cannot begin to meet the goals of increasing the number of Oregonians attending and finishing college without an influx to the Oregon Opportunity Grant.





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SUPPORTING STUDENTS IN UNPRECEDENTED TIMES

Building on the success of the recent summer bridge programming and doing everything we can to meet incoming students' needs post-pandemic, the universities are collectively requesting the continuation of Strong Start. This summer bridge program provides targeted programs and care to students who need it the most when they first walk onto campus. This program has been proven to lead to better grades and higher retention rates for students who participate.

SCHOLARSHIPS FROM SPORTS LOTTERY

Funding intercollegiate athletics and academic scholarships through the Sports Lottery positively effects enrollment, retention, and increased diversity for about 2,500 students every year at Oregon's public universities. In the 2021-23 biennium, a full 1% of Sports Lottery provided about \$15 million to athletics and graduate scholarships across the seven universities. Sports Lottery scholarships also help universities meet Title IX requirements to equitably fund women's athletics and provide academic scholarships to graduate students.



ADDRESS OREGON'S MOST PRESSING ISSUES THROUGH STATE SERVICE PROGRAMS

State Service Programs contribute to local communities in all 36 Oregon counties. Programs that receive state funding at the UO include the Labor Education Research Center, the TallWood Design Institute, the Oregon Office of Community Dispute Resolution, the Clinical Legal Education Program, and signature research centers like the Oregon Nanoscience and MicroTechnologies Institute (ONAMI) and the Oregon Translational Research and Development Institute (OTRADI).



RESTORING FACILITIES FOR BETTER STUDENT OUTCOMES

In the 2023 session, UO is seeking \$75.4 million from the state for our capital request to restore historic Friendly Hall. The Friendly Hall Deferred Maintenance and Renovation Project will create a modern, user-friendly home—including a comprehensive career ready center—in the heart of the campus. The renovated building will bring together UO's School of Global Studies and Language programs currently in different buildings around campus and make the building safer and accessible for all students.

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