

FY26 Budget Request Overview

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Higher Education FY 2025-2026 Potential Reductions

FY 2025-26 Higher Education Budget Reduction Exercise State General Fund			
System	FY25 SGF Appropriation	\$100M (House Appropriations Request)	\$250M (Division of Administration Request)
Board of Regents	\$299,889,543	(\$4,635,957)	(\$11,589,893)
Louisiana Community and Technical College System	\$155,291,612	(\$14,566,865)	(\$36,417,163)
Louisiana State University System	\$492,838,441	(\$46,229,871)	(\$115,574,677)
Southern University System	\$68,472,475	(\$6,422,944)	(\$16,057,360)
University of Louisiana System	\$300,035,965	(\$28,144,363)	(\$70,360,907)
Higher Education Total	\$1,316,528,036	(\$100,000,000)	(\$250,000,000)

Note: These budget cuts will not impact any financial aid state scholarship funding.



Higher Education FY 2025-2026 Budget Request

Higher Education Entity	FY24-25 Enacted Budget	FY25-26 Fully Fund Higher Education	Increase Needed for 100% Funding	FY26 Requested Amounts
2 Years/4 Years	\$656,884,296	\$1,033,448,012	\$376,563,716	\$59,000,000
Specialized Units	\$344,517,258	\$625,454,341	\$280,937,083	\$40,000,000
Boards (Including LOSFA & LUMCON Programs)	\$67,559,056	\$98,059,056	\$30,500,000	\$31,000,000
TOPS	\$173,386,710	\$173,386,710	\$0	\$0
GO Grants	\$70,480,716	\$145,591,143	\$75,110,427	\$10,000,000
Patriot Scholars	\$3,700,000	\$6,000,000	\$2,300,000	\$2,300,000
TOTAL	\$1,316,528,036	\$2,081,939,262	\$765,411,226	\$142,300,000

The FY 2025-2026 Higher Education budget request is \$142.3M. Fully funding higher education would cost \$765M.



Higher Education FY 2025-2026 Budget Request – Recurring Funding

Institutional Stability (\$89M)

- \$59M – increase for formula institutions
- \$30M – increase for specialized institutions
- \$38M – recur line-item funding for redistribution (already in FY25 budget)
- \$TBD – Reinvest mandated costs savings at institutions

Targeted Requests (\$53.3M)

- \$20M – Dual Enrollment
- \$10.5M – Foster Scholars
- \$10M – GO Grants
- \$10M – National Cancer Institute designation
- \$2.3M – Patriot Scholars
- \$0.5M – Cybersecurity Assurance Program



Higher Education FY 2025-2026 Budget Request

FY 2025-2026 Higher Education Request Summary (in millions)	
FY 2024-2025 State General Fund (SGF) Existing Budget	\$1,316.5
<i>Institution Stability</i>	
Competitive Advantage Funding	\$59.0
Support specialized institutions	\$30.0
Recur line-item Funding (already in budget)	\$38.0
Reinvest Mandated Costs Savings	TBD
<i>Targeted Requests</i>	
Dual Enrollment	\$20.0
Increased funding of MJ Foster Scholars GO Grants	\$10.5
Increased funding of GO Grants	\$10.0
Increased funding of Patriot Scholars	\$2.3
National Cancer Institute Designation Funding	\$10.0
Cybersecurity Assurance Funding	\$0.5
Total FY25-26 SGF Request	\$142.3
Total FY25-26 SGF Requested Budget	\$1,458.8



Higher Education FY 2025-2026 Budget Request – One-time Funding

One Time Requests - \$31.5M

- \$20M – \$10M in workforce funding for short-term training/credentials at two-year community and technical colleges and \$10M in workforce funding for student success and to create/expand programs in high-demand fields at universities
- \$5M – Postsecondary Inclusive Education Fund to support to programs for students with intellectual and developmental disabilities
- \$2M – Cyber program development and expansion to support current Cyber Education Management Council initiatives and the Cyber Academy
- \$2M – Campus safety funding for phase two of institution training and assistance after all institution campus safety assessments are complete
- \$1.5M – Textbook affordability funding for LOUIS to provide institutions with open-source documents and eTextbooks, as we strive to reduce the cost of attendance for students.
- \$1M – Hunger free campus program to assist institutions in raising awareness on available resources, leverage federal programs, and build strategic partnerships to address food insecurity among students



FY 2025-2026 Budget Important Dates

Wednesday, November 6, 2024

2024 Third Extraordinary Session

Friday, February 28, 2025

Presentation of the Executive Budget

Monday, April 14, 2025

Regular Legislative Session Begins

Thursday, June 12, 2025

Regular Legislative Session Ends

