University of California 2019-20 Request for Additional Investment: $182.6 million

Strengthening UC’s Contribution to the California Dream

UC greatly appreciates and strongly supports the Governor’s January budget proposal of $240 million in ongoing funding. UC would like to continue discussions with the Legislature and Governor for the balance of the ongoing State funding needs ($182.6 million).

Strengthening UC’s Contribution to the California Dream: UC aspires to an ambitious, long-term plan that includes:

(a) Producing 200,000 More Degrees by 2030 to meet California’s workforce needs.
(b) Ensuring the California Dream is for Everyone by improving graduation rates and closing the graduation gap for low-income, first generation, and underrepresented students.
(c) Investing in the Next Generation of Faculty and Research to ensure California remains a leader in higher education and an economic powerhouse, driving innovation and growth.

Ongoing Investment to Maintain Instruction and Programmatic Support: $95 million

- UC received $70 million in one-time funds in lieu of a tuition and fee increase during for the 2018-19 academic year. Students enroll for multiple years, not just one year, and ongoing funds are needed to support students. One year’s worth of funding, while welcome, does not sustain students while they are completing a degree.
- In 2017-18, UC enrolled 2,500 more California undergraduates, going beyond what the State actually funded. $25 million in ongoing funds are needed to support these students for the entire time completing their degree.
- Converting these one-time funds to ongoing support is critical to sustaining UC’s investments in faculty, instructors, teaching assistants, and campus-based programs. Without these funds, these groups and programs are at risk of being cut, to the detriment of our students.

Growing Access and Supporting Students: $72.6 million

- Funds to enroll 2,500 more California undergraduates and 1,000 graduate students in 2019-20. ($40.3 million)
- Funds to support faculty and staff, who are key to supporting students ($32.3 million), including:
  - Recruiting and retaining highly skilled employees to support the 1,900 California undergraduates enrolled in 2018-19 in addition to the 2,000 State funded California undergraduates.
  - Supporting PRIME medical students who train to work with medically underserved populations.
  - Supplement funds in the Governor’s January budget to improve graduation rates, reduce time-to-degree, and help UC increase degree production by 200,000 by 2030.

Capital Outlay Debt Service: $15 million

- UC is financing the Merced 2020 Project to grow access at UC Merced, as well as other State-approved capital projects at every campus through a process approved in 2013 (AB 94).