

University of California 2018-19 Budget Request

The University of California received a 3% general fund increase in the Governor’s January budget proposal. We are grateful for these much needed funds; however, this amount falls short of the funding needed to take care of our current students and expand access. In addition to the funds provided in the Governor’s budget, the University is requesting:

On-Going Funding Request: \$105 million

\$70 million in lieu of 2018-19 Tuition and Student Services Fee Increase

This investment will fund improvements to ensure student success and timely graduation: faculty hiring, academic counseling, student mental health services, graduate student support, and classroom facilities.

\$25 million to address impacts to students of recent growth

These funds will help address larger class sizes, the student to faculty ratio, and increased demand on student services that are consequences of the enrollment growth above the 7,500 funded in the Budget Acts of 2015 and 2016. Budget bill language resulted in enrolling 2,600 California undergraduates above the targeted amount.

\$10 million for 2018-19 enrollment growth

To continue access for qualified students, UC requests enrollment growth funding for 500 California resident undergraduates (\$5 million) in 2018-19 in addition to the 1,500 new students that the University will fund reducing or eliminating other expenditures (\$15 million) from within its existing budget. In addition, to help meet the state’s workforce needs, support undergraduate enrollment growth, and conduct research, UC requests enrollment growth funding for 500 graduate students (\$5 million).

One-Time Funds Requested: \$35 million

\$35 million for critical classroom, laboratory, and other campus maintenance needs

One-time funding to address the most urgent projects on campuses—fixing classrooms, updating labs, and critical infrastructure—from the University’s backlog of State-supportable deferred maintenance needs. UC’s backlog now exceeds \$4 billion and is the third largest among all State agencies.