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**SUBCOMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION AND RELATED AGENCIES**

**Department of Agriculture (USDA), National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA)  
Agriculture and Food Research Initiative (AFRI)**

- **Recommendation:** UC supports \$500 million for AFRI.

UC FY 2027 Request	FY 2026 Enacted	FY 2027 President's Budget Request
\$500 million	\$435 million	TBD

**UC supports \$500 million for NIFA's AFRI program**, which funds competitive research on human nutrition and health, agricultural productivity and sustainability, renewable energy and biofuels, water supply and air and water quality. For FY 2023-24, UC Agriculture and Natural Resources (ANR) had 136 AFRI projects with over \$110.8 million in competitively awarded funding to find cutting-edge solutions to high-priority issues affecting California's rural and urban communities. This increased funding is critical to existing and emerging crops in California, such as coffee, moringa and hemp.

**USDA Capacity Grants Programs – Hatch Act, Smith-Lever 3(b)-3(c) and McIntire-Stennis Cooperative Forestry**

- **Recommendation:** UC supports \$300 million for the Hatch Act, \$420 million for Smith-Lever 3(b)-3(c) and \$46 million for McIntire-Stennis capacity grant programs.

	UC FY 2027 Request	FY 2026 Enacted	FY 2027 President's Budget Request
Hatch Act	\$300 million	\$265 million	TBD
Smith-Lever 3(b)-3(c)	\$420 million	\$325 million	TBD
McIntire-Stennis	\$46 million	\$38 million	TBD

**UC supports the above requested funding levels for the Hatch, Smith-Lever 3(b)-3(c) and McIntire-Stennis** capacity grant programs, which are crucial to UC's agricultural research and extension work across every county in California. These programs enable UC to support California agricultural producers by improving varietal development, production efficiencies, cropping methods and conservation practices. This funding also allows UC to place Cooperative Extension advisors and specialists throughout the state to carry out research and extension projects. The funding also supports California youth by providing 4-H programming and other education programs.

**UC also supports \$45 million for the National Animal Health Laboratory Network, robust funding for the Crop Protection/Pest Management (CP/PM) Program, \$25 million for the Minor Crop Pest Management (IR-4) Program, \$5 million for the Veterinary Services Grant Program and \$2.5 million for the Food Avoidance Residue Databank.**

### **Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program (EFNEP)**

- **Recommendation:** UC supports \$90 million for EFNEP.

<b>UC FY 2027 Request</b>	<b>FY 2026 Enacted</b>	<b>FY 2027 President's Budget Request</b>
\$90 million	\$70 million	TBD

**UC supports \$90 million for EFNEP**, through which UC delivers hands-on, practical lessons on food, nutrition and healthy lifestyles to low-income families. National studies show that for every \$1 invested in this Cooperative Extension program, approximately \$8 are saved in current and future health care costs for at-risk populations.

### **Education Grants Program for Hispanic-Serving Institutions (HSIs)**

- **Recommendation:** UC supports \$50 million for Education Grants Program for HSIs.

<b>UC FY 2027 Request</b>	<b>FY 2026 Enacted</b>	<b>FY 2027 President's Budget Request</b>
\$50 million	\$16 million	TBD

**UC supports \$50 million for the Education Grants Program for HSIs.** This competitive grant program expands and strengthens academic programs in the agricultural sciences, natural resources, forestry and veterinary medicine. This program is critical for UC's agricultural innovation at its five HSI campuses, including UC Irvine, UC Merced, UC Riverside, UC Santa Barbara and UC Santa Cruz.

**UC also supports \$40 million for Institutional Capacity-Building Grant Programs at HSIs and \$10 million for Competitive Grants Program for Hispanic Agricultural Workers and Youth.**

### **Specialty Crop Research Initiative (SCRI)**

**UC supports full funding for the SCRI program**, which provides critical funding for specialty crop research. **UC also supports the inclusion of language enacted in FY 2023 that allows the secretary of agriculture to waive the matching funds requirement under Section 412(g) of the Agricultural Research, Extension and Education Reform Act of 1998 (7 U.S.C. 7632(g)).** The inclusion of this provision is critical to enabling cutting-edge research to address diseases and challenges facing the specialty crop industry, such as citrus greening disease.

## **SUBCOMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, JUSTICE, SCIENCE AND RELATED AGENCIES**

### **Facilities and Administration (F&A)**

**UC supports the continued inclusion of Sec. 542 from the FY 2026 appropriations bill that prohibits the Department of Commerce, National Science Foundation and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration from developing, modifying or implementing changes to the negotiated indirect cost rates.**

## National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)

### NASA Science Mission Directorate (SMD)

- **Recommendation:** UC supports \$9 billion for the NASA SMD.

UC FY 2027 Request	FY 2026 Enacted	FY 2027 President's Budget Request
\$9 billion	\$7.250 billion	TBD

**UC supports \$9 billion for the NASA SMD**, which funds research on the Earth, our solar system and the universe. UC researchers have a successful track record of being awarded NASA research awards and are international leaders in astronomy, earth and space sciences.

Within SMD, UC supports **\$2.5 billion for NASA Earth Science programs**.

### NASA Space Technology Programs

- **Recommendation:** UC supports \$1.5 billion for the NASA Space Technology Programs.

UC FY 2027 Request	FY 2026 Enacted	FY 2027 President's Budget Request
\$1.5 billion	\$920 million	TBD

**UC supports \$1.5 billion for NASA Space Technology Programs**, including innovation initiatives such as the Space Technology Research Institutes (STRIs), Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) and Small Business Technology Transfer (STTR) programs. Under these programs, UC and other academic institutions partner with NASA and other stakeholders to research and rapidly develop new space technologies. There are four NASA STRIs and UC is home to two of them — the CUBES Institute at UC Berkeley and HOMES Institute at UC Davis.

### Space Grant College and Fellowship Program

- **Recommendation:** UC supports \$65 million for the Space Grant College and Fellowship Program.

UC FY 2027 Request	FY 2026 Enacted	FY 2027 President's Budget Request
\$65 million	\$58 million	TBD

**UC supports \$65 million for the Space Grant College and Fellowship Program**, a national network that gives students practical hands-on training in support of NASA's aeronautics and space missions and inspires them to pursue science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) careers. Headquartered at UC San Diego, the California Space Grant Consortium engages 28 California affiliates, including nine UC campuses, 10 California State University campuses, three NASA centers and other universities.

## National Science Foundation (NSF)

- **Recommendation:** UC supports \$9.9 billion for the NSF.

UC FY 2027 Request	FY 2026 Enacted	FY 2027 President's Budget Request
\$9.9 billion	\$8.75 billion	TBD

**UC supports \$9.9 billion for NSF programs** supporting merit-reviewed, fundamental research across all areas of science, engineering and education in NSF's nine research directorates and in cross-cutting research programs.

In FY 2024, UC researchers successfully competed for \$555 million in NSF funding across 2,089 grant awards. Historically, UC's NSF research funding represents more than half of the total for all California institutions. This funding helps train and educate the next generation of the scientific and engineering workforce.

### Department of Commerce

#### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)

NOAA plays a vital role in informing our understanding of weather, oceans and coasts, as well as managing coastal and marine ecosystems and resources, including commercial fisheries. In addition, NOAA's expertise is especially essential in times of natural disasters such as hurricanes, atmospheric rivers, tornadoes and wildfires. University of California institutions partner with NOAA to advance this knowledge and share lifesaving information.

#### Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research (OAR)

- **Recommendation:** UC supports \$840 million for OAR.

UC FY 2027 Request	FY 2026 Enacted	FY 2027 President's Budget Request
\$840 million	\$588.9 million	TBD

**UC supports \$840 million for OAR research programs.** UC researchers rely on NOAA competitive research funding for the collection of climate, weather and water data, including ocean observing, for accurate weather forecasting, which is essential to California agriculture, energy and fisheries. UC also contributes to national initiatives for world-class weather, atmospheric, water and drought research and observations that are vital for effective disaster preparedness, as well as the national security mission needs of the U.S. Navy, NASA and other federal agencies.

Within OAR, UC supports robust funding for climate, weather and oceans research programs, including:

- \$63 million for the Regional Climate Data and Information Program;
- \$105 million for the Climate Laboratories and Cooperative Institutes;
- \$75 million for Sustained Ocean Observations and Monitoring; and
- \$20 million for the Integrated Ocean Acidification Program.

Historically, UC receives about 10 percent of OAR funding annually. This account also funds the **National Integrated Drought Information System (NIDIS)** and the **Regional Integrated Sciences and Assessments (RISA)** programs, which provide dynamic and accessible drought information for the nation and support research teams that work with public and private users to build our capacity to prepare for and adapt to environmental variability and change.

**National Sea Grant College Program, OAR**

- **Recommendation:** UC supports \$120.4 million for the National Sea Grant College Program.

UC FY 2027 Request	FY 2026 Enacted	FY 2027 President’s Budget Request
\$120.4 million	\$80	TBD

**UC supports \$120.4 million for the National Sea Grant College Program**, a university-based coastal and marine research network, which facilitates knowledge transfer from researchers to the marine industry and the public. Based at the UC San Diego Scripps Institution of Oceanography, California’s Sea Grant Program sponsors research and extension activities involving public and private institutions throughout the state. **Additionally, UC supports \$18.5 million for Aquaculture Research.**

**Office of Marine and Aviation Operations (OMAO), Aviation Operations and Aircraft Services, Operations, Research and Facilities (ORF)**

- **Recommendation:** UC supports \$50 million for OMAO ORF.

UC FY 2027 Request	FY 2026 Enacted	FY 2027 President’s Budget Request
\$50 million	\$41.2 million	TBD

**UC supports \$50 million for the OMAO ORF.** The location, timing and intensity of heavy precipitation events on the U.S. West Coast are controlled largely by the characteristics of land-falling atmospheric rivers (ARs). There is a pressing need to improve prediction of ARs to support water management and flood control information needs — as revealed by the Oroville Dam Spillway event in 2017. Enhanced observations, modeling and data assimilation are critical to improving predictability of AR landfalls with lead times of weeks to months.

## Regional Integrated Ocean Observing System (IOOS) in the National Ocean Service

- **Recommendation:** UC supports \$56 million for IOOS.

UC FY 2027 Request	FY 2026 Enacted	FY 2027 President's Budget Request
\$56 million	\$47.5 million	TBD

**UC supports \$56 million for IOOS.** IOOS involves 17 federal agencies and a national network that provides new tools and forecasts for maritime commerce, fisheries, aquaculture, offshore energy, coastal communities, public health and other needs. UC is active in two systems, the Central and Northern California Ocean Observing System (CeNCOOS) and the Southern California Coastal Ocean Observing System (SCCOOS).

## SUBCOMMITTEE ON DEFENSE

### Department of Defense (DOD)

#### Facilities and Administration (F&A)

**UC supports the continued inclusion of Sec. 8146 from the FY 2026 appropriations bill that prohibits the Department of Defense from developing, modifying or implementing changes to the negotiated indirect cost rates.**

#### Basic Research (6.1)

- **Recommendation:** UC supports \$2.52 billion for Defense Basic Research (6.1).

UC FY 2027 Request	FY 2026 Enacted	FY 2027 President's Budget Request
\$2.52 billion	\$2.374 billion	TBD

**UC supports \$2.52 billion for Defense 6.1 Basic Research within a total request of \$23.09 billion for the Defense Science and Technology (6.1-6.3) research and development portfolio.** This funding ratio will help to ensure a balanced research and development pipeline that is vital to our national security. The UC research partnership with DOD spans more than 50 years and has led to a wide range of technological innovations, including new advanced materials, communications, computing and life-saving medical discoveries and technologies.

Within the Defense Science and Technology portfolio, **UC supports:**

- **\$4.6 billion for the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA)**, which invests in high-risk, high-reward research to develop breakthrough military capabilities.
- **\$120 million for Basic Research Initiatives-Defense Wide (PE 0601110D8Z)**, including **\$8 million for the Hispanic Serving Research and STEM Education Cohort Program.**
- **\$85 million for Army University and Industry Research Centers (PE 0601104A)**, including **\$12 million for the Army University Affiliated Research Center (UARC) — the Institute of Collaborative Biotechnologies — at UC Santa Barbara.**

- **\$550 million for Navy Defense Research Science Programs** (PE 0601153N), which support scientific study and experimentation to increase knowledge and understanding in national security-related aspects of physical, engineering, environmental and life sciences.
- **\$90 million for Navy University Research Initiatives** (PE 0601103N), including an increase of \$20 million for the **Defense University Research Instrumentation Program (DURIP)** (PE 0601103N).
- **\$130 million for Ocean Warfighting Environment Applied Research** (PE 0602435N), including an increase of \$10 million for **Research at Sea** in support of the U.S. Navy’s Task Force Ocean priorities.
- **\$106 million for Navy Ship Preliminary Design and Feasibility Studies** (PE 0603564N), including an increase of \$5 million for the **construction of Navy Global Class research vessels**, which are vital to Navy research objectives of the ocean battlespace.
- **\$24 million for Defense Threat Reduction Agency Basic Research** (PE 0601000BR), including \$8 million for the **Materials Science in Extreme Environments (MSEE) program**, which studies the behavior of materials under extreme conditions related to weapons of mass destruction (WMD) and counter-WMD munitions.
- **Robust funding for the Language Flagship program as part of the National Security Education Office, within the DOD operations and maintenance budget**, which builds domestic and overseas language programs that produce professionally proficient language speakers.

**SUBCOMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT AND RELATED AGENCIES**

**Department of Energy (DOE)**

**Facilities and Administration (F&A)**

UC supports the continued inclusion of Sec. 313 from the FY 2026 appropriations bill that prohibits the Department of Energy from developing, modifying or implementing changes to the negotiated indirect cost rates.

**Office of Science (OS)**

- **Recommendation:** UC supports \$9.5 billion for the DOE OS.

UC FY 2027 Request	FY 2026 Enacted	FY 2027 President’s Budget Request
\$9.5 billion	\$8.4 billion	TBD

UC supports **\$9.5 billion for the DOE OS**, the primary federal agency supporting basic physical sciences research, which is vitally important to our country’s economic and national security. DOE OS research at UC includes basic energy sciences, advanced clean energy sources, energy efficiency technologies, biological and environmental research, high-performance scientific computing, new materials, engineering and STEM education and fellowship programs — UC researchers also collaborate at DOE’s 17 world-class national laboratories.

Within DOE OS, UC supports research programs and scientific infrastructure investments that are fundamental to U.S. scientific and technological leadership, including:

- **\$130 million for the Advanced Light Source Upgrade at Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory (Berkeley Lab)**, which will yield revolutionary x-ray capabilities.
- **\$1.01 billion for Fusion Energy Sciences**. UC Irvine, UCLA, UC Riverside, UC San Diego and Berkeley Lab are performing leading-edge fusion research and training the next generation of researchers.
- **\$164 million for Berkeley Lab’s National Energy Research Scientific Computing Center and \$110 million for the Energy Sciences Network (ESnet)**, which play vital roles in the nation’s high-performance computing and advanced computing networking ecosystem (Advanced Scientific Computing Research).
- In order to sustain world leadership in scientific user facilities, **UC supports \$957.4 million for operation of the department’s light sources and \$205.8 million for the Nanoscale Science Research Centers (NSRC)**.
- **\$118 million for the Bioenergy Research Centers and \$104 million for the Joint Genome Institute** through the Biological and Environmental Research program.
- **Funding to support additional critical Science Laboratories Infrastructure projects, including \$50 million for the Linear Assets Modernization Project.**
- **Robust funding for the High Energy Physics program**, which explores the elementary constituents of matter and energy, the interactions between them and the nature of space and time.
- **Robust funding for the Genesis Mission, which will leverage existing resources and capabilities to drive scientific discovery and innovation.**

**Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE)**

- **Recommendation:** UC supports \$3.5 billion for EERE.

UC FY 2027 Request	FY 2026 Enacted	FY 2027 President’s Budget Request
\$3.5 billion	\$3.1 billion	TBD

UC supports \$3.5 billion for EERE, which supports UC and UC-affiliated labs to research, develop, demonstrate and deploy clean energy technologies.

UC supports DOE’s efforts to address “energy-water nexus” issues related to the interconnections between our nation’s energy and water systems, including \$15 million for the Energy-Water Desalination Hub under the Industrial Efficiency and Decarbonization Office.

**Advanced Research Projects Agency-Energy (ARPA-E)**

- **Recommendation:** UC supports \$460 million for ARPA-E.

UC FY 2027 Request	FY 2026 Enacted	FY 2027 President’s Budget Request
\$460 million	\$350 million	TBD

UC supports \$460 million for ARPA-E, which funds technology concepts with potential to radically transform the energy sector, but are too early in development to attract private-sector investments. UC researchers are among the most successful ARPA-E awardees.

**SUBCOMMITTEE ON FINANCIAL SERVICES AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT**

**Office of Management and Budget**

**Facilities and Administration (F&A)**

UC supports the inclusion of bill language directing federal agencies to adopt the *Financial Accountability in Research (FAIR) Model* developed by the Joint Associations Group (JAG) on Indirect Costs as the government-wide framework for determining and reimbursing the legitimate institutional costs associated with federally-funded research conducted by institutions of higher education and other nonprofit organizations.

**SUBCOMMITTEE ON THE INTERIOR, ENVIRONMENT AND RELATED AGENCIES**

**Department of Interior, U.S. Geological Survey (USGS)**

**USGS Earthquake Hazards Program (EHP)**

- **Recommendation:** UC supports \$105 million for EHP.

UC FY 2027 Request	FY 2026 Enacted	FY 2027 President’s Budget Request
\$105 million	\$94.9 million	TBD

UC supports \$105 million for the USGS EHP. Within the EHP program, UC requests \$32.6 million to fully develop and operate the West Coast Earthquake Early Warning System. UC scientists are working to improve capabilities of the Central and Eastern United States Network (CEUSN). Effective earthquake preparedness and monitoring tools are critical to public safety in California and the nation.

**USGS State Water Resources Research Institutes (WRI), Water Resources Research Program**

- **Recommendation:** UC supports \$18 million for WRI.

UC FY 2027 Request	FY 2026 Enacted	FY 2027 President’s Budget Request
\$18 million	\$16 million	TBD

UC supports \$18 million for the USGS WRI Program, which is the only federally supported national network for applied water resource research, education, training and outreach. The California Institute for Water Resources (CIWR), within the University of California, supports researchers in developing solutions to water management challenges that affect cities, farms and ecosystems across the state. CIWR is actively engaged in conducting applied research and providing resources to California producers, consumers, businesses, state and local

governments. CIWR maintains a [website](#) that is updated daily with flood and drought information and works closely with local, state and federal agencies in California.

### Department of Interior, Wildland Fire Management

#### Joint Fire Science Program

- **Recommendation:** UC supports \$20 million for the Joint Fire Science program.

UC FY 2027 Request	FY 2026 Enacted	FY 2027 President's Budget Request
\$20 million	\$6 million	\$4 million

**UC supports \$20 million for the Joint Fire Science Program.** Wildfires are a significant threat to communities, ecosystems and families in California and across the nation. As fire seasons grow longer and increasingly severe, our nation needs to increase investment in high-quality fire science to support policymakers, managers and first responders in addressing the complex challenges of wildfire.

#### Related Agencies: National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH)

- **Recommendation:** UC supports \$215 million for the NEH.

UC FY 2027 Request	FY 2026 Enacted	FY 2027 President's Budget Request
\$215 million	\$207 million	TBD

**UC supports \$215 million for the NEH,** which provides critical support promoting and enhancing research, education and public programs in the humanities. UC researchers and scholars compete for NEH funds to strengthen teaching and learning, create new knowledge through in-depth study and preserve and protect cultural and educational treasures.

#### Related Agencies: National Endowment for the Arts (NEA)

- **Recommendation:** UC supports \$215 million for the NEA.

UC FY 2027 Request	FY 2026 Enacted	FY 2027 President's Budget Request
\$215 million	\$207 million	TBD

**UC supports \$215 million for the NEA,** which is dedicated to providing people across the country opportunities to participate in and experience the arts. Successful UC NEA-funded projects benefit students and the public by providing access to art that would not otherwise be available in many California communities.

## Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

### EPA, Office of Science and Technology (S&T)

- **Recommendation:** UC supports \$876 million for the EPA S&T.

UC FY 2027 Request	FY 2026 Enacted	FY 2027 President's Budget Request
\$876 million	\$744.2 million	TBD

**UC supports \$876 million for EPA S&T programs** to protect human health and the environment. EPA's research programs — Air, Climate and Energy (ACE), Safe and Sustainable Water Resources (SSWR), Sustainable and Healthy Communities (SHC) and Chemical Safety for Sustainability (CSS) — fund foundational science related to chemical safety, land restoration, air and water pollution prevention and national security. UC researchers have EPA research grants on issues such as nutrient transport in groundwater, the future use of pesticides in warming environments and environmental risks to children's health.

## SUBCOMMITTEE ON LABOR, HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, EDUCATION AND RELATED AGENCIES

### Department of Education (ED)

#### Pell Grant Maximum Award

- **Recommendation:** UC supports funding the Pell Grant at the highest level possible and indexing the grant to inflation. UC also urges Congress to address the projected Pell Grant shortfall for FY 2027 and ensure that eligibility is not restricted.

UC FY 2027 Request	FY 2026 Enacted	FY 2027 President's Budget Request
\$7,595	\$7,395	TBD

**UC urges Congress to fund the Pell Grant at the highest funding level possible and to index the Pell Grant to inflation. UC also asks that Congress address the projected Pell Grant shortfall and not restrict eligibility.** These efforts would help ensure that students who wish to attend higher education can afford to do so, while protecting the Pell Grant from inflationary pressures that have eroded the grant's purchasing power over time. This increase would substantially contribute to students' overall aid packages and help sustain students' basic needs, which will in turn promote academic success.

#### Pell Grant Discretionary Appropriations

- **Recommendation:** UC supports the funding level necessary to reach the highest maximum award possible.

UC FY 2027 Request	FY 2026 Enacted	FY 2027 President's Budget Request
Such sums as necessary to reach the maximum award	\$22.475 billion	TBD

**More than 82,000 UC undergraduate students currently receive Pell Grants.** With federal support, UC provides one of the most comprehensive financial aid programs in the nation, supporting strong investments in federal higher education programs that allow for increased access and affordability. Currently, California residents with family incomes of \$80,000 or less receive aid that covers their tuition, and nearly two-thirds of UC undergraduates receive grant assistance that allows them to cover part of the cost of food, housing and other expenses. Without robust funding for Pell Grants, UC students would have to borrow more and/or work beyond what is considered manageable, taking longer to complete their degrees, enter the workforce and contribute to the economy.

**Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (SEOG)**

- **Recommendation:** UC supports \$966 million for SEOG.

UC FY 2027 Request	FY 2026 Enacted	FY 2027 President’s Budget Request
\$966 million	\$910 million	TBD

**SEOG provides students who have exceptional financial need with additional grant aid to help promote degree completion.** These grants range from \$100-\$4,000, and during the 2023-24 academic year, 17,934 UC students received an average award of \$1,084. Investing in this program is critical to ensuring that students who are most financially vulnerable have the support they need to complete their academic studies. SEOG is complementary to efforts to help students graduate on time — this aid should not be viewed as an alternative to the Pell Grant program, but as a supplement for exceptional situations.

**Federal Work-Study (FWS)**

- **Recommendation:** UC supports \$1.306 billion for FWS.

UC FY 2027 Request	FY 2026 Enacted	FY 2027 President’s Budget Request
\$1.306 billion	\$1.2 billion	TBD

**FWS supports students who elect to work during their academic studies and encourages community service and on-campus work.** Nearly 10,000 UC students during the 2024-25 academic year received work opportunities through FWS. This critical funding makes up a portion of a student’s earnings, and the remainder is provided by the employer, thereby encouraging employers to hire students who have earned FWS as part of their financial aid package. Many students gain valuable work experience and are able to explore careers they pursue upon graduation.

**Student Basic Needs**

**UC supports funding for the Basic Needs pilot program as previously funded in the Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education (FIPSE) program at \$45 million.** This funding supports programs that address the basic needs of students and reports on best practices. The rising cost of college, coupled with a high cost of living, has increased the stress of managing expenses, especially among low-income and economically vulnerable students. To meet this challenge UC has prioritized a basic needs initiative where all 10 campuses provide on-site basic needs centers with food, emergency housing and a comprehensive range of support services.

### **Student Loans**

**UC supports strong and sustained efforts to keep the cost of student loans manageable,** and to ensure that the federal government provides borrowers with the essential services and protections they need. UC also supports the restoration of Grad PLUS loans, maintaining the subsidy for low-income undergraduate students and the elimination of origination fees. Efforts to reform and streamline loan repayment plans, including the **Public Service Loan Forgiveness Program**, and improve program effectiveness of **Income Driven Repayment Plans**, will benefit borrowers and the federal government.

### **TRIO Programs**

- **Recommendation:** UC supports \$1.227 billion for TRIO Programs.

<b>UC FY 2027 Request</b>	<b>FY 2026 Enacted</b>	<b>FY 2027 President's Budget Request</b>
\$1.227 billion	\$1.2 billion	TBD

### **GEAR UP**

- **Recommendation:** UC supports \$410 million for GEAR UP.

<b>UC FY 2027 Request</b>	<b>FY 2026 Enacted</b>	<b>FY 2027 President's Budget Request</b>
\$410 million	\$388 million	TBD

**UC supports \$1.227 billion and \$410 million for TRIO and GEAR UP, respectively.** These complementary and demonstrably successful early intervention and academic preparation programs only reach a small fraction of eligible students and should be expanded to allow further participation. TRIO's Student Support Services program is specifically targeted at helping low-income, first-generation students with undergraduate retention, transfer and completion success.

### **Aid for Asian American Native American Pacific Islander – Title III, Part A, Section 320 – Asian American and Native American Pacific Islander-Serving Institutions (AANAPISIs) Program**

- **Recommendation:** UC supports at a minimum \$19 million for Title III, Part A, (Section 320).

<b>UC FY 2027 Request</b>	<b>FY 2026 Enacted</b>	<b>FY 2027 President's Budget Request</b>
\$19 million	\$19 million	TBD

**UC supports at least \$19 million for Title III, Part A, Section 320 competitive grants to help AANAPISIs to improve and expand their capacity to serve Asian Americans and Native American Pacific Islanders and low-income individuals.** AANAPISI-designated institutions enroll at least 10 percent Asian American and Pacific Islander undergraduates and significant numbers of low-income students. All nine undergraduate-serving UC campuses are federally designated as AANAPISIs. With the help of federal funding, institutions are able to support student success, faculty development and community engagement.

**Aid for Hispanic-Serving Institutions (HSIs) – Title V, Part A – Strengthening Hispanic-Serving Institutions**

- **Recommendation:** UC supports \$350 million for Title V, Part A programs.

UC FY 2027 Request	FY 2026 Enacted	FY 2027 President’s Budget Request
\$350 million	\$231.6 million	TBD

**Aid for Hispanic-Serving Institutions (HSIs) – Title V, Part B – Promoting Postbaccalaureate Opportunities for Hispanic Americans**

- **Recommendation:** UC supports \$150 million for Title V Part B programs.

UC FY 2027 Request	FY 2026 Enacted	FY 2027 President’s Budget Request
\$150 million	\$27.7 million	TBD

UC supports \$350 million for Title V, Part A competitive grants to help HSIs expand and enhance their undergraduate academic programs, and \$150 million for Title V, Part B, which promotes postbaccalaureate opportunities for Hispanic Americans to help them succeed in graduate school. UC has several campuses that serve large numbers of Latinx students and would be eligible to apply for these funds. These funds also offer services to the campus community as a whole.

UC also supports the inclusion of a \$20 million pilot program to increase the number of Latinx Ph.D.'s via the FIPSE program. This funding would support an award to a consortium of HSIs that currently award Ph.D.'s. Funding should be used to develop and test new models of cross-institutional intellectual, research and resource-sharing communities, create mentorship programs for Ph.D. students, support graduate research experiences and other uses associated with the pursuit of Ph.D.'s by Latinx students. While the number of Latinx university students continues to increase across the country, fewer than six percent of Ph.D.'s go to students that identify as Latinx. Moreover, fewer than five percent of faculty nationwide are Latinx because Latinx terminal degree holders pursue academic careers at lower percentages than average.

**Supporting Effective Instruction State Grants**

- **Recommendation:** UC supports \$2.19 billion for Teacher Preparation Grants.

UC FY 2027 Request	FY 2026 Enacted	FY 2027 President’s Budget Request
\$2.19 billion	\$2.19 billion	TBD

UC supports \$2.19 billion for Supporting Effective Instruction State Grants authorized in Title II of the reauthorized Elementary and Secondary Education Act. These funds improve teacher preparation programs and help recruit and train high-quality K-12 teachers, as well as reduce classroom sizes.

### **Teacher Quality Partnership Program (TQP)**

- **Recommendation:** UC supports \$95 million for Teacher Quality Partnership Grants.

<b>UC FY 2027 Request</b>	<b>FY 2026 Enacted</b>	<b>FY 2027 President's Budget Request</b>
\$95 million	\$70 million	TBD

**UC supports \$95 million for Teacher Quality Partnership Grants** to provide robust funding for programs that promote teacher quality, spark improvements in computer science instruction, promote preparation of STEM education teachers, support school leadership training, enhance professional development and advance innovations in teaching and learning. Additionally, UC calls for the full restoration of rescinded TQP grants, which impacts the ability to create an educator pipeline, particularly in underserved areas.

### **Child Care Access Means Parents in Schools (CCAMPIS)**

- **Recommendation:** UC supports \$85 million for CCAMPIS.

<b>UC FY 2027 Request</b>	<b>FY 2026 Enacted</b>	<b>FY 2027 President's Budget Request</b>
\$85 million	\$75 million	TBD

**UC supports \$85 million for CCAMPIS**, which provides low-income student-parents with reliable and affordable access to campus-based child-care services, allowing parents to pursue higher education while raising young children. Current funding levels only allow for a small number of student-parents to benefit from this assistance nationally. Expansion of CCAMPIS would address this basic needs issue.

### **Title VI International Education Programs**

- **Recommendation:** UC supports \$85.664 million for Title VI Programs.

<b>UC FY 2027 Request</b>	<b>FY 2026 Enacted</b>	<b>FY 2027 President's Budget Request</b>
\$85.664 million	\$80.6 million	TBD

**UC supports \$85.664 million for Title VI International Education Programs.** At UC, Title VI supports research and expertise through National Resource Centers, which are important tools in serving the nation's economic, diplomatic, defense and national security needs. Increased investments in Title VI programs are needed to support our nation's increasingly global economy and to ensure a steady pipeline of individuals with global understanding and language proficiency across professions. The increase in funding would support new National Resource Centers and Centers for International Business Education and Research (CIBER). Additional funding would also make Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) fellowship stipends equal to NSF graduate student stipends and increase the number of FLAS fellowships. Within this request, **UC supports at least \$10 million for the Fulbright-Hays Program**, which provides grants to support overseas projects in training, research and curriculum development in modern foreign languages and area studies for teachers, students and faculty.

### Graduate Assistance in Areas of National Need (GAANN)

- **Recommendation:** UC supports \$28.6 million for GAANN.

UC FY 2027 Request	FY 2026 Enacted	FY 2027 President's Budget Request
\$28.6 million	\$19.5 million	TBD

#### **UC supports \$28.6 million for graduate education support in the Department of Education to drive excellence and innovation in business, science, academia and government.**

Graduate fellowship support, including GAANN, which awards fellowships to graduate students who contribute to federally determined fields of national interest, is vitally important to the country and the talented scholars who require this support to continue their work. A stronger federal commitment to graduate education is needed to sustain a pipeline of skilled workers in all sectors of the economy, as well as qualified professors who will mentor and train the teachers and students of tomorrow.

### Institute of Education Sciences (IES)

- **Recommendation:** UC supports at least \$900 million for IES.

UC FY 2027 Request	FY 2026 Enacted	FY 2027 President's Budget Request
\$900 million	\$789.6 million	TBD

**UC supports at least \$900 million for IES programs.** The University is a major innovator in educational research and is continuously working to increase the knowledge base on teacher effectiveness and the science of learning, while working in K-12 schools to improve the quality of educational practice. UC researchers use competitive funds from IES to address the nation's most pressing education needs, from early childhood to adult education, including increasing the number and quality of math and science teachers, improving teacher evaluations and the creation of successful professional development models.

### Department of Health and Human Services, National Institutes of Health (NIH)

#### NIH

- **Recommendation:** UC supports a program level of \$51.303 billion for the base NIH budget.

UC FY 2027 Request	FY 2026 Enacted	FY 2027 President's Budget Request
\$51.303 billion	\$47.216 billion	TBD

**UC supports \$51.303 billion for the NIH base budget** to sustain U.S. leadership in biomedical research and accelerate breakthroughs in cancer, brain science, precision medicine and other life-saving treatments. Notably, UC requests funding for **ARPA-H** be funded outside of NIH and includes its funding request separately in this document (see below). In FY24, UC secured **\$2.7 billion in NIH awards**, more than half of all NIH funding awarded to California research

institutions and over four times that of the next highest-funded institution, which drove innovation and economic growth.

**UC supports the continued inclusion of Sec. 224 from the FY 2026 appropriations bill that prohibits the Department of Health and Human Services, including the National Institutes of Health, from developing, modifying or implementing changes to the negotiated indirect cost rates.**

**UC further urges Congress to continue to restrict NIH from multiyear funding grants at a greater rate than the agency did in FY 25, as increased multiyear funding appears to have significantly reduced the number of new grants funded — presenting significant challenges for the talent pipeline of biomedical researchers.**

UC also supports expanded public health research on firearm-related injury and violence and urges NIH to fund cannabis research. Cannabis’ Schedule I classification remains a barrier to rigorous biomedical study, and federal reforms are needed to facilitate research on state-legal cannabis products.

**Advanced Research Projects Agency-Health (ARPA-H)**

- **Recommendation:** UC supports \$1.7 billion for ARPA-H.

<b>UC FY 2027 Request</b>	<b>FY 2026 Enacted</b>	<b>FY 2027 President’s Budget Request</b>
\$1.7 billion	\$1.5 billion	TBD

**UC supports \$1.7 billion for ARPA-H**, which is modeled after the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA) and tasked with developing high-risk, high-reward capabilities to drive biomedical breakthroughs. These efforts have the potential to radically transform the medical sector but are too early in development to attract private-sector investments. As a world leader in biosciences innovation, UC researchers are highly competitive for these awards.

**Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)**

**Title VII Health Professions Training**

- **Recommendation:** UC supports \$980 million for Title VII Health Professions Training programs.

<b>UC FY 2027 Request</b>	<b>FY 2026 Enacted</b>	<b>FY 2027 President’s Budget Request</b>
\$980 million	\$583.304 million	TBD

**UC supports \$980 million for the HRSA Title VII Health Professions Training programs.** Title VII programs support education and training for future physicians and other health care providers while helping UC medical graduates and trainees offset educational debt. These programs strengthen the health workforce by preparing providers to practice in underserved communities.

**Title VIII Nursing Workforce Development**

- **Recommendation:** UC supports \$610 million for Title VIII Nursing Workforce Development programs.

<b>UC FY 2027 Request</b>	<b>FY 2026 Enacted</b>	<b>FY 2027 President’s Budget Request</b>
\$610 million	\$305.472 million	TBD

**UC supports \$610 million for HRSA Title VIII Nursing Workforce Development programs,** which strengthen the nursing pipeline by training entry-level and advanced-practice nurses and expanding access to high-quality care in underserved communities. These programs include loan repayment opportunities through the National Health Service Corps Loan Repayment Program and the NURSE Corps Loan Repayment Program, helping nurses serve in designated shortage areas and reduce educational debt.

**Children’s Hospital Graduate Medical Education (CHGME)**

- **Recommendation:** UC supports \$1.02 billion for CHGME.

<b>UC FY 2027 Request</b>	<b>FY 2026 Enacted</b>	<b>FY 2027 President’s Budget Request</b>
\$1.02 billion	\$395 million	TBD

**UC supports \$1.02 million for the HRSA CHGME program.** CHGME helps fund residency programs that train pediatricians and pediatric sub-specialists at free-standing children’s hospitals across the country, including UCSF Benioff-Oakland Children’s Hospital. CHGME helped train nearly half of the nation’s pediatric general residents, and increased funding ensures our nation’s children will receive expert care for generations to come.

**Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program**

- **Recommendation:** UC supports \$3.024 billion for the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program, including \$85 million for Part D and \$110 million for Part F.

<b>UC FY 2027 Request</b>	<b>FY 2026 Enacted</b>	<b>FY 2027 President’s Budget Request</b>
\$3.024 billion	\$2.571 billion	TBD

**UC supports \$3.024 billion for the HRSA Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program, including \$85 million for Part D and \$110 million for Part F.** This program provides a critical safety net for people living with HIV through outpatient care, workforce training and innovation. Part D supports family-centered care for low-income women, infants, children and youth, while Part F funds AIDS Education and Training Centers and national innovation initiatives.

**Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)**

**CDC**

- **Recommendation:** UC supports \$11.581 billion for the CDC.

<b>UC FY 2027 Request</b>	<b>FY 2026 Enacted</b>	<b>FY 2027 President's Budget Request</b>
\$11.581 billion	\$9.202 billion	TBD

**UC supports \$11.581 billion in program level support for the CDC.** UC's campuses and six academic health centers are at the forefront of emerging public health threats, and robust investment is needed to ensure that UC can continue to train the next generation of public health practitioners and innovate effective strategies for prevention, education and disease control. Additional investment in the CDC supports cutting-edge diagnostic tools and other resources critical for achieving national preparedness.

**UC supports \$100 million for Center Forecasting and Outbreak Analytics (CFA),** which will improve the speed, accuracy and use of data and analytics during public health emergencies.

**UC also supports federal funding for multidisciplinary public health research to better understand the nature, causes and consequences of violence, unintended injury and death involving firearms.**

**National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH)**

- **Recommendation:** UC supports \$366.8 million for NIOSH.

	<b>UC FY 2027 Request</b>	<b>FY 2026 Enacted</b>	<b>FY 2027 President's Budget Request</b>
NIOSH	\$366.8 million	\$366.8 million	TBD
NIOSH Education and Research Centers (ERCs)	\$32 million	\$32 million	TBD
NIOSH Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing (AFF) Program	\$30 million	\$30 million	TBD
NIOSH Total Worker Health (TWH)	\$11.8 million	\$11.8 million	TBD

**UC supports \$366.8 million for NIOSH,** which is the primary federal agency dedicated to occupational injury prevention and control. Programs funded by NIOSH include scientific research, training and education activities that support efforts to address occupational health and safety needs and improve working conditions across the country.

## Department of Health and Human Services, Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ)

### AHRQ

- **Recommendation:** UC supports \$500 million for AHRQ.

UC FY 2027 Request	FY 2026 Enacted	FY 2027 President's Budget Request
\$500 million	\$345.38 million	TBD

**UC supports \$500 million in discretionary funding for AHRQ**, the only federal agency dedicated to improving health care safety and quality. UC faculty rely on AHRQ grants to advance health services research that improves the delivery of care for patients.

## Institute of Museum and Library Sciences

- **Recommendation:** UC supports \$300 million for the Institute of Museum and Library Sciences.

UC FY 2027 Request	FY 2026 Enacted	FY 2027 President's Budget Request
\$300 million	\$291.8 million	TBD

**UC supports \$300 million for the Institute of Museum and Library Sciences**, which assists libraries, museums and related organizations in providing lifelong learning, community engagement and excellence in public service.

## SUBCOMMITTEE ON MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, VETERANS AFFAIRS AND RELATED AGENCIES

### Department of Veterans Affairs (VA)

#### VA Medical and Prosthetic Research Program

- **Recommendation:** UC supports \$1.2 billion for the VA Medical and Prosthetic Research Program.

UC FY 2027 Request	FY 2026 Enacted	FY 2027 President's Budget Request
\$1.2 billion	\$945 million	TBD

**UC supports \$1.2 billion for the VA Medical and Prosthetic Research Program.** The VA Office of Research and Development funds research by physicians at VA medical centers, many of whom are jointly appointed at UC medical schools. UC health centers partner closely with VA facilities to advance training, research and patient care. Sustained funding supports breakthrough work addressing veterans' needs, including precision oncology, expanded clinical trials and health disparities research.

**SUBCOMMITTEE ON NATIONAL SECURITY, DEPARTMENT OF STATE, AND RELATED PROGRAMS (HOUSE) / STATE, FOREIGN OPERATIONS AND RELATED PROGRAMS (SENATE)**

**Department of State**

Through the State Department, UC undertakes critical global health and agricultural productivity programs.

**Feed the Future Food Security Innovation Labs**

- **Recommendation:** UC supports \$88 million for the Feed the Future Food Security Innovation Labs.

<b>UC FY 2027 Request</b>	<b>FY 2026 Enacted</b>	<b>FY 2027 President's Budget Request</b>
\$88 million	\$72 million	TBD

**UC supports \$88 million for the Feed the Future Food Security Innovation Labs.** These university partnerships bring unparalleled research capabilities to the U.S. government's global development and food security initiatives. UC leads six of the 24 Innovation Labs, a network of U.S. colleges and universities that partner with institutions in developing countries to conduct research and training to develop agricultural practices and technologies to improve safe and sustainable food production.

**SUBCOMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND RELATED AGENCIES**

**Department of Transportation (DOT)**

**Advanced Research Projects Agency for Infrastructure (ARPA-I)**

- **Recommendation:** UC supports \$20 million for ARPA-I.

**UC supports \$20 million for the DOT to establish and operationalize ARPA-I,** which was authorized but not funded in the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) of 2021. Like DARPA and ARPA-E, ARPA-I has the potential to transform transportation research, including funding early-stage transportation and infrastructure research conducted by academic institutions.