

State University of New York

Mission

Created in 1948, the State University of New York (SUNY) is the largest public university system in the nation with 64 campuses offering a complete range of academic, professional, and vocational programs. The State University system is uniquely positioned to provide New Yorkers with access to quality postsecondary educational programs in all regions of the State.

Organization and Staffing

SUNY is governed by an eighteen-member Board of Trustees consisting of fifteen members appointed by the Governor, by and with consent of the New York State Senate, the President of the Student Assembly, the Presidents of the University Faculty Senate and Faculty Council of Community Colleges as ex-officio members. Aside from the Board, SUNY's leadership structure also consists of a Chancellor, individual college Presidents and centralized staff. Additionally, each of the thirty community colleges have their own campus presidents and Board of Trustees. The State University includes 29 state operated campuses, five statutory colleges, and 30 community colleges, located across New York and employing thousands of academic, administrative, and facility personnel.

Budget Highlights

The FY 2021 Executive Budget recommends \$11.9 billion for SUNY and projects a workforce of 46,836 consistent with FY 2020 levels.

The FY 2021 funding level represents a \$725 million increase from the prior year, which reflects \$96 million in additional support for employee fringe benefits, \$136 million increase for self-supported hospital operations, and \$507 million for capital construction appropriations, including a new 2:1 strategic needs capital matching program.

In 2017, Governor Cuomo created the historic Excelsior Scholarship, a first-in-the-nation program that provides free tuition at New York's public colleges and universities for middle class families. To expand this transformational opportunity to more middle class families, Governor Cuomo is proposing to raise the Excelsior eligibility threshold from \$125,000 to \$150,000 of adjusted gross income for New York's families. In AY 2021, the Excelsior Scholarship income eligibility threshold will increase to \$135,000 and fully phase in to \$150,000 in AY 2022. By increasing this threshold, more than 230,000 New York residents will attend SUNY or CUNY tuition free. The Budget includes \$146 million to support this landmark program.

New York's predictable funding plan has kept public college tuition affordable. Average tuition and fees at New York's public four-year colleges are among the lowest in the nation -- \$2,054, or 20 percent, less than the national average and lower than 40 other states.

The FY 2021 Executive Budget extends the predictable funding plan for SUNY and CUNY to protect students from tuition spikes that have occurred in the past and provide our public colleges with additional resources to invest in college affordability and student success. The plan limits increases in the resident tuition rate at SUNY and CUNY to no more than \$200 a year through AY 2025. The revenue generated from any tuition increase will be reinvested to support faculty, instruction, initiatives to improve student success and completion, and tuition credits for Tuition Assistance Program (TAP) eligible students. Additionally, the Budget will authorize the SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry (ESF) to raise tuition rates for non-resident undergraduate students by 10 percent annually for a four-year period, providing flexibility to set non-resident tuition similar to SUNY University Centers.

The FY 2021 Executive Budget maintains base operating aid for SUNY community colleges at \$2,947 per full time equivalent student.

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Program Highlights

The State University of New York (SUNY) is one of the nation's largest comprehensive public universities, offering over 7,000 degree and certificate programs at the research universities, community colleges, medical schools, and colleges of technology that comprise its 64 campuses. More than 433,000 full- and part-time students - 233,000 at State-operated campuses and 200,000 at community colleges - are pursuing studies ranging from one-year certificate programs to doctorates.

To help students obtain an affordable education and graduate on-time, SUNY is expanding its high impact

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programs across the system. In addition to expanding the Excelsior Scholarship Program, and extending a predictable funding policy, the FY 2021 Executive Budget is also making other strategic investments to ensure all of New York’s aspiring students can go to college and achieve their dreams. A sampling of these investments includes the following:

Support Opportunity Programs

In addition to keeping tuition low at public colleges, the Governor has supported and created additional programs to address the cost of attendance and help students with unique educational challenges. To continue supporting these students the FY 2021 Executive Budget will make \$213 million available for higher education opportunity programs and training centers, a 57 percent increase since FY 2012. This includes \$32 million for Educational Opportunity Programs, \$56.5 million for training programs at Educational Opportunity Centers, and \$5.5 million for ATTAIN labs.

Expand College Student Enrollment in Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) Benefits.

The Governor has acted to reduce food insecurity among college students, so they are better able to focus on their studies and attain their college degree. To continue these efforts, the Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance will establish policy to make more community college students eligible for essential SNAP benefits by establishing a state policy that community college students engaged at least half-time in career and technical education courses of study are exempt from the requirement to work 20 hours weekly to qualify for SNAP. This policy change will increase the participation of low-income college students in SNAP, providing them with essential nutritional benefits so they are more likely to obtain their college certification or degree.

Open Educational Resources (OER)

The FY 2021 Executive Budget continues to invest \$8 million to expand an open educational resource initiative that helps to reduce, and in some instances, eliminate the costs of textbooks for students. The cost of textbooks and related course material have increased at a rate far greater than most families' ability to pay. Unchecked cost increases on student textbooks have also led to a higher debt burden among college students. This funding will enable SUNY and CUNY to continue to advance the expansion of existing OER resources, making college more affordable for students and their families.

SUNY and CUNY Capital Matching Program

Since FY 2012, the State has provided over \$12 billion in capital appropriations for SUNY and CUNY to maintain and improve campus facilities. The FY 2021 Executive Budget includes \$1.9 billion in new appropriations for SUNY and CUNY capital projects, including \$400 million (\$200 million for SUNY and \$200 million for CUNY) for the State share of a new 2:1 strategic needs capital matching program to support new construction and/or major renovations of academic buildings at SUNY State-operated and statutory colleges and CUNY senior colleges. The capital match requires that for every \$2 dollars invested by the State, campuses contribute \$1 dollar toward project costs.

ALL FUNDS APPROPRIATIONS (dollars)

Category	Available FY 2020	Appropriations Recommended FY 2021	Change From FY 2020	Reappropriations Recommended FY 2021
State Operations	9,747,510,100	9,992,086,100	244,576,000	1,301,246,000
Aid To Localities	485,103,000	458,220,000	(26,883,000)	7,880,000
Capital Projects	926,158,000	1,433,436,000	507,278,000	3,545,429,000
Total	11,158,771,100	11,883,742,100	724,971,000	4,854,555,000

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ALL FUND TYPES
PROJECTED LEVELS OF EMPLOYMENT BY PROGRAM
FILLED ANNUAL SALARIED POSITIONS

Program	FY 2020 Estimated FTEs 03/31/20	FY 2021 Estimated FTEs 03/31/21	FTE Change
All State University Colleges and Schools			
General Fund	3	3	0
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	2	2	0
Special Revenue Funds - Other	26,017	26,017	0
Dormitory Income Reimbursable			
Special Revenue Funds - Other	2,201	2,201	0
General Income Reimbursable			
Special Revenue Funds - Other	2,179	2,179	0
Hospital Income Reimbursable			
Special Revenue Funds - Other	15,694	15,694	0
Long Island Veterans' Home Reimbursable			
Special Revenue Funds - Other	475	475	0
Tuition Reimbursable			
Special Revenue Funds - Other	265	265	0
Total	46,836	46,836	0

STATE OPERATIONS
ALL FUNDS FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS BY FUND TYPE
APPROPRIATIONS
(dollars)

Fund Type	Available FY 2020	Recommended FY 2021	Change
General Fund	1,762,127,000	1,858,403,000	96,276,000
Internal Service Funds	24,300,000	24,300,000	0
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	442,600,000	442,600,000	0
Special Revenue Funds - Other	7,518,483,100	7,666,783,100	148,300,000
Total	9,747,510,100	9,992,086,100	244,576,000

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STATE OPERATIONS
ALL FUNDS FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS BY PROGRAM
APPROPRIATIONS
(dollars)

Program	Available FY 2020	Recommended FY 2021	Change
All State University Colleges and Schools			
Special Revenue Funds - Other	1,922,663,800	1,922,663,800	0
Banking Services			
Internal Service Funds	24,300,000	24,300,000	0
Dormitory Income Reimbursable			
Special Revenue Funds - Other	343,400,000	343,400,000	0
Employee Fringe Benefits			
General Fund	1,762,127,000	1,858,403,000	96,276,000
General Income Reimbursable			
Special Revenue Funds - Other	837,800,000	837,800,000	0
Hospital Income Reimbursable			
Special Revenue Funds - Other	3,158,257,000	3,294,457,000	136,200,000
Long Island Veterans' Home Reimbursable			
Special Revenue Funds - Other	53,400,000	53,400,000	0
SUNY Stabilization			
Special Revenue Funds - Other	0	15,000,000	15,000,000
State University Colleges			
Special Revenue Funds - Other	169,320,500	169,320,500	0
State University Colleges of Technology and Agriculture			
Special Revenue Funds - Other	53,967,900	53,967,900	0
State University Doctoral and State University Health Science Campuses			
Special Revenue Funds - Other	470,906,200	470,906,200	0
State University Statutory and Contract Colleges			
Special Revenue Funds - Other	129,319,800	129,319,800	0
Student Aid			
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	442,600,000	442,600,000	0
Student Loans			
Special Revenue Funds - Other	34,000,000	34,000,000	0
System Administration			
Special Revenue Funds - Other	35,804,300	35,804,300	0
Tuition Reimbursable			
Special Revenue Funds - Other	151,900,000	151,900,000	0
University-Wide Programs			
Special Revenue Funds - Other	157,743,600	154,843,600	(2,900,000)
Total	9,747,510,100	9,992,086,100	244,576,000

STATE OPERATIONS - OTHER THAN GENERAL FUND
SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATIONS AND CHANGES
FY 2021 RECOMMENDED
(dollars)

Program	Total Amount	Change	Maintenance Amount	Undistributed Change
Student Aid	442,600,000	0	442,600,000	0

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Total	442,600,000	0	442,600,000	0
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**AID TO LOCALITIES
ALL FUNDS FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS BY FUND TYPE
APPROPRIATIONS
(dollars)**

Fund Type	Available FY 2020	Recommended FY 2021	Change
General Fund	485,103,000	458,220,000	(26,883,000)
Total	485,103,000	458,220,000	(26,883,000)

**AID TO LOCALITIES
ALL FUNDS FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS BY PROGRAM
APPROPRIATIONS
(dollars)**

Program	Available FY 2020	Recommended FY 2021	Change
Community Colleges Operating Assistance			
General Fund	481,183,000	454,300,000	(26,883,000)
County Cooperative Extension Program - Cornell University			
General Fund	3,920,000	3,920,000	0
Total	485,103,000	458,220,000	(26,883,000)

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CAPITAL PROJECTS
ALL FUNDS FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS BY PROGRAM
APPROPRIATIONS
(dollars)

Comprehensive Construction Program	Available FY 2020	Recommended FY 2021	Change	Reappropriations FY 2021
Senior Universities				
Facilities Maintenance and Operations				
Capital Projects Fund	164,000,000	187,300,000	23,300,000	0
General Maintenance and Improvements				
Capital Projects Fund	0	0	0	1,584,000
Capital Projects Fund - Advances	650,000,000	900,000,000	250,000,000	2,359,534,000
State University Capital Projects Fund				
State University Capital Projects Fund	0	200,000,000	200,000,000	422,533,000
Project Administration				
Capital Projects Fund	25,098,000	25,098,000	0	0
State University Residence Hall Rehabilitation Fund				
State University Residence Hall Rehabilitation Fund	50,000,000	75,000,000	25,000,000	148,048,000
SUNY Dorms (Direct Auth Bonds)	0	0	0	93,505,000
Subtotal	889,098,000	1,387,398,000	498,300,000	3,025,204,000
Community College				
General Maintenance and Improvements				
Capital Projects Fund	0	0	0	26,146,000
Capital Projects Fund - SUNY Community Colleges (Author	37,060,000	46,038,000	8,978,000	494,079,000
Subtotal	37,060,000	46,038,000	8,978,000	520,225,000
Total	926,158,000	1,433,436,000	507,278,000	3,545,429,000

Note: Most recent estimates as of 01/29/2020