

STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK

MISSION

Created in 1948, the State University of New York 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 postsecondary educational programs of the highest quality and with the broadest possible access.

ORGANIZATION AND STAFFING

The three major components of the State University's mission — teaching, public service and research — are carried out by:

- Eight campuses (including three health science centers) offering academic programs through the doctoral level and serving as research centers.
- Fourteen comprehensive colleges providing undergraduate education in a variety of academic fields.
- Seven colleges of technology focusing on the development of a workforce with the advanced skills required by an increasingly technology-dependent economy.
- Five statutory and contract colleges at Alfred and Cornell universities that offer nationally-acclaimed programs in ceramics, veterinary medicine, agriculture and life sciences, industrial and labor relations, and human ecology.
- Thirty community colleges offering access to a wide array of higher education opportunities that prepare students for transfer to senior colleges or train them for a variety of technical or paraprofessional occupations.

The University is governed by a Board of Trustees consisting of 16 members, with 15 appointed by the Governor to staggered seven-year terms and approved by the Senate, and one ex-officio trustee representing the student assembly of the State University. The Board oversees the operations of the University's State-operated campuses and also exercises general supervisory authority over the community colleges, which are sponsored by local governments and governed by local boards of trustees.

The chief executive officer of the University is the Chancellor who is appointed by, and serves at the pleasure of, the Board of Trustees. Individual college presidents are also appointed by, and serve at the pleasure of, the Board.

The State University's operating budget supports an estimated 34,150 full-time equivalent positions consisting of 22,050 positions that are supported through a combination of State tax dollars and tuition revenues and 12,100 positions supported by other funds. Community college staff are not included in these totals as they are not employees of the State.

FISCAL BACKGROUND AND BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

STATE-OPERATED COLLEGES

The 1999-2000 Executive Budget recommends over \$3.1 billion to support the operations of the State University's campuses, central administration and University-wide programs. In addition to \$946 million in support from the General Fund (\$821 million for operations and \$125 million for certain fringe benefit costs), the University's budget includes approximately \$2.0 billion in activities funded by other revenues. Revenue-generating entities and programs include: three teaching hospitals at Brooklyn,

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Stony Brook and Syracuse; the Long Island Veterans' Home administered by the Stony Brook Health Science Center; dormitory operations; food services; and tuition-supported activities, including summer session and overseas academic studies.

The State University's general operating budget for the 1999-2000 academic year is \$1,589 million, essentially the same level of funding as in 1998-99. The budget ensures sufficient resources are available to maintain essential academic programs and services and anticipates continued efforts by the University to improve its overall cost-efficiency.

In 1998, the SUNY hospitals received significant additional operational flexibility with the enactment of Chapter 363. This legislation permits SUNY hospitals to enter into networking and managed care contracts and provides the hospitals with greater autonomy in contracting for management services and purchasing goods and services. However, if the SUNY hospitals are to remain competitive in today's changing health care environment, further steps must be taken to effect structural changes that provide these hospitals with additional managerial and operational flexibility. The University's legislative agenda for the coming year will include additional statutory changes necessary to ensure the continued financial stability and viability of SUNY's hospitals.

For 1999-2000, federal funding of \$129 million supports the Pell grant program and various other student financial aid programs, while fiduciary funding of \$49 million provides for low-interest loans to needy students and the expenditure of earnings on SUNY endowment funds.

COMMUNITY COLLEGES

SUNY community colleges have three primary funding sources — State aid, support from local sponsors and tuition revenue. The recommended State aid of \$291.3 million, an increase of \$1.6 million over 1998-99, will provide full annual funding to support the \$150 per full-time student base aid enhancement provided for the 1998-99 academic year. Components of State aid include: basic operating aid (\$281.3 million), rental aid (\$4.8 million), child care (\$1.1 million), workforce training (\$1.0 million) and reimbursement to counties outside New York City for payments made to the Fashion Institute of Technology (\$3.1 million).

General Fund support for community colleges reflects the discontinuation of the State's reimbursement to counties for their cost of resident students attending the Fashion Institute of Technology (FIT). However, funding is included to pay off the balance due on current year FIT chargeback obligations.

Cornell Cooperative Extension

County cooperative extension associations — funded by state, county and federal contributions — provide specialized information and assistance in community development, agricultural technology, 4-H youth development, and consumer and family education. The Executive Budget recommends nearly \$2.9 million in continued State support for this program.

CAPITAL

The 1999-2000 Executive Budget recommendations represent the second-year of the Governor's Capital Investment Program that will provide over \$2.0 billion for facility and infrastructure improvements at SUNY State-operated and community college campuses, consistent with needs and priorities established by the University.

Overall capital recommendations for State-operated colleges total \$330 million, including \$287 million in bonded projects for academic and other facilities and \$43 million in hard dollar capital funding. The \$224 million included for educational facility bond sales reflects the awarding of major construction contracts anticipated in the coming year.

Capital spending will address not only critical health, safety and preservation needs, but also the construction and renovation of facilities necessary to meet the educational and technological challenges of the next millennium.

Community college capital projects are funded through State aid and direct sponsor support. Recommendations for 1999-2000 total \$40 million, including \$35 million in high priority bonded projects for which financial commitments have already been obtained from local sponsors. The remaining \$5 million will fund hard dollar projects addressing critical health, safety and preservation issues

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

The State University of New York serves as a major resource for education, research service and economic stimulus in the State and ranks as the largest comprehensive higher education system in the county. As a comprehensive public university — with 64 geographically dispersed campuses — SUNY provides high quality educational programs to a broad spectrum of individuals. More than 367,000 full-time and part-time students — 187,000 at State-operated campuses and 180,000 in community colleges — are pursuing study in traditional classrooms or at home through such innovative institutions as the SUNY Learning Network and Empire State College, a leader in non-traditional education and distance learning for over 25 years.

Because of its structure and comprehensive programs, the University offers students a wide diversity of educational options: short-term vocational and technical courses; certificate programs; baccalaureate degrees, graduate degrees and post-doctoral studies. SUNY offers access to almost every field of academic or professional study within its system — nearly 5,000 programs of study in all.

As part of SUNY's commitment to attract the very best and brightest scholars, scientists, artists and professionals, the University's faculty is recruited from graduate schools and universities throughout the United States and around the world. SUNY's faculty includes individuals who have gained national and international prominence through the receipt of prestigious awards and honors. In 1998, Dr. Robert Furchgott, a medical researcher at the State University Health Science Center at Brooklyn, became the third State University faculty member to win the Nobel Prize.

The State University's 30 locally-sponsored community colleges offer programs that are directly and immediately job-related, as well as degree programs that may lead to baccalaureate study. Serving as an essential source of skilled employees, community colleges play a critical role in the State's efforts to attract and retain businesses seeking an able workforce. Through their policy of open admissions, the community colleges also ensure access to post-secondary education for all New Yorkers.

**ALL FUNDS
APPROPRIATIONS**

Category	Available 1998-99	Appropriations Recommended 1999-00	Change	Reappropriations Recommended 1999-00
State Operations	\$3,184,506,500	\$3,193,603,000	+ \$9,096,500	\$57,050,000
Aid To Localities	292,985,600	294,164,600	+ 1,179,000	. . . . .
Capital Projects	2,147,750,000	-2,147,750,000	2,558,815,000
Total	<u>\$5,625,242,100</u>	<u>\$3,487,767,600</u>	<u>-\$2,137,474,500</u>	<u>\$2,615,865,000</u>

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STATE OPERATIONS ALL FUNDS FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS BY FUND TYPE APPROPRIATIONS

<u>Fund Type</u>	<u>Available 1998-99</u>	<u>Recommended 1999-00</u>	<u>Change</u>
General Fund	\$944,815,500	\$946,412,000	+ \$1,596,500
Special Revenue Funds — Federal	117,600,000	129,100,000	+ 11,500,000
Special Revenue Funds — Other	2,077,791,000	2,063,791,000	-14,000,000
Internal Service Funds . . . . .	. . . . .	5,000,000	+ 5,000,000
Fiduciary Funds	44,300,000	49,300,000	+ 5,000,000
Total	\$3,184,506,500	\$3,193,603,000	+ \$9,096,500
Adjustments:			
Transfer(s) From			
Economic Development, Department of			
General Fund	-333,000		
Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services, Office			
of			
General Fund	-2,413,500		
Appropriated 1998-99	<u>\$3,181,760,000</u>		

AID TO LOCALITIES ALL FUNDS FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS BY FUND TYPE APPROPRIATIONS

<u>Fund Type</u>	<u>Available 1998-99</u>	<u>Recommended 1999-00</u>	<u>Change</u>
General Fund	\$292,985,600	\$294,164,600	+ \$1,179,000
Total	\$292,985,600	\$294,164,600	+ \$1,179,000
Adjustments:			
Recommended Deficiency			
General Fund	-12,800,000		
Appropriated 1998-99	<u>\$280,185,600</u>		

AID TO LOCALITIES ALL FUNDS FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS BY PROGRAM APPROPRIATIONS

<u>Program</u>	<u>Available 1998-99</u>	<u>Recommended 1999-00</u>	<u>Change</u>
Community Colleges			
General Fund	\$289,665,000	\$291,302,000	+ \$1,637,000
County Cooperative Extension Program - Cornell			
University			
General Fund	2,862,600	2,862,600	. . . . .
Other Community Projects			
General Fund	458,000	-458,000
Total	\$292,985,600	\$294,164,600	+ \$1,179,000

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**CAPITAL PROJECTS
ALL FUNDS FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS BY PROGRAM
APPROPRIATIONS**

<u>Comprehensive Construction Programs</u>	<u>Available 1998-99</u>	<u>Recommended 1999-00</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>Reappropriations 1999-00</u>
Senior Colleges				
General Maintenance and Improvements				
Capital Projects Fund	\$122,750,000	. . . .	-\$122,750,000	\$161,729,000
Capital Projects Fund - Advances	1,475,000,000	. . . .	-1,475,000,000	1,759,609,000
State University Capital Projects Fund - 384				
State University Capital Projects Fund	100,000,000	. . . .	-100,000,000	100,000,000
State University Residence Hall Rehabilitation Fund - 074				
State University Residence Hall Rehabilitation Fund	250,000,000	. . . .	-250,000,000	280,920,000
Subtotal	<u>\$1,947,750,000</u>	<u>. . . .</u>	<u>-\$1,947,750,000</u>	<u>\$2,302,258,000</u>
Community Colleges				
General Maintenance and Improvements				
Capital Projects Fund	\$25,000,000	. . . .	-\$25,000,000	\$36,891,000
Capital Projects Fund - Advances	175,000,000	. . . .	-175,000,000	200,000,000
New Facilities				
Capital Projects Fund - Advances . . . . .	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	19,666,000
Subtotal	<u>\$200,000,000</u>	<u>. . . .</u>	<u>-\$200,000,000</u>	<u>\$256,557,000</u>
Total	<u>\$2,147,750,000</u>	<u>. . . .</u>	<u>-\$2,147,750,000</u>	<u>\$2,558,815,000</u>