
BUDGET UNIT BRIEF – FY 2023

Fiscal Services Division

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UNI — Community College Degree Attainment Program

Purpose and History

The initiative partners with all Iowa community colleges and provides seamless access for students completing their associate's degree to finish their bachelor's degree online through the University of Northern Iowa (UNI).

The UNI@IACC partnership expands UNI's UNI@DMACC program to three more Iowa community colleges: Western Iowa Technical Community College in Sioux City, Iowa Western Community College in Council Bluffs, and Indian Hills Community College in Ottumwa. UNI will place a dedicated, on-site student support specialist at each of these institutions to provide holistic advising and internship and career placement services for students.

The Future Ready Scholarships assist in covering the difference between community college tuition rates and UNI tuition rates for students pursuing one of the qualifying UNI online degree completion programs. To qualify for the scholarships, students must have earned an Iowa community college degree, maintain a GPA of 2.0 or higher, and complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) demonstrating financial need, as defined by the American Rescue Plan (ARP) guidelines.

Funding

To launch UNI@IACC, UNI received \$4.2 million in one-time federal ARP program scale-up funds allocated through the Governor's office, to be dedicated by December 2024. Eighty percent of these funds support UNI@IACC Future Ready Scholarships, while the remaining funds cover personnel and operating expenses on each site.

Related Statutes and Administrative Rules

Iowa Code chapter [268](#)

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