
BUDGET UNIT BRIEF – FY 2027

Fiscal Services Division

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University of Iowa — General Education

Purpose and History

Iowa has three public universities under the authority of the Iowa Board of Regents. Each university provides a broad array of programs and degrees while maintaining its own cultural heritage.

The University of Iowa (UI) was established in 1847 and is a major national research university. The University offers more than 100 areas for both undergraduate and graduate study that range across the arts, sciences, and humanities, and it offers seven professional degrees. The areas of study are organized into 11 colleges: Liberal Arts and Sciences, Education, Engineering, Law, Nursing, Pharmacy, Dentistry, Public Health, the Henry B. Tippie College of Business, the Roy J. and Lucille A. Carver College of Medicine, and the Graduate College.

Funding

The General Assembly annually appropriates general education funding for the State universities to the Board of Regents, either in a specific amount for each university or in a lump sum appropriation to be allocated at the discretion of the Board. In 2025 Iowa Acts, [Senate File 647](#) (FY 2026 Education Appropriations Act), an appropriation of \$223.5 million was made to the Board of Regents for UI General Operations. This maintains the current level of funding compared to estimated net FY 2025.

Related Statutes and Administrative Rules

Iowa Code chapter [263](#)

Iowa Administrative Code [681](#)

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