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# IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY<sup>®</sup>

OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

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## **FY26 Legislative Request**

Wendy Wintersteen, President

# Iowa State: An Education That Delivers

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500 Best Colleges  
in the U.S.

**TOP 25%**

Based on Graduation  
Success and Graduates'  
Future Earnings

IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY  
OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY



**TOP 10%**

For Affordability in the U.S.

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4.5 stars out of 5  
for Affordability, Education Quality,  
Salaries of Graduates

# High-Impact Career Preparation

## 2024-2025 Student Participation



**Capstone  
Projects**  
**2,963**  
students



**Internships  
and Co-ops**  
**7,711**  
students



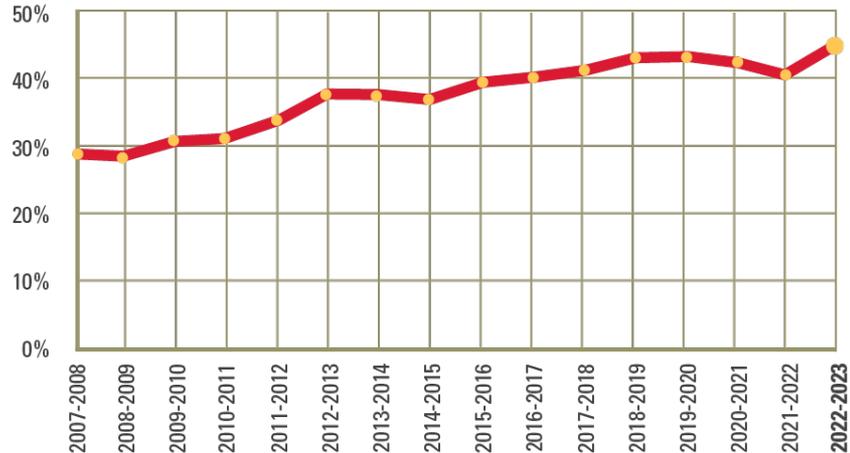
**ROTC**  
**215**  
students



**Entrepreneurship  
Courses**  
**17,919**  
students

# Debt-Free Degrees

## Percentage of ISU students who graduate with \$0 Debt



# 72%

of undergraduates  
receive scholarship  
support



# \$44.8 million

raised last year for  
scholarships



# Preparing Iowa's Workforce

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## Iowa State's 2022-2023 Graduating Class



# An Iowa State Degree Pays Off

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## Average salary across all Iowa State degree programs

Research cited in the Wall Street Journal shows **graduates from public universities** need to earn at least **\$50,000 a year**, on average, in their **first decade** after college for their **degrees to pay off**.

Source: Wall Street Journal article: "The Colleges Where You're Most Likely to Have a Positive Return on Your Investment," May 26, 2024

Source: United States Census Bureau Post-Secondary Employment Outcomes (PSEO) Explorer

# Center for Cyclone Civics



- Promote civic education and free speech through teaching, research and extension programs
- Planning for Year-Long Commemoration, **America at 250**



# Enhancing Iowa's Rural Economy

## ► FY26 REQUEST: \$4.75M

### Iowa State's Agricultural Experiment Station

Key partner in keeping Iowa agriculture competitive

### Iowa State Extension and Outreach

Science-tested resources and expertise in all 99 counties

- Workforce development and entrepreneurship
- Digital and precision livestock and crops
- Agricultural economics and policy



# Enhancing Iowa's Rural Economy



## ► FY26 REQUEST: \$4M

### Makelowa: Advancing our Manufacturing Pipeline

- Launch four manufacturing hubs
- Partner with regional educational institutions
- Create new pathways to four-year and advanced degrees

# Enhancing Iowa's Rural Economy

## ▶ FY26 REQUEST: \$1M

### ISU Production Animal – Veterinary Early Acceptance Program

- Full in-state tuition scholarship
- 5-year rural Iowa work requirement

## ▶ FY26 REQUEST: \$250,000

### Iowa Livestock Health Advisory Council

- Disease mitigation research, protect Iowa livestock industry
- For every \$1 invested by ILHAC, ISU can leverage \$10 in external funding

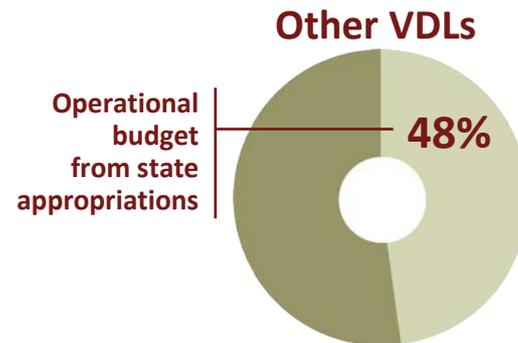
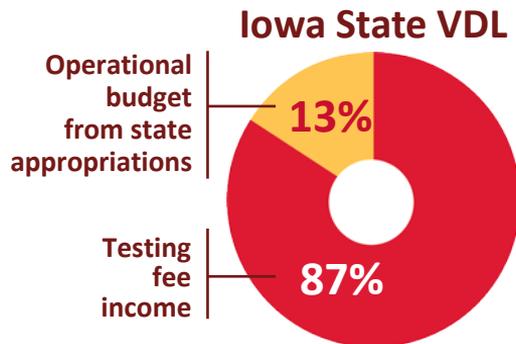


# Supporting Iowa Business

## ► FY26 REQUEST: \$1.5M

### Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory Operations

- Maintain operational standards for Biosafety Level 2 facility
- Largest food animal-focused VDL in the nation
- 1.6 million tests annually



# Supporting Iowa Business

Powered by  
**INNOVATE** at  
Iowa  
State



## ► FY26 REQUEST: \$250,000

### National and global leader in cultivating student entrepreneurs

Support staff and operations to expand opportunities

- **Start Something Network:**  
academic programs focused on entrepreneurship in every undergraduate college
- **Experiential learning opportunities:**  
e.g., local and national pitch competitions
- **Immersive incubation and acceleration programs:**  
new business ventures,  
commercialize ISU technologies

# Supporting Iowa Business



## ► FY26 REQUEST: \$36,005

### Biosciences Platforms

1. Biobased products
2. Vaccines and immunotherapeutics
3. Digital and precision agriculture

### Proven Outcomes

- Enhance commercialization
- Accelerate scientific breakthroughs
- Foster collaboration
- Develop Iowa's biosciences workforce