### **FY 2016 APPROPRIATIONS REQUEST** Education Appropriations Subcommittee





### FY 2016 APPROPRIATIONS – Summary of Ul's Request

- Operating (\$4.0M increase)
- Special Purpose Units (\$224K increase)
- Economic Development (\$57K increase)
- Strategic Initiatives
  - Belin Blank Academy (\$500K)



### **STUDENT SUCCESS – Looking to the future**

# Class of 2018

- Largest
- Most diverse
- Academically prepared

### Campus is ready to grow

- New residence hall
- Opening new buildings
- Aggressive recruiting





### **ACADEMIC SUCCESS – National Rankings**

### **US News and World Report**

- Ranked 27<sup>th</sup> best public university
- 22 programs ranked in Top 25
- 8 programs in Top 10

### Other



- 25 years on list of America's Best Hospitals
- 9 medical specialties in Top 50
- Ranked #6 for military veterans

#### FY 2016 APPROPRIATIONS – Operating Budget (\$4.0M)

- Continue investing in programs that support the Board of Regents "Partnership in Affordability"
  - Increase undergraduate student enrollment
  - Continue to improve graduation and retention rates
  - Continue and enhance strong financial aid policies
  - Strengthen existing access programs
  - Reduce student debt
  - Create additional educational opportunities for lowans across the state
  - Improve academic and administrative efficiencies

#### **PARTNERSHIP IN AFFORDABILITY – Next Steps**

## **Reduce Cost of Education**

- Summer Hawk Tuition Grants
- 4-Year graduation rates
- 3-Year degree
- Kirkwood Regional Center at UI



#### FY 2016 Strategic Initiative: Belin-Blank Academy (\$500K)



#### Serving Iowa's high-ability students

- Launch STEM residential academy at Belin-Blank Center
  - Students selected sophomore year
  - Students' last two years of high school completed simultaneously in first two years of UI experience
- Retain Iowa's high-ability STEM students in Iowa
- Continue momentum for STEM education in Iowa with Belin-Blank Center's long-standing infrastructure

