
BUDGET UNIT BRIEF – FY 2024

Fiscal Services Division

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Board of Regents - John Pappajohn Centers

Purpose

2023 Iowa Acts, [Senate File 560](#), (Education Appropriations Act), created the John Pappajohn Centers appropriation within the Iowa Board of Regents (BOR). The appropriation will be equally allocated to the University of Iowa (SUI), Iowa State University (ISU), and the University of Northern Iowa (UNI) to support the John Pappajohn Centers for Entrepreneurship (JPEC). The funds provided by this appropriation are required to supplement, not supplant, other funding received by the JPEC.

History

The JPEC were founded in 1996 by John and Mary Pappajohn and include five entrepreneurial centers across Iowa, which include SUI, ISU, UNI, Drake University, and the Northern Iowa Area Community College (NIACC). These centers provide entrepreneurial education and training for students, alumni, and Iowa-based businesses and organizations, including the following programs:

- The Iowa Venture Mentoring Service, which connects experienced professionals and business leaders to serve as volunteer mentors for entrepreneurial venture groups.
- Student programs like the SUI Startup Incubator, ISU CYstarters, and the UNI Early Founders.
- Business consulting programs, which provide no-cost, strategic management consulting services to alumni and Iowa-based businesses and organizations.
- JPEC also host a variety of competitions, including the SUI Startup Games, the ISU College-By-College Pitch Off, the UNI Idea to Startup Innovation Challenge, and Drake University's Bark Tank Competition.
- The NIACC JPEC Youth Entrepreneurial Academy, which offers a one-week academic camp to high school students interested in entrepreneurship.

Funding — State General Fund

The BOR John Pappajohn Centers appropriation is funded by a General Fund appropriation to the Iowa BOR in the annual Education Appropriations Act and by private donations.

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More Information

Iowa — John Pappajohn Entrepreneurial Center: iowajpec.org
Iowa State University — Pappajohn Center for Entrepreneurship: www.isupicenter.org
University of Northern Iowa — John Pappajohn Entrepreneurial Center: jpec.uni.edu
Drake University — Pappajohn Center for Entrepreneurship Outreach:
drake.edu/zimpleman/centers/pappajohn
NIACC — John Pappajohn Entrepreneurial Center: www.pappajohncenter.com/about
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