

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

University Budget: Reverse the Trend



The University of Minnesota is one of the state's greatest assets and one of the best investments for Minnesota's future. As the state's only public research institution, the University offers Minnesotans unparalleled educational opportunities.

After three consecutive years of severe budget cuts by the state, the University is experiencing a troubling fiscal reality unlike any other in its history. A renewed state partnership is essential if the University is to achieve its ambitious goals and continue providing the state with a comparative advantage in the global marketplace.



2006–2007 Biennial Budget Request




The University of Minnesota's 2006–2007 budget request to the state legislature includes:

-  A request for \$126 million in new state funding for the 2006–2007 biennium.
-  A 50-50 financial partnership with the state, focused on three key areas of critical investment that build on the University's strengths and also enhance benefits to the state, with particular emphasis on:
 - the interdisciplinary field of biosciences
 - attracting and retaining talented students, faculty, and staff
 - creating and sustaining the infrastructure needed for future research and teaching

Governor Tim Pawlenty's budget recommendations include funding for nearly 85 percent of the University's biennial budget request. Although this is a good start, the University is committed to seeking its full request.

Supporters of the U can contact their legislators to encourage them to support full funding for the University. For more information on how to do this, visit the University's Legislative Network Web site, www.umn.edu/groots.

Updated 2004 Capital Request

-  The University has updated its 2004 capital request for inflation and has eliminated two projects.
-  The 2005 legislature was presented with this updated capital request of \$158.1 million in state funding. This request is largely to maintain the huge investment Minnesota taxpayers already have in the University's classrooms and research facilities.
-  The Governor recommended \$100 million in capital funds for the University; the Senate \$118 million; and the House \$89 million.

For more information on the biennial budget request or capital request, see the University's Office of Government and Community Relations Web site, www.umn.edu/urelate/govrel.