

UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA BUDGET OVERVIEW

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The University is in a difficult budget situation—one that could impact our ability to serve Nebraskans and grow the state of Nebraska moving forward.

- **We received significant cuts last year**, leading to a \$46 million recurring budget shortfall. We've worked to close that shortfall with operational cuts through the Budget Response teams, two years of tuition increases and enrollment growth.
- **The Governor has now proposed additional budget cuts** to the University's funding—\$11 million in the current year, and \$23 million more from next year's appropriation. This will be the third cut we have received within the past year, and it creates a significant challenge.
- **The challenge becomes even more serious when we look ahead.** Unavoidable new expenses in 2019-21, like health insurance and collective bargaining, mean that even if we receive flat funding moving forward, these cuts will create an additional budget shortfall in the tens of millions of dollars.
- **The University is taking the lion's share of the budget cuts.** We make up only 13% of the state's budget, yet we are being asked to shoulder one-third of the cuts. Over the biennium, no other agency takes a larger dollar cut than the University.
- **We have several options for moving forward. However, the consequences of those options are not good for Nebraska.** President Bounds, chancellors, and University of Nebraska leadership have immediately begun to discuss next steps. Given the cuts we've already implemented, we will have to consider academic program eliminations, further job cuts, restructuring, a retreat from our statewide presence and tuition increases.
- **The numbers are not final.** The Legislature will make its own budget recommendations after input from state agencies. Our appropriations hearing will be held on February 14th, where we will have an opportunity to make a case for continued partnership between the state and its University.
- **Our highest priority is to reduce the impact these cuts will create.** Through the rest of the legislative session, we will be doing everything we can to explain the impact of cuts to policymakers, engage University alumni and friends, and lessen the impact of budget reductions on our 53,000 students, our faculty and staff, and citizens of the state.
- **There's never been a more important time to work with our partners.** The facts on the other side of this sheet show the University's significant impact on the daily lives of Nebraskans. There are many opportunities ahead; we hope you'll join us in working with the Governor and Legislature, agriculture and business leaders, and Nebraskans on a plan for growth.

PLEASE CONSIDER JOINING THE NU ADVOCATES TEAM.

If you'd like to stay informed about the issues impacting the University, visit Nebraska.edu/advocates to sign up—and help keep the University of Nebraska strong for generations to come.



DO YOU KNOW?



Who trains **more than half** of Nebraska's doctors, dentists and nurses?



Who educates **50% of Nebraska's doctors** practicing in rural areas?



Who produces more than **80% of Nebraska's dentists** practicing in rural Nebraska?



Who treats the **1 in 2** Nebraskans who will be diagnosed with cancer in their lifetime?



Who trains nearly **50% of all new LPS teachers** hired each year?



Who educates **2 out of 3** Omaha-area educators?



Who certifies **1 out of 2** Nebraska public school superintendents?



Who provides a **college degree to 1 in 7** working Nebraskans?



Who graduates almost **11,000 students each year** to fill Nebraska's workforce?



Who empowers **140,000 Nebraska 4-H kids** with skills they need in life?



Who works with nearly **75% of Nebraska farmers and ranchers** to boost crop and animal productivity?



Who generates employee and student **volunteer time worth nearly \$74 million** to area communities?



Who returns **\$6 to Nebraska** for every **\$1 invested**?

»» **NU does.**

