



Performance-based and Preeminence Funding

1. Performance-based Funding - \$350 million

The current state investment funding of \$265 million was converted from recurring to non-recurring funds by the Legislature for the 2021-2022 year. The LBR will include the \$265 million, plus an additional \$85 million, for a total state investment of \$350 million. These funds will be allocated in accordance with the current model as outlined in Board Regulation 5.001. The current model is based on either excellence or improvement for each of the metrics. The Performance-based Funding Model has proven to be effective, with the metrics showing significant state-wide improvements in the nine years since it began.

2. Performance-based Funding – Excellence Recognition - \$100 million

Funding of \$100 million is being requested to reward universities that have the maximum excellence scores. Universities should be striving to reach the maximum score for each of the performance-based funding metrics. This ensures alignment with the Boards 2025 Strategic Plan Goals, which benefits students and the state. High excellence scores in all of the metrics ensures Florida continues to rank as the number one state for higher education. Recognizing excellence is critical to incentivizing universities to achieve the highest score possible. Universities that receive preeminence funding will not be eligible for these funds, as they will have received preeminence funding. In the event incremental preeminence funding is not provided, then they would share in this excellence program. These funds would be prorated to those universities based on their total maximum excellence scores.

3. Performance-based Funding – Improvement Recognition - \$25 million

Funding of \$25 million is being requested to reward improvement. Universities should continue to improve and set measures in place to avoid the ups and downs sometimes associated with their metrics. Awarding a university for continuous improvement helps to ensure upward movement in all of the metrics. The university with the highest percentage improvement in total score over the previous year will be awarded these funds. The percentage improvement must be three (3) percent or higher. Universities must have at least two (2) consecutive years of improvement to be eligible. A university having to do a student success plan is not eligible for these funds. If more than one university meets the criteria, the funds would be prorated based on their percentage increase. If no university meets these criteria, these funds will be returned to the state.

4. Preeminence Funding – \$100 million

Pursuant to Section 1001.7065 F.S. the Board of Governors shall designate each state university that meets 11 of 12 academic and research excellence standards. Funding of \$100 million would be allocated equally to each university designated as preeminent.

Other State University System Initiatives

The following provides a brief explanation of the system initiatives included in the 2023-2024 Legislative Budget Request. Additional detailed information is available in the Board Office.

5. Florida Postsecondary Academic Library Network - \$1.7 million

Support services for libraries, distance learning, and student services are provided to the SUS and Florida College System institutions by the Florida Virtual Campus (FLVC), the organization that manages the Florida Postsecondary Academic Library Network established in s. 1006.73, Florida Statutes. The host entity for the organization is Northwest Regional Data Center (NWRDC), an auxiliary enterprise of Florida State University. Funding for FLVC and the Network is provided through the General Appropriations Act and is split between the Florida College System and the SUS.

This legislative budget request is for half the funds needed to establish a statewide computer-assisted system within the Florida Postsecondary Academic Library Network for all institutions in the Florida College System and State University System to use to implement the transfer provision above. The remaining half will be considered by the State Board of Education for inclusion in its Legislative Budget Request.

The system, which would be established by 2024-25, will provide the ability for:

- Universities to identify the students who authorized their records for reverse transfer.
- FCS institutions to retrieve the list of students who are to be evaluated to determine eligibility to receive an AA degree.
- FCS institutions to notify state universities regarding the outcome of each degree audit evaluation and whether the associate in arts degree was conferred.
- Aggregate reporting on the number of students whose records are transmitted and number of students who received the associate in arts degree under the reverse transfer provision of s. 1007.23(9), F.S.

Issues	Board of Governors	State Board of Education	Total
2022-23 Base Budget	11,836,500	9,076,322	20,912,822
2023-24 E-resources requested increase	750,000	750,000	1,500,000
2023-24 General operations requested increase	835,347	835,347	1,670,694
2023-24 Reverse Transfer increase	100,000	100,000	200,000
2023-24 Total Proposed Budget	13,521,847	10,761,669	24,283,516
Total increase requested for 2023-24	1,685,347	1,685,347	3,370,694

6. Johnson Scholarship Program - \$72.5K

The Theodore and Vivian M. Johnson Scholarship is a need-based scholarship program for undergraduate, degree-seeking students with disabilities attending a state university in Florida. Recipients must be a Florida resident for tuition purposes, must meet certain academic requirements, must have demonstrated financial need, and must provide documentation regarding the nature and/or extent of their disability.

Funding in support of the Johnson Scholarships originates from two sources; funds provided annually by the Johnson Scholarship Foundation and the related 50% matching funds provided by the Florida Legislature in the annual General Appropriations Act.

The Johnson Scholarship Foundation has notified the Board of Governors of a \$145K recurring increase in the Foundation's support of the scholarship program, from \$525K to \$670K annually. This request for additional state matching consists of \$72.5K to address the annual private donation increase.

7. University of Florida – Institute of Food & Agricultural Sciences (IFAS) Workload - \$3.9 million

The UF-IFAS Workload Formula is a cost-to-continue funding formula model. It provides for increased research and extension workload demand. The model was developed at the request of and approved by the Florida Board of Governors (BOG). Increased demand for UF/IFAS research and Extension activities is based on the delivery of research information to UF/IFAS clientele throughout Florida.

The model uses Extension delivery methods to measure increases in workload by both Extension and research faculty in the form of workload delivery units. UF-IFAS faculty disseminate a wide range of research-based information to the public as well as community leaders and experts. The model uses non-traditional teaching methods (such as field consultations, office consultations, telephone and email requests, group workshops, and printed materials) and converts these contacts to the equivalent of student full-time equivalents (FTEs). These delivery methods are converted by multiplying by a factor to account for level of effort and then dividing by 40, which is the number used to convert student credit hours to FTEs. The total UF-IFAS research and Extension budget (General Revenue) is divided by this number to determine the value of a workload delivery unit.

The request for UF-IFAS Workload addresses three separate priorities of UF in its strategic plan: (1) to have “an exceptional academic environment, achieved by a diverse community of students, faculty, and staff;” (2) “growth in research and scholarship that improves the lives of the world’s citizens;” and 3) to have “a physical infrastructure and efficient administration and support structure that enable preeminence.

8. State Fire Marshal Inspections - \$2.7 million

Pursuant to Section 633.218, Florida Statutes, the State Fire Marshal (SFM) is required to inspect all state-owned buildings on a recurring basis, and high-hazard occupancies must be inspected annually. The 4,000+ buildings of the State University System generally fall in the category of both state-owned and high hazard, and thus, as a practical matter, all university facilities are inspected every year by SFM employees.

Historically, the SFM has not assessed an inspection fee to the universities for the annual inspections. It appears that this practice dates back many years to the former Board of Regents with an agreement between Chancellor Reed and the SFM office. Section 633.218, Florida Statutes, provides that each state department must include in its annual budget proposal a request for sufficient funds to cover the costs of any fees imposed by the SFM services, including inspection fees. Pursuant to statutory language, the SUS requests recurring appropriations in the amount of \$2.7 million to cover the annual inspection costs for each university beginning with the 2023-2024 fiscal year.

Below is a breakdown from the SFM by university for the annual inspection fees:

University	Annual Fee
Florida Agricultural & Mechanical University	\$130,887.77
Florida Atlantic University	\$207,431.01
Florida Gulf Coast University	\$97,789.34
Florida International University	\$282,686.83
Florida Polytechnic University	\$13,733.56
Florida State University	\$455,210.47
New College of Florida	\$19,282.66
University of Central Florida	\$249,482.78
University of Florida	\$670,591.70
University of North Florida	\$85,112.29
University of South Florida	\$386,756.83
University of West Florida	\$64,800.28
Total:	\$2,663,765.52

9. Hamilton Center for Classical and Civic Education - \$5 M

This Center was created in s. 1004.6496 F.S. during the 2022 legislative session. The Center is an academic unit within the University of Florida. The purpose of the center is to support teaching and research concerning the ideas, traditions, and texts that form the foundations of Western and American civilization. The Center will coordinate with the Florida Institute of Politics at Florida State University and the Adam Smith Center for the Study of Economic Freedom at Florida International University. Non-recurring funding of \$3 million was provided for the 2022-2023 year.

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The recurring funding of \$5 million is needed to hire 17 faculty, eight postdoctoral fellows, and 10 staff.

10. Student and Other Fees Trust Fund – Budget Authority Increase Request:

Florida Gulf Coast University - \$7.4 million

Florida State University - \$21.3 million

University of North Florida - \$3.2 million

University of South Florida Health Center - \$7 million

As a component of the annual Legislative Budget Request process, state universities have an opportunity to request an increase in their Student and Other Fees Trust Fund (SFTF) budget authority if it has been determined that existing authority, as specified in the annual General Appropriations Act, will not be sufficient to fully expend future tuition and student fees collections. The universities must explain how the additional budget authority will align with the goals and objectives of their strategic priorities and their 2022 University Accountability Plan.

Four universities are requesting an increase in student fee trust fund authority of \$38,917,246 due to an increase in student credit hours and an increase in out-of-state students. There is an expected increase in demand for academic instruction in health profession programs, especially the nursing education programs. This increase in authority will allow universities to spend the tuition revenue expected to be collected. This request is not based on any increase in tuition and fees.