

Higher Education

The Higher Education budget provides operating support to the state's 15 public universities and also funds student financial aid programs. *The Governor's proposed budget for fiscal year 2010 recommends total funding of \$1.7 billion, of which \$1.5 billion is general fund.*

Highlights of Governor's Budget Recommendation for State Universities

- Due to Michigan's on-going economic challenges, state university operations are funded at \$1.4 billion – a 3 percent reduction.
- Similar to the federal administration of these programs, the Governor combines the Agriculture Experiment Station and Cooperative Extension Service and funds them at \$32 million. Project GREEN and the Animal Agricultural Initiative are each funded at \$8 million to assist Michigan's agriculture, bioeconomy, and processing industries, while mitigating any negative impact on the environment.
- During this time of economic crisis, the Governor is proposing that state universities and community colleges freeze tuition for the next academic year.

State University Operations (\$ in Thousands)	FY 2010
Michigan State University	\$283,909.0
University of Michigan - Ann Arbor	316,572.0
Wayne State University	214,325.4
Central Michigan University	80,064.2
Eastern Michigan University	75,965.6
Ferris State University	48,621.8
Grand Valley State University	62,018.4
Lake Superior State University	12,561.9
Michigan Technological University	47,870.8
Northern Michigan University	45,148.9
Oakland University	50,690.7
Saginaw Valley State University	27,710.1
University of Michigan - Dearborn	24,703.6
University of Michigan - Flint	20,871.7
Western Michigan University	109,616.0
Total	\$1,420,650.1

Highlights of Governor's Budget Recommendation for Financial Aid

- The Governor recommends reforming student financial aid to simplify how students and their families access it by consolidating most state financial aid funding into two basic programs:
 - Merit-based Michigan Promise Grants of \$140 million are maintained. Students qualify by doing well on the Michigan Merit Examination and succeeding in college.
 - The need-based Michigan College Access Grant program is created by consolidating six current state financial aid programs and is funded at almost \$90 million. Approximately 89,000 students would qualify for an estimated \$1,000 annual award to use at any Michigan public or private college or university.
- Tuition Incentive Program (TIP) funding is increased by \$6.0 million to over \$30 million to pay tuition costs for the increasing number of TIP recipients.

**Fiscal Year 2010 Governor's Recommendation
Higher Education
(\$ in Thousands)**

	FY09 Current Law	FY10 Recommendation
GF/GP	\$1,645,605.2	\$1,545,605.2
All Funds	\$1,759,105.2	\$1,719,405.3
	% Change - GF/GP	-6.1%
	% Change - All Funds	-2.3%

Programs	GF/GP	All Funds
State University Operations	\$1,420,650.1	\$1,420,650.1
Michigan Promise Grants	\$0.0	\$140,000.0
Michigan College Access Grants	\$86,860.1	\$89,760.1
Cooperative State Agricultural Research and Extension	\$32,000.0	\$32,000.0
Tuition Incentive Program	\$5,100.0	\$31,200.0
Project GEAR-UP	\$0.0	\$3,000.0
Robert C. Byrd Honors Scholarship Program	\$0.0	\$1,500.0
Children of Veterans Tuition Grant Program	\$700.0	\$1,000.0
Higher Education Database	\$200.0	\$200.0
Midwestern Higher Education Compact	\$95.0	\$95.0
Michigan Merit Award Program	\$0.0	\$0.1
Total FY 2010 Recommendation	\$1,545,605.2	\$1,719,405.3