



STATE OF OREGON
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New Investments in Post-Secondary Education

Governor's Recommended Budget, 2019-21

In Higher Education, the Governor's proposed investment plan includes \$590 million for restoration of cut programs and services, and allows for expansion of key programs to enhance access to Career Technical Education (CTE) and increase college affordability.

Public University and Community College Support Funds: Stable funding and affordability of higher education is a key component of Governor Brown's vision for a seamless system of education, from cradle to career. Governor Brown proposes increasing support funds for public universities (\$120 million) and community college (\$103 million) to allow them to maintain quality programs while keeping tuition increases at 5 percent or below. Governor Brown asks universities and community colleges to share their plan for keeping tuition increases at no greater than 5 percent during 2019-20.

College Affordability and Access: Even beyond keeping tuition affordable for all Oregon students with increasing funding for Support Funds, Governor Brown recognizes the needs for additional funding targeted to support students for whom any increase in college costs may mean they need to forgo higher education opportunities.

- Oregon Opportunity Grant: Nearly double by \$121.5 million, with \$20 million targeted for students enrolling in a nursing program to incentivize growth in that industry.
- Scholars for a Healthy Oregon Initiative: \$5 million focused on growth of the health workforce in rural Oregon.
- College Navigation: \$2.6 million for HECC partnerships with community-based culturally specific organizations, K-12, and higher education institutions to ensure that diverse students across the state get support to navigate pathways to college.

CTE and Workforce: The Governor proposes \$140 million in a combination of investments to enhance career and technical education and innovation at public universities and community colleges.

- Community College CTE programs: \$70 million new investment in high-demand programs to double the number of CTE certificate and degrees awarded in next three years.
- Engineering & Technology Funds: \$60 million to expand engineering graduates across Oregon's public universities.
- Public University Innovation Fund: \$10 million to support Oregon's early stage innovators by: creating a University Innovation Research Fund to better position Oregon Universities to attract federal research awards; and establishing an Oregon Corps program within Oregon's public universities to prepare scientists, faculty, and students to extend their focus beyond the university laboratory toward commercialization or business formation.
- Future Ready: \$15 million to expand Oregon Youth Employment Program, which will provide approximately 3,000 Oregonians ages 14-24 with work experiences, including internships, summer jobs and on the job training.

Other Key Programs:

- Capital Construction: Governor Brown includes \$173 million in her budget for seven projects across all universities, and reserved an additional \$225 million in bonding capacity for after universities work with HECC by 2020 session with an updated 10-year strategic capital plan.
- Campus Safety: The Governor proposes \$15 million to enhance safety across Oregon's campuses by implementing recommendations from the Governor's Task Force on Campus Safety. This includes, but is not limited to, investments to build the capacity of university and college staff to assess and respond quickly to incidences that may impact safety.
- Statewide Public Service Programs, including Agriculture Experiment Station, Extension Service, and Forest Service Research Lab: \$20 million
- Sports Lottery: The full 1 percent of lottery funds will be invested in the Sports Lottery, totaling \$14.1 million under the Governor's Investment proposal. With this expansion, the Governor will ask HECC to review the distribution formula to prioritize Technical and Regional Universities and women's athletic programs.
- Oregon Health & Science University (OHSU): \$23.8 million for OHSU Graduate Medical Education and \$3.1 million to restore OHSU education funding to current service level.
- Oregon Promise: Oregon Promise Current Service Level funding will be preserved under the Governor's Investment proposal.