



**Minnesota**  
STATE COLLEGES  
& UNIVERSITIES

## 2008-2009 Budget Request Summary

Base appropriation: \$1.2 billion

### Biennial budget increase request

#### Infrastructure

Inflation	\$57 million
Technology infrastructure improvements	\$70 million

#### Strategic advancements

Recruitment/retention of groups traditionally underserved and underrepresented in higher education	\$24 million
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Academic innovations	\$26 million
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Science, technology, engineering and math education	\$10 million
Health care education	\$ 3 million
Biosciences Center of Excellence	\$ 3 million
Management innovation	\$10 million

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**Total budget increase request      \$177 million**

#### Other revenue

Tuition increase of 4 percent per year	\$73 million
Reallocation of existing funds	\$25 million

### Capital budget request

Asset preservation, repair and replacement projects	\$ 30.0 million
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Property acquisition	\$ 3.8 million
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Fond du Lac Tribal and Community College and Bemidji State University

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**Total capital budget request      \$33.8 million**

## Budget Initiatives

### Inflation

Calculated at 3.25 percent per year, inflation at the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities amounts to \$130 million for the biennium. The system is requesting a \$57 million state appropriation, which will be supplemented with \$73 million of tuition revenue to cover inflation. An additional \$10 million in reallocated existing resources will cover excess inflation up to 3.5 percent per year.

### Technology infrastructure improvements

All colleges and universities will benefit from technology infrastructure improvements that will enhance services to students and increase efficiency and effectiveness. The system's current technology architecture is becoming obsolete. Significant and ongoing investment in technology infrastructure improvements is a critical and urgent need. The system is seeking a \$70 million state appropriation for this purpose.

### Recruitment/retention of groups traditionally underserved and underrepresented in higher education

The system is seeking a state appropriation of \$24 million for a comprehensive statewide initiative to improve retention of students in groups traditionally underserved and underrepresented in higher education. These include low-income students, students whose parents did not attend college and students of color. The state's investment will be supplemented with \$10 million in existing resources. The funds would be used to establish and expand successful programs at the colleges and universities that increase recruitment and retention of these students. If fully funded, the colleges and universities have projected the following results:

- 6,700 more underrepresented students in fall 2008
- 1,500 more students of color in fall 2008
- Increase in the retention rate for students of color from 44 percent to 48 percent over the biennium

### Academic innovations

- A \$10 million state appropriation would enable the system to improve and expand science, technology, engineering and mathematics education.
  - If fully funded, the colleges and universities project that the percentage of students enrolled in at least one course each year will grow from 44.9 percent to 47.8 percent over the biennium, an increase of 6,900 students by 2009.
  - The number of secondary teachers prepared for licensure in science and math each year will more than double by 2011, an increase of 119 teachers.
- A \$3 million state appropriation is sought to increase the number of nursing graduates by 25 percent, or 950 more graduates, over the biennium and to improve access to training and education for long-term caregivers.
- A \$3 million state appropriation would allow the creation of a Biosciences Center of Excellence to provide education and training for the state's fast-growing biosciences sector.
- A \$10 million state appropriation would be used to reward innovative behavior by institutions and employees and reduce barriers to innovation and responsiveness.



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