

Degree-granting Operating Budget Requests – Not Recommended

The following listing is items requested by degree-granting institutions but not recommended by the Commissioner to be included in the budget request as submitted to the Governor and the Legislature.

FY 2025-26 Operating Budget Requests: University of Utah ¹				
Priority	Item	One-Time	Ongoing	Total
1	Spencer F. Eccles School of Medicine – Remaining Request	-\$5,187,400	\$5,187,400	\$0

1. Spencer Fox Eccles School of Medicine

This request proposes to increase the number and rural health focus of medical students graduating from the University of Utah Spencer Fox Eccles School of Medicine (SFESOM) by creating a regional medical school campus, the St. George Regional Medical Campus (SGRMC), for 25 new students per year in St. George, Utah. Funding will support administrative leadership, operational support, core faculty and staff, educational facilities, and student support on the campus of Utah Tech University and will leverage clinical partnerships with Intermountain Health and others for training experiences. The remaining request amount would fully fund the program at FY 2029 operating capacity.

FY 2025-26 Operating Budget Requests: Utah State University ¹				
Priority	Item	One-Time	Ongoing	Total
1	Space & Defense Research Institute & Workforce – Remaining Request	\$3,750,000	\$0	\$3,750,000
2	New Doctor of Physical Therapy Program	\$1,000,000	\$2,333,800	\$3,333,800
3	Center for American Rights & Freedom	\$0	\$1,210,000	\$1,210,000
4	Technical Education Equipment	\$515,000	\$0	\$515,000
5	Degree-Granting Equipment	\$1,000,000	\$0	\$1,000,000
6	Custom Fit Program Expansion	\$0	\$45,000	\$45,000
Total		\$6,265,000	\$3,588,800	\$9,853,800

1. Space and Defense Research Institute and Workforce Development

Creation of a joint institute between USU and Weber State University for accelerating insights, harnessing discovery, and delivering the talent needed to efficiently operationalize agile capabilities with National Security partners.

2. New Doctor of Physical Therapy Program

Utah State University seeks to offer a Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) Degree in order to meet the strong demand for physical therapists across the state of Utah, a state with only two existing DPT programs (only one at a state-funded institution). The funding would be used to support personnel, operational, and other costs associated with initiating and maintaining the program.

3. Center for American Rights & Freedom

To establish a center to provide research, teaching, and programming that is grounded in individual rights and freedom and honors people's right to constructively disagree.

4. Technical Education Equipment

Mini Excavator, Anatomoge, Front End Loader. Equipment is crucial to the core instructions for these technical programs. These equipment items allow these programs to instruct students using the latest technology, leading directly to employment opportunities.

5. Degree-Granting Equipment

Digital Technology Core: The Digital Technology Core (DTC) represents a strategic investment in education and research involving digital technology. The DTC will address a critical need expressed by faculty for enhanced resources, expertise, and infrastructure.

6. Custom Fit Program Expansion

USU-Eastern and Blanding have recently expanded non-credit offerings to meet industry needs in trucking, nursing assistant, dental assisting, facility maintenance, and surgical technology. The industries are willing to partially cover the training costs. Additional Custom Fit funding will allow supplementation of their support to help develop the needed workforce.

FY 2025-26 Operating Budget Requests: Weber State University¹

Priority	Item	One-Time	Ongoing	Total
1	Community College Tuition Rate	\$6,100,000	\$0	\$6,100,000
3	Extreme Environment Materials	\$0	\$450,000	\$450,000
Total		\$6,100,000	\$450,000	\$6,550,000

1. Community College Tuition Rate

The 2023 Community College Services in Utah Report by the National Center for Higher Education Management Systems (NCHEMS) recommended creating a three-tier tuition model for Utah. The biggest change to the current tuition model was the recommendation for a community college tuition rate inclusive of dual mission institutions. While implementing this model for the entire state may initially present financial challenges as significant state resources would need to be utilized to subsidize tuition rates, Weber State University is excited to move forward with a proposal to pilot such a program. Within the state, dual-mission institution tuition rates for associate degrees in Utah are not competitive with in-state or national community college tuition rates. Weber State's goal is to pilot a community college tuition rate for freshman and sophomore students (those students with 59 or fewer hours) to increase affordability for students and access to higher education. For this pilot, we request \$6.1 million in state funds to be able to subsidize those enrolled in their freshman or sophomore credits as degree-seeking students without increasing the costs for other students during the pilot phase.

3. Extreme Environment Materials

Support the joint WSU/USU M.S. degree and stackable undergraduate degrees to educate students in the design and manufacturing of materials for extreme environments such as hypersonic, nuclear, and highly corrosive environments by utilizing machine learning, additive manufacturing, composites, and thermal/chemical treatments. The National Science and Technology Council (NSTC) details this need.

FY 2025-26 Operating Budget Requests: Snow College¹

Priority	Item	One-Time	Ongoing	Total
2	Rural Scholarships	\$0	\$250,000	\$250,000
3	Technical Education Equipment	\$110,000	\$0	\$110,000
4	Technical Education CDL Instructor	\$0	\$95,000	\$95,000
5	Degree-Granting Equipment	\$128,200	\$0	\$128,200
Total		\$238,200	\$345,000	\$583,200

2. Rural Scholarships

This funding will be used to provide small one-year scholarships for students from rural high schools in order to help encourage students to enroll in postsecondary education.

3. Technical Education Equipment

CDL Truck and Trailer (two units, one for Richfield and one for Ephraim, \$40,000 for each unit), two trailers at \$15,000 per trailer.

4. Technical Education CDL Instructor

CDL was launched in the fall semester of 2024 in Delta as a lean and efficient incubated program with significant industry partnerships for adjuncts and basic equipment, one semi-truck owned by Snow College, and borrowed trailers from the industry. This program is in high demand. We have requested the instructor to teach the courses, but with the growth, we will need a coordinator.

5. Degree-Granting Equipment

Operations/Music/Public Safety/Student Affairs.

FY 2025-26 Operating Budget Requests: Utah Tech University¹

Priority	Item	One-Time	Ongoing	Total
2	Equipment - High Wage/High Demand Degrees (DG)	\$864,000	\$0	\$864,000

2. Degree-Granting Equipment - High Wage/High Demand Degrees

This request is to modernize our instructional equipment and scientific instruments for students who are mainly pursuing high-wage/high-demand STEM and clinical health sciences professions. About 90% of the funds will be used for equipment/instruments in engineering, biological science, biotechnology, chemistry/biochemistry, health sciences, and business management. The remaining 10% of funds are to modernize our instructional equipment in arts production and consumer sciences.

FY 2025-26 Operating Budget Requests: Utah Valley University¹

Priority	Item	One-Time	Ongoing	Total
1	Utah Lake Research & Nature Center	\$15,000,000	\$0	\$15,000,000

1. Utah Lake Research & Nature Center

In partnership with the Utah Lake Authority, Lindon City, and federal funding secured through earmarks, a Utah Lake Research and Nature Center to address some of the current challenges facing Utah Lake.

FY 2025-26 Operating Budget Requests: Salt Lake Community College¹

Priority	Item	One-Time	Ongoing	Total
2	Equipment - Radiation Tech Program Equipment (DG)	\$820,000	\$0	\$820,000

2. Degree-Granting Equipment - Radiation Tech Program Equipment

Radiological Technology Program Lab Equipment - \$820,000.

FY 2025-26 Operating Budget Requests: Utah System of Higher Education

Priority	Item	One-Time	Ongoing	Total
9	Talent Ready Utah Engineering & Computer Science Initiative – Remaining Request	\$0	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
10	Talent Ready Utah PRIME Expansion – Remaining Request	\$1,000,000	\$0	\$1,000,000
11	Cybersecurity Software & Tools – One-time to Ongoing	-\$3,000,000	\$3,000,000	\$0
12	Utah Academic Library Consortium	\$0	\$240,000	\$240,000
Total		-\$2,000,000	\$4,240,000	\$2,240,000

9. Talent Ready Utah Engineering & Computer Science Initiative

The Engineering Initiative aims to increase the number of engineering and computer science graduates of the Utah System of Higher Education and to stimulate critical technology occupations in the State.

10. Talent Ready Utah PRIME Expansion

The PRIME Scholarship is awarded to students who earn the TRANSFORM certificate granted by the Utah State Board of Education (USBE) after completing required concurrent enrollment (CE), career and technical education (CTE) coursework, or a youth apprenticeship in high school.

11. Cybersecurity Software & Tools

The USHE institutions will use the ongoing funds for critical cybersecurity tools to enhance the protection of sensitive data belonging to students, faculty, staff, and patients. This collective effort will strengthen the overall cybersecurity posture across the system.