

2020-2021 State Budget Priorities



Stony Brook
University

Increase Base Aid

The lack of an increase in base aid since 2009 plus recent state-negotiated salary increases are causing significant fiscal distress and an inability to meet academic, patient and research needs.

Increase Tuition Assistance Program (TAP)

TAP is pegged to tuition levels from 2010-11. Raising the annual TAP award will increase access and provide relief for institutions that currently must cover the TAP gap. SBU's TAP gap is nearly \$9M per year.

Add \$50M for Engineering Building

Engineering jobs are growing at an ever-rising pace in the region, and SBU is trying to meet demand. The University, which has seen a 75% surge in enrollment in the engineering and computer science fields, awards the highest number of such degrees in NYS. An updated engineering facility is necessary to meet demand and to enhance teaching and the key research areas of sustainable energy systems related to New York's new Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act, engineering-driven medicine, cybersecurity and artificial intelligence. \$25M in funding has already been secured for planning.

Critical Maintenance Funding

It is necessary to increase critical maintenance funding to 2012 levels (\$75M per year for SBU) and initiate a SUNY five-year CM plan so that campuses can effectively maintain safety, enhance energy efficiency and prevent performance failure.

Restore Hospital Operating Aid/Treat Teaching Hospitals Like Academic Campuses

Also essential is to restore \$78.6M in operating aid that was eliminated in the 2019 budget to New York's three teaching hospitals. Alternatively, teaching hospitals should be treated like academic campuses by not being charged capital debt service. In addition, each teaching hospital should receive \$50M in capital funding per year for four years with no capital debt service. By 2024, paying no debt service will free up enough funding to replace lost operating aid.

Support Stony Brook Cancer Center's Application to Become a National Cancer Institute (NCI)

Stony Brook Cancer Center is in its final phase of the application process to the NIH. \$2M is needed to complete research required in the application. NCI status will result in increased federal funding and quality cancer care access for Long Island cancer patients.

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