



CHANCELLOR'S 2026-27 APPROPRIATION REQUEST STATEMENT

Pennsylvania stands at a pivotal moment. We are growing in national recognition as a leader in artificial intelligence, energy innovation, and life sciences — sectors that will define the future of our commonwealth and global economy. The University of Pittsburgh is proud to contribute to this momentum, including through our strategic plan, the Plan for Pitt 2028. With input from our partners in Harrisburg, the plan is supporting our shared efforts to maximize opportunities and discoveries to elevate Pennsylvanians today and for years to come.

Pitt is also proud of our long-standing partnership with Pennsylvania, including our nearly \$7 billion in economic impact. We appreciate the work of the Performance-based Funding Council and the careful deliberations that produced its thoughtful recommendations, and the opportunity that this reliable and predictable funding process presents. However, we know that in order to strengthen and accelerate our shared momentum, we must keep pace with the evolving demand for talent — the next generation of doctors, engineers, data scientists, nurses, innovators and problem-solvers who will power Pennsylvania's future.

Central to this endeavor, as to our partnership, is the state-funded in-state tuition discount. The average Pennsylvania resident saves about \$21,000 per year compared to their out-of-state peers. The savings add up to \$84,000 over the course of a four-year undergraduate degree. Over 18,000 Pennsylvanians take advantage of this benefit each year — a number that continues to grow as we seek to provide a life-changing Pitt education to as many residents as possible. The in-state tuition discount is a great investment in the commonwealth's future.

Accordingly, so, too, is the University of Pittsburgh. Our graduates not only receive a world-class education and maintain the lowest student debt among our state-related peers, but also are in high demand. Within six months of graduation, an impressive 96% report being employed or pursuing advanced education. And, in any given year, about two-thirds of our graduates start their careers in Pennsylvania; nearly nine out of ten of our graduates who remain in the commonwealth stay in Western Pennsylvania. They go on to live and work in our communities, strengthening the commonwealth's economy and improving lives across Pennsylvania.

As you review the Commonwealth's priorities, we urge you to continue investing in what works: institutions that educate our future workforce, drive research and innovation, and strengthen Pennsylvania's economy.

We believe that the enclosed 2026-27 General Support appropriations request — a 3.7% increase over Fiscal Year 2026 that aligns with the rate of inflation for institutions of higher education — will allow Pitt to navigate this dynamic moment in higher education and continue our commitment to keeping a world-class education within reach for as many Pennsylvania families as possible.

Thank you for your consideration, and for your continued support for the University of Pittsburgh and higher education across the commonwealth.

With warm regards,
Joan Gabel

2026-27 APPROPRIATIONS REQUEST

The University of Pittsburgh requests the following amounts in our appropriation for the upcoming fiscal year:

Line Items	FY 2026-27 Budget Request (in thousands)
General Support <i>Allocated to Educational and General, Disadvantaged Students, and Services for Teens at Risk</i>	\$157,113
Federal Supplement:	
Disadvantaged Students	\$142
Services for Teens at Risk	\$171
Educational and General	\$54,297
Rural Education Outreach	\$4,128
Total Nonpreferred Appropriation Request	\$215,851
Academic Medical Center Funding* (through the Department of Human Services)	
School of Medicine*	\$7,176
Dental Clinic*	\$844
Western Psychiatric Institute and Clinic*	\$6,299
Center for Public Health Practice*	\$337
Total Academic Medical Center Funding	\$14,656
Grand TOTAL Request General Support and Academic Medical Center	\$230,507

* The Academic Medical Center funds are aggregated within the Department of Human Services budget and include matching federal Medicaid funds. The amounts listed are estimates pending confirmation from the Department of Human Services.