

FY 2019 APPROPRIATIONS ANALYSIS

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Department of Education

The final conference agreement funds the U.S. Department of Education (DoEd) at nearly \$71.5 billion. This represents a \$581 million increase above the fiscal year 2018 enacted level. The student financial aid programs within the DoEd provide 53% of the financial aid received by UF students, for a total of \$313.2 million in FY 2016-17.

Pell Grant

FY 2019:	\$24,475 million
FY 2018:	\$24,475 million
FY 2017:	\$22,475 million

The Federal Pell Grant Program provides need-based grants to low-income students. The Pell Grant Program is the largest federal source of college aid to students. More than 25 percent of the roughly 6,800 UF freshmen admitted in 2015 received Pell Grants. For the 2016-17FY, the University of Florida received 10,837 grants at a total of \$44,070,787. The University of Florida believes that financial factors should not deny any student the opportunity to attend UF and successfully pursue their degree objectives. Pell Grants are critical to this aim.

The final conference agreement set Pell Grant funding at level funding, but increased the maximum Pell Grant award by \$100 to \$6,195.

Graduate Assistance in Areas of National Need (GAANN)

FY 2019:	\$23 million
FY 2018:	\$23 million
FY 2017:	\$28 million

The federal GAANN program provides fellowships to financial needy graduate students in a field designated as an area of national need, creating a strong pipeline of talented experts who will help meet the demands of our 21st century workforce. GAANN supports fellowships to engage doctoral students in multidisciplinary, transformative experiences that will help them become leaders in research and education. In 2018, UF's Herbert Wertheim College of Engineering received a GAANN grant that supported fellowships of four domestic Ph.D. students.

The final conference agreement provided full funding for GAANN, and held funding at the same level as in the previous fiscal year. The President's budget request proposed eliminating funding for GAANN.

Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (SEOG)

FY 2019:	\$840 million
FY 2018:	\$840 million
FY 2017:	\$733 million

SEOG provides grants to need-based undergraduate students to assist with the financial cost of postsecondary education. For the 2016-17 fiscal year the University of Florida was awarded \$2,886,756 in SEOG funding. SEOG awards at UF generally range from \$100 to \$2,000 per year.

The final conference agreement provided full funding for SEOG, and held funding at the same level as in the previous fiscal year. The President's budget request proposed eliminating funding for SEOG.

Federal Work Study (FWS)

FY 2019: \$1,130 million
FY 2018: \$1,130 million
FY 2017: \$990 million

The FWS program provides need-based students with part-time employment to help meet college costs and, if possible, provide work experience in a related field. At the University of Florida, the FWS program provides essential financial aid to vulnerable students. In FY16-17, UF was awarded 1,084 FWS awards totaling \$2,065,245. UF supports the Federal Work Study, as it is an essential part of a financial aid package and a strong alternative to additional loan debt.

The final conference agreement provided full funding for FWS, and held funding at the same level as in the previous fiscal year. The President's budget request proposed cutting the budget for FWS by more than half for FY 2019.

TRIO Programs

FY 2019: \$1,060 million
FY 2018: \$1,010 million
FY 2017: \$ 950 million

TRIO programs help low-income, first generation, and disabled students prepare for, enter, and graduate from college. TRIO programs serve nearly 800,000 students with over 2,800 programs nationally. UF is among the 187 institutions that received Ronald E. McNair Post-baccalaureate Achievement Program awards in the most recent grant competition administered within the TRIO program. For the 2017-18 project year, the University of Florida had 25 participants receiving \$232,265 in funding through TRIO.

The final conference agreement provided a \$50 million increase in funding for the TRIO programs over FY 2018 levels. In addition the conference committee joint statement expressed concern over Department of Education (DoEd) funding allocations and grant requirements, and directs the DoEd to provide more information on how funds are awarded. The President's budget request proposed consolidating the TRIO and GEAR-UP programs and significantly cut their overall funding.

International Education Programs (Title VI)

FY 2019: \$72 million
Domestic Programs (HEA-Title VI), \$65.103 million
Overseas Programs (Fulbright-Hays), \$7.061million
FY 2018: \$72 million
FY 2017: \$72 million

Title VI programs offer grants to institutions of higher education to develop and strengthen the capacity for global studies and world languages. Funding for Title VI programming allows UF to educate students, advance research, and promote business opportunities within these world regions. Title VI funding also supports UF's strategic goal of internationalizing the campus and curriculum, and strengthens Florida's economic competitiveness. Title IV funding supports the three UF international centers: Center for Latin American Studies, Center for African Studies, and Center for European Studies. For the 2017-18 academic year UF was awarded 4 Fulbright Scholarships. UF has been awarded 62 Fulbright scholarships since the 2010-2011 academic year

The final conference agreement provided full funding for Title IV international programs, and held funding flat at the same level as in the previous fiscal year. The President's budget request proposed eliminating all funding for Title IV.

Institute of Education Sciences (IES)

FY 2019: \$615 million

FY 2018: \$613 million

FY 2017: \$605 million

IES is the statistics, research, and evaluation arm of the U.S. Department of Education. IES funding supports evidence-based practices that strengthen teaching and learning, and information that is used to measure the effectiveness of educational reforms. IES funding supports UF efforts to improve elementary and secondary schools and meet the special needs of students. Since 2006, UF has received \$41.3 million in IES funding.

The final conference agreement provided full funding for IES at \$615 million, a \$2 million increase over FY2018. Within this total, congress set aside \$6 million of IES funds to support activities to improve data system coordination. The President's budget request proposed a 14% reduction in IES funding through elimination of support for regional education laboratories and statewide longitudinal data systems.