



UNIVERSITY
OF ILLINOIS
SYSTEM

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS SYSTEM DAY IN DC 2023

The University of Illinois System is a powerhouse for education, research, discovery and economic development. The federal government is a key partner in these efforts.

As the Fiscal Year 2024 appropriations process gets underway, we urge Congress to:

1. Enhance higher ed affordability and access by boosting Pell Grant funding.
2. Increase federal support for research and innovation.

BOOSTING PELL GRANT FUNDING

- The U of I System is committed to providing Illinois students a world-class education at a reasonable cost. We provide significant institutional aid to undergraduate students—\$277 million this year—a figure that has roughly doubled over the past 11 years.
- Pell Grants also play a crucial role in allowing low- and middle-income students to attend college. In Academic Year 2021-22, nearly 21,500 U of I System students received \$105.8 million in Pell Grants.
- The U of I System supports #DoublePell, a national campaign to increase the maximum Pell award to \$13,000.

INCREASING FEDERAL SUPPORT FOR RESEARCH AND INNOVATION

- With over \$600 million a year in federal research expenditures, the U of I System is driving innovation and discovery. From a safer and more effective shingles vaccine, to Mosaic—the first graphical Internet browser—U of I System researchers and students transform lives.
- UIUC routinely leads the nation in National Science Foundation grant awards, and UIC is a top recipient of funding from the National Institutes of Health.
- The CHIPS and Science Act, enacted last year, took important steps to boost federal R&D. Now, Congress should build on those efforts by providing the agency funding that was authorized in CHIPS.

52%

OF ALL STUDENTS ATTENDING ILLINOIS
PUBLIC UNIVERSITIES ARE ENROLLED
IN U OF I SYSTEM UNIVERSITIES

1 IN 46

ILLINOIS JOBS IS CONNECTED
TO THE U OF I SYSTEM

77%

GRADUATION RATE FOR THE SYSTEM
COMPARED TO THE NATIONAL
AVERAGE OF 64%

94,000+

STUDENTS EDUCATED
ANNUALLY

\$19B

YEARLY CONTRIBUTION TO
THE ILLINOIS ECONOMY

79%

OF UNDERGRADS
ARE ILLINOIS
RESIDENTS

88%

FIRST-YEAR
RETENTION
RATE

\$1.8B+

IN ANNUAL
STUDENT AID
AWARDED

\$1,090,000,000

TOTAL RESEARCH PORTFOLIO

TOP 25

REUTERS MOST
INNOVATIVE
UNIVERSITIES



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