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University-wide Program Descriptions

Introduction

The annual State Budget appropriation bill for The State University of New York (SUNY) separately identifies and includes support for several “University-wide Programs”. These programs typically pertain to multiple campuses, although some programs are directed to a single campus. A small number of programs are administrated directly by System Administration. Campus allocations from the multi-campus programs are distributed separately from the budget allocation process, in a manner most appropriate for each program and consistent with legislative intent.

The descriptions provided below are presented in the same order as appropriated in the annual State Budget Bills and are prepared by the individual programs themselves. Questions related to these programs should be directed to Mark Mulligan at mark.mulligan@suny.edu.

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Empire State Diversity Honors Scholarship Program (ESDHSP): \$621,900

Consistent with SUNY’s commitment to academic excellence, diversity, equity, and inclusion, the Empire State Diversity Honors Scholarship Program provides financial assistance to those students who have attained an academic record that qualifies them for admission into a campus honors program and who are from historically underrepresented and economically disadvantaged communities. Funding is allocated based on the student’s full-time enrollment and all awards are subject to a Campus match of equal amount. The program is coordinated by SUNY’s Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion.

Maritime Scholarships (Maritime College Cadet Appointment Program): \$239,600

The Maritime College Cadet Appointment Program is a state-funded tuition scholarship program for New York residents attending SUNY Maritime. Eligible students must be nominated by a state legislator and meet Maritime’s general admissions requirements. Nominations are limited to five each for the Governor, Majority Leader of the Senate and Speaker of the Assembly, two for each member of the Senate, and one for each member of the Assembly.

Student Loans - Campus-based Aid Programs: \$3,114,100

The US Department of Education (DOE) and the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) mandate that to participate in certain Title IV and Title VII and Title VIII Student Financial Aid programs, each campus must contribute a portion of their own funds to these programs. The University-wide state budget allocation for the federal aid programs is used to assist campuses in meeting the required institutional contribution.

State University Student Tuition Assistance (SUSTA): \$1,570,700

The purpose of the SUSTA program is to make payment of financial assistance to certain categories of regularly enrolled full-time students at State-operated institutions of the State University of New York. Funds are directed to eligible students, as determined by the campus, who meet income eligibility requirements, and are otherwise eligible for the New York State Tuition Assistance Program (TAP).

Graduate Diversity Fellowship Program (GDFP): \$6,639,300

SUNY’s Graduate Diversity Fellowship Program provides tuition and stipend support to academically promising students who contribute to diversity and who have overcome an economic or other disadvantage to pursue graduate higher education and professional study in New York State. The program is coordinated by SUNY’s Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

Services to Students with Disabilities: \$544,100

Funding is primarily allocated to support services for students with disabilities at SUNY State-operated campuses. Funds are used to provide such items as interpreter services, note taking services, adaptive equipment, specialized software, and specifically qualified staff. These services improve campus compliance with both the Rehabilitation Act and the Americans with Disabilities Act and advance the University’s goal of being the most inclusive system of public higher education in the country.

Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion/State University of New York Hispanic Leadership Institute (ODEI): \$1,141,400

Established in August 2007, ODEI was created to foster inclusion, promote diversity, and advance opportunities for scholarship and academic excellence for all segments of SUNY. ODEI works collaboratively to provide a “diversity perspective” on a wide range of policies, initiatives and programs that promote equity, social justice, and inclusion. This funding also supports the SUNY Hispanic Leadership Institute, which helps to identify, foster, and support the development and retention of current and emerging Hispanic leaders for an increasingly diverse university system and nation.

Native American Program: \$215,200

This program supports the recruitment, retention and graduation of Native American students and the preparation and recruitment of Native American teachers and faculty members by funding activities and services such as community engagement, student development, counseling, networking, cultural events, and academic support.

Faculty Diversity Program (FDP): \$422,000

This program provides salary support to SUNY campuses to recruit faculty who will create new synergies between academic excellence and diversity. The program advances diversity by encouraging the recruitment, retention, and promotion of outstanding scholars from different backgrounds, including individuals from groups who have historically been underrepresented in higher education.

Educational Opportunity Program (Office of Opportunity Programs (EOP)): \$38,604,000

Signed into law in 1967, EOP serves as the University’s primary access vehicle for economically and academically disadvantaged New York State residents who want to attend SUNY. Students receive a wide range of services including academic advisement, tutoring, counseling, skill development workshops, mentoring and supplemental instruction.

University Center for Academic and Workforce Development (UCAWD) including Educational Opportunity Centers (EOC), Advanced Technology Training and Information Networking (ATTAIN): \$66,036,300

The SUNY University Center for Academic and Workforce Development (UCAWD) administers the system of Educational Opportunity Centers (EOC) and the Advanced Technology Training and Information Networking (ATTAIN) lab project.

The EOC system is comprised of ten EOCs and two Outreach Centers located in major urban centers in 14 sites statewide that provide innovative academic programs leading to higher education, and career training programs leading to gainful employment.

ATTAIN is a network of educational technology labs housed in EOCs, community-based organizations and in housing authorities, located in 35 sites statewide. ATTAIN labs provide underserved and economically challenged communities with access to comprehensive information technology training including self-paced occupational, academic, language acquisition, life skills and self-development courses. Participants also have the ability to earn no-cost Microsoft industry recognized certifications that are designed to enhance employability.

Empire Innovation Program: \$9,497,400

The Empire Innovation Program was established in 2006/07 to help SUNY campuses in recruiting and retaining world-class, highly productive research faculty. The funds are used to provide start-up, retention funding packages, and seed funds that enable faculty to compete for external research funding and contribute to the economic growth of the State of New York through innovations, technology commercialization, and entrepreneurial activities. Most importantly, Empire Innovation Program drives research advances and innovations that hold the promise for significant societal and economic benefits in many areas including, Artificial Intelligence, Next-Generation Computing, Clean Energy, Healthcare, and Environmental Medicine.

Strategic Partnership for Industrial Resurgence (SPIR): \$1,747,400

SPIR brings together SUNY engineering programs at Binghamton, Buffalo, Stony Brook, and Albany. The program provides advanced technology assistance, primarily in engineering disciplines, across industry sectors, spanning the product life cycle from new product research and development (R&D) to testing and evaluation, failure analysis and manufacturing process improvement. SPIR projects apply the resources of SUNY engineering faculty, graduate students who are degreed professional engineers, and talented undergraduates, accessing more than one billion dollars' worth of specialized campus R&D facilities, to the needs of New York companies of any size at any stage of growth.

Energy Smart NY and Healthier NY Programs: \$279,300

Healthier NY funding supports collaborative health initiatives across the University, through collaborative statewide programs including the Right Professionals in the Right Places initiatives (RP2) and Tobacco-Free SUNY. The RP2 program is instrumental to the University's support of the Medicaid Waiver (DSRIP) health workforce activities, which includes applied learning initiatives in rural health and planning/implementation guides to support SUNY schools in responding to DSRIP health workforce needs.

Energy Smart NY funding supports collaborative efforts for improvements in energy management, implementation of renewable energy projects and partnership with energy research. The Energy Smart program is actively involved in implementation of NY Energy Manager and Build Smart NY initiatives while working toward the SUNY and State energy savings goals of 30 percent and 20 percent respectively and advancing SUNY carbon reduction through renewable energy and net zero building design.

Rockefeller Institute of Government: \$1,826,200

The Nelson A. Rockefeller Institute of Government, founded in 1981, provides independent research on state and local governments throughout America, and is the public policy research arm of SUNY. Its mission is to extend and strengthen the influence of objective, rigorous evidence in government decisions and civic discussions. Much of the Institute's work focuses on fiscal, education, health, and social policies as well as state and local government reforms and improvements in the U.S. system of federalism. The Institute disseminates its research findings through publications, its website, social media, and its public events; it also conducts education programs for state and local officials.

SUNY Polytechnic Institute's College of Nanoscale Sciences and Engineering: \$1,928,600

SUNY Polytechnic Institute's College of Nanoscale Science and Engineering (CNSE) is the first college in the world dedicated to education, research, development, and deployment in the emerging disciplines of nanoscale science, nanoscale engineering, and nanoscale bioscience. CNSE takes a unique, immersive approach to

education, enabling the pursuit of scientific, technical, or professional careers in emerging nanotechnology-focused fields, or competitive graduate degrees in current and emerging nanoscale science or nanoscale engineering, biotechnology and related fields, traditional engineering fields, and other physical sciences such as materials science, physics, and chemistry. Through on-site industrial internships and academic research experiences at the world-class Albany Nano Tech Complex, students gain knowledge of cutting-edge technologies and learn the critical skills and techniques necessary to achieve lasting success in the dynamic worlds of nanoscience, nanoengineering, or nano-bioscience.

Sea Grant Institute at Stony Brook: \$411,800

New York Sea Grant (NYSG) is a cooperative program of SUNY, Cornell University, and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). One of 33 state Sea Grant programs nation-wide, NYSG utilizes the combined talents of university scientists and extension specialists to generate and transfer science-based information to many coastal user groups--businesses and industries, federal, state, and local government decision-makers and agency managers, educators, the media, and the interested public. NYSG is headquartered at Stony Brook University; its Extension Program is administered through contract at Cornell by Cornell Cooperative Extension. Sea Grant funding is provided to Stony Brook to partially support the administrative, communications, and outreach functions of the NYSG Program

New York Cord Blood Bank at Upstate: \$205,600

Upstate Medical University operates the Upstate Cord Blood Bank – a unique not-for-profit hybrid public and family banking center that collects, processes, tests, and stores umbilical cord blood from families throughout Central New York State. These resources are used by those in need of life-saving cord blood transplants, regenerative medicine applications, and basic and clinical research.

High Needs Economic and Public Health Programs: \$3,164,300

The High Needs Grant Program supports the creation or expansion of degree programs of State-operated colleges that connect directly to high needs fields such as Advanced Manufacturing, Engineering, Information Technology, Data Science, and Healthcare and Health Services. Many of these programs require significant resources to operate, with start-up and expansion requiring particularly substantial investment (e.g., program development, equipment, faculty recruitment, and accreditation).

High Needs Nursing Program: \$1,663,600

All SUNY campuses with nursing programs—more than 70 accredited—are eligible to submit proposals for one-time grants of up to \$250,000 from the SUNY Nursing Emergency Training Fund. Funding can be used to offset the initial cost of hiring instructors, expand clinical positions and training space, and purchase instructional equipment and technology.

Small Business Development Centers (SBDC): \$2,673,200

SUNY, through its higher education partnerships with the City University of New York (CUNY) and private higher education institutions, administers the New York State Small Business Development Center (SBDC). An accredited network of 22 Regional Centers and over 70 community Outreach Offices. The SBDC mission is to provide customized business solutions through advisement, education, research and advocacy for Entrepreneurs, Innovators and the Small & Medium-sized Enterprise community. SUNY, New York State, the U.S. SBA, and the

private sector join together to support the SBDC assistance to entrepreneurs helping create economic sustainability.

Matching sponsorship of the SBDC network is provided by the U.S. Small Business Administration, which leverages approximately one-half of the cost of the program from non-federal resources. The SBDC network has provided one-to-one technical assistance to entrepreneurs and small business owners. Training in topical interest areas adds small businesses and entrepreneurs to the “reach” into every community of the State. Priority is given to Technology assistance, disaster recovery, Start-Up NY in campus locations, manufacturers, youth entrepreneurs, online business education, International Trade, Veterans, procurement, and bonding assistance to MWBE firms.

International Education Programs (SUNY & the World/Office of Global Affairs): \$1,800,000

The Office of Global Affairs oversees the University's international activities including working with campuses to provide coordination and oversight of study abroad programs as well as overseas credit-bearing activity; maintaining and advancing comprehensive campus internationalization including faculty and student exchanges; support in specific locations through in-country offices in Mexico, Turkey, and Russia, and coordinating international student and scholar services

Faculty, Staff, & Student Development for State-operated Campuses and Community Colleges (SUNY SAIL Institute): \$360,400

Serving executives, administrators, faculty, trustees, and students in SUNY's 64 colleges and universities, as well as public and private colleges and college systems across the US and Canada. SUNY's Strategic, Academic, and Innovative Leadership (SAIL) Institute offers comprehensive programming that assesses leadership ability at the personal and organizational levels, provides targeted educational opportunities for developing leadership skills, and engages in research and analysis of critical issues facing higher education.

Computer Technology (Innovative Instruction & Academic Excellence): \$1,607,700

The Innovative Instruction & Academic Excellence program supports continuous improvement in the quality and effectiveness of instruction fully recognizing that learning has evolved to include new instructional models and a diverse blend of programs and services. A portion of this funding is set aside each year to support the Innovative Instruction Technology Grant (IITG) program. Through a competitive, peer-reviewed process, campuses can apply for IITG funds to carry out projects that demonstrate, communicate and/or replicate innovative instructional models empowered or enabled by new technologies.

Education Pipeline: \$435,600

This funding supports services and expenses to improve the education pipeline including the Cradle to Career program and the SUNY Urban Teacher Education Center (SUTEC) in New York City.

Launched in 2013, the New York State Cradle to Career Alliance serves as a central support system for regional education networks across the state comprised of academic, business, and community partners who have signed on to strengthen the educational continuum in their respective communities.

SUTEC's primary mission is to assist the 17 SUNY campuses¹ that offer teacher preparation programs in the placement of teacher candidates in New York City public schools. These experiences will prepare prospective teachers to become competent and confident professionals in urban, multicultural environments.

Academic Equipment Replacement: \$4,373,200

The \$4.4M Academic Equipment Replacement program is a direct state tax supported University-wide program. These funds are used to support the 29 State-operated campuses for the purchase, upgrade, or major repair of equipment directly used in academic instruction.

Child Care Centers: \$1,567,800

SUNY Childcare centers provide quality care for approximately 5,000 children at 46 centers and one referral service across the state. Twenty-two of these centers are located on State-operated campuses and 25 at the Community Colleges. SUNY also has one referral program. All SUNY centers are licensed by the NYS Office of Children and Family Services (except for one center licensed by the NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene). 62 percent of SUNY childcare centers are accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children, the nation's highest standard of quality for early care and education programs.

Community College Employee Tuition Reimbursement: \$116,700

Under this program, employees of SUNY's Community Colleges are eligible for partial or full tuition waivers when attending a SUNY State-operated institution.

Teacher Education and Support: \$2,050,000

SUNY provides financial and system-level administrative support to campuses with teacher and leader preparation programs so that they may offer stipends or tuition vouchers to faculty or administrators who assist in the preparation of teachers and leaders within P-12 settings.

University Computer Center (Office of Information Technology): \$4,764,400

The Office of Information Technology's (OIT) primary responsibility is to create, implement, execute, and maintain shared technical solutions for the University (State-operated campuses, Community Colleges and University-wide Programs like Student Information and Campus Administrative Systems (SICAS) and Information Technology Exchange Center (ITEC)). Supported computer systems include University-wide accounting, procurement, human resources, enrollment management, academic affairs, federated security, and data warehousing, reporting/business intelligence and shared student services (e.g., University-wide Degree Planning and Application Processing). OIT serves as the data gateway to all outside agencies at the State and Federal levels.

The office also provides support for System Administration, including electronic mail, calendar, scheduling, file sharing, security, desktop computing and Internet access within a local area network environment. It also serves as the primary contact and negotiator for all University-wide IT contracts

¹ Albany, Binghamton, Buffalo, Stony Brook, Brockport, Buffalo State, Cortland, Empire State, Fredonia, Geneseo, New Paltz, Old Westbury, Oneonta, Oswego, Plattsburgh, Plattsburgh (ACC), and Potsdam

Educational Technology & Library Services (ETLS): \$5,081,600

The Educational Technology & Library Services (ETLS) program helps to support the systemic infrastructure required to ensure that the University is not only keeping pace with technological advances impacting the academy but leveraging resources to cost effectively capture opportunities and implement solutions in collaboration with the campuses. Currently, ETLS focuses on services and support for on-line learning through SUNY Online, professional development opportunities in the ETLS arena for SUNY faculty and staff through the Center for Professional Development, the automation of libraries and expansion of electronic collections available in SUNY libraries through the Office of Library and Information Services.

University-wide Student Governance (Student Assembly): \$57,100

The Board of Trustees, in 1974, created the SUNY Student Assembly within the Board of Trustees Policy to serve as a forum for consultation and the exchange of information between University students, the chancellor, and the University Board of Trustees on matters of a University-wide nature which affect student concerns; a procedure for electing the student member of the University Board of Trustees; and a communication network for campus student government leaders. Funds are used for members to achieve that mission via state-wide conferences and regional meetings.

Library Conservation Program: \$350,000

This program is administered under legislative authority granted to the State Education Department (SED) and is designed to preserve materials found in the State's Research Libraries. The appropriation is equally distributed to each of the four university centers, per the enabling statute.

Charter Schools Administration (Charter Schools Institute): \$848,600

The Charter Schools Institute was established in February 1999 by the Board of Trustees to assist in the administration of the Trustees responsibilities under the New York State Charter Schools Act of 1998 (Article 56 of the New York Education Law). These responsibilities include evaluating initial applications of charter schools; ongoing oversight and evaluation of operating schools; conducting a comprehensive evaluation and recommendation of charter school renewal applications; reporting to the school and the public on each school's performance and progress, and the administration of the Charter Schools State Stimulus Fund grant program. The Institute's staff has become recognized as a national leader in the public charter school movement, providing extensive experience in charter schools and all aspects of public education, including curriculum, school operations, accountability, governance, fiscal oversight, and program development.

Multimedia Services: \$118,500

The Office of Communications supports university and campus goals by effectively, efficiently, and creatively telling SUNY's story to the world. By staying up to date with current trends in both technology and higher education. The office works to position SUNY as a leading university on every digital platform.

Cornell Veterinary College: \$500,000

The funds are used to hire and maintain the teaching faculty levels necessary to meet the higher enrollment requirements without compromising the College of Veterinary Medicine's standard of quality

Staffing & Research Faculty at SUNY Polytechnic Institute (Utica site): \$500,000

SUNY Poly is New York's globally recognized, high-tech educational ecosystem. SUNY Poly offers undergraduate and graduate degrees in the emerging disciplines of nanoscience and nanoengineering, as well as cutting-edge Nano bioscience programs at its Albany campus, and undergraduate and graduate degrees in technology, including engineering, cybersecurity, computer science, and the engineering technologies; professional studies, including business, communication, and nursing; and arts and sciences, including natural sciences, mathematics, humanities, and social sciences at its Utica campus; thriving athletic, recreational, and cultural programs, events, and activities complement the campus experience. As the world's most advanced, university-driven research enterprise, SUNY Poly boasts billions of dollars in high-tech investments and hundreds of corporate partners since its inception.

Center for Women in Government: \$100,000

The Center for Women in Government & Civil Society (CWGCS) is a premiere academic research and education center with a social change agenda. The Center expands opportunities and creates possibilities for women and their families. The Immigration Index seeks to deepen the understanding of the moderating effects of nativity status, race/ethnicity, and gender in shaping the economic outcomes of foreign-born New York State residents.

Mental Health Services: \$1,000,000

Mental health well-being is an increasing issue on University Campuses nationwide. This funding supports the SUNY Student Tele-Counseling Network which leverages the expertise of SUNY's Academic Medical Centers to offer psychiatry services to SUNY students delivered by secured Web-based videoconferencing.

UB School of Law Family Violence & Women's Rights Clinic: \$50,000

In the Family Violence and Women's Rights Clinic (FVWR), students are invited to join the fight towards attaining justice and safety for victims of intimate partner violence. Serving the unmet needs of local survivors of domestic violence in Western New York, the Family Violence & Women's Right Clinic seeks to fill the gap to ensure victims of violence receive the proper legal representation needed in many areas of the law, including family offense petitions, child support, custody, and visitation cases.