

(p) \$475,000 in fiscal year 2024 is to develop a transparent pathway for current child development associate credential holders to be awarded academic credit that aligns with related academic certificate, diploma, and degree programs. Money must be used to develop curriculum at eight colleges and universities, develop training and advising tools for those institutions, and form a statewide advisory committee to advise the project development.

(q) The total operations and maintenance base for fiscal year 2026 is \$833,227,000 and for fiscal year 2027 and later is \$833,238,000.

Subd. 4. Learning Network of Minnesota 4,115,000 4,115,000

Sec. 4. BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

Subdivision 1. Total Appropriation **\$ 759,153,000 \$ 748,889,000**

Appropriations by Fund

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>
<u>General</u>	<u>756,996,000</u>	<u>746,732,000</u>
<u>Health Care Access</u>	<u>2,157,000</u>	<u>2,157,000</u>

The amounts that may be spent for each purpose are specified in the following subdivisions.

Subd. 2. Operations and Maintenance 686,558,000 676,294,000

(a) \$15,000,000 in fiscal year 2024 and \$15,000,000 in fiscal year 2025 are to: (1) increase the medical school's research capacity; (2) improve the medical school's ranking in National Institutes of Health funding; (3) ensure the medical school's national prominence by attracting and retaining world-class faculty, staff, and students; (4) invest in physician training programs in rural and underserved communities; and (5) translate the medical school's research discoveries into new treatments and cures to improve the health of Minnesotans.

(b) \$7,800,000 in fiscal year 2024 and \$7,800,000 in fiscal year 2025 are for health training restoration. This appropriation must be used to support all of the

following: (1) faculty physicians who teach at eight residency program sites, including medical resident and student training programs in the Department of Family Medicine; (2) the Mobile Dental Clinic; and (3) expansion of geriatric education and family programs.

(c) \$4,000,000 in fiscal year 2024 and \$4,000,000 in fiscal year 2025 are for the Minnesota Discovery, Research, and InnoVation Economy funding program for cancer care research.

(d) \$500,000 in fiscal year 2024 and \$500,000 in fiscal year 2025 are for the University of Minnesota, Morris branch, to cover the costs of tuition waivers under Minnesota Statutes, section 137.16.

(e) \$5,000,000 in fiscal year 2024 and \$5,000,000 in fiscal year 2025 are for systemwide safety and security measures on University of Minnesota campuses. The base amount for this appropriation is \$1,000,000 in fiscal year 2026 and later.

(f) \$366,000 in fiscal year 2024 and \$366,000 in fiscal year 2025 are for unemployment insurance aid under Minnesota Statutes, section 268.193.

(g) \$10,000,000 the first year is for programs at the University of Minnesota Medical School Campus on the CentraCare Health System Campus in St. Cloud. This appropriation may be used for tuition support, a residency program, a rural health research program, a program to target scholarships to students from diverse backgrounds, and a scholarship program targeted at students who will practice in rural areas. This appropriation is available until June 30, 2027, and must be spent on the CentraCare Health System Campus in the greater St. Cloud area. This is a onetime appropriation.

(h) \$374,000 the first year and \$110,000 the second year are to pay the cost of supplies and equipment necessary to provide access to menstrual products for purposes of article 2, section 2.

(i) The total operations and maintenance base for fiscal year 2026 and later is \$672,294,000.

Subd. 3. Primary Care Education Initiatives

2,157,000

2,157,000

This appropriation is from the health care access fund.

Subd. 4. **Special Appropriations**

(a) **Agriculture and Extension Service**

42,922,000

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For the Agricultural Experiment Station and the Minnesota Extension Service:

(1) the agricultural experiment stations and Minnesota Extension Service must convene agricultural advisory groups to focus research, education, and extension activities on producer needs and implement an outreach strategy that more effectively and rapidly transfers research results and best practices to producers throughout the state;

(2) this appropriation includes funding for research and outreach on the production of renewable energy from Minnesota biomass resources, including agronomic crops, plant and animal wastes, and native plants or trees. The following areas should be prioritized and carried out in consultation with Minnesota producers, renewable energy, and bioenergy organizations:

(i) biofuel and other energy production from perennial crops, small grains, row crops, and forestry products in conjunction with the Natural Resources Research Institute (NRRI);

(ii) alternative bioenergy crops and cropping systems; and

(iii) biofuel coproducts used for livestock feed;

(3) this appropriation includes funding for the College of Food, Agricultural, and Natural Resources Sciences to establish and provide leadership for organic agronomic, horticultural, livestock, and food systems research, education, and outreach and for the purchase of state-of-the-art laboratory, planting, tilling, harvesting, and processing equipment necessary for this project;

(4) this appropriation includes funding for research efforts that demonstrate a renewed emphasis on the needs of the state's agriculture community. The following areas should be prioritized and carried out in consultation with Minnesota farm organizations:

(i) vegetable crop research with priority for extending the Minnesota vegetable growing season;

(ii) fertilizer and soil fertility research and development;

(iii) soil, groundwater, and surface water conservation practices and contaminant reduction research;

(iv) discovering and developing plant varieties that use nutrients more efficiently;

(v) breeding and development of turf seed and other biomass resources in all three Minnesota biomes;

(vi) development of new disease-resistant and pest-resistant varieties of turf and agronomic crops;

(vii) utilizing plant and livestock cells to treat and cure human diseases;

(viii) the development of dairy coproducts;

(ix) a rapid agricultural response fund for current or emerging animal, plant, and insect problems affecting production or food safety;

(x) crop pest and animal disease research;

(xi) developing animal agriculture that is capable of sustainably feeding the world;

(xii) consumer food safety education and outreach;

(xiii) programs to meet the research and outreach needs of organic livestock and crop farmers; and

(xiv) alternative bioenergy crops and cropping systems; and growing, harvesting, and transporting biomass plant material; and

(5) by February 1, 2025, the Board of Regents must submit a report to the legislative committees and divisions with jurisdiction over agriculture and higher education finance on the status and outcomes of research and initiatives funded in this paragraph.

(b) Health Sciences

9,204,000

9,204,000

\$346,000 each year is to support up to 12 resident physicians in the St. Cloud Hospital family practice residency program. The program must prepare doctors to practice primary care medicine in rural areas of the

state. The legislature intends this program to improve health care in rural communities, provide affordable access to appropriate medical care, and manage the treatment of patients in a more cost-effective manner. The remainder of this appropriation is for the rural physicians associates program; the Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory; health sciences research; dental care; the Biomedical Engineering Center; and the collaborative partnership between the University of Minnesota and Mayo Clinic for regenerative medicine, research, clinical translation, and commercialization.

(c) College of Science and Engineering 1,140,000 1,140,000

For the geological survey and the talented youth mathematics program.

(d) System Special 9,181,000 9,181,000

(1) For general research, the Labor Education Service, Natural Resources Research Institute, Center for Urban and Regional Affairs, Bell Museum of Natural History, and the Humphrey exhibit. The base for this appropriation is \$7,181,000 for fiscal year 2026 and each year thereafter.

(2) \$4,000,000 in fiscal year 2024 and \$4,000,000 in fiscal year 2025 are for the Natural Resources Research Institute to invest in applied research in natural resource stewardship and economic development to attract and retain top talent; provide matching funds for federal grants; upgrade facilities, equipment, and training; and expand entrepreneurial support and outreach efforts. The base for this appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and each year thereafter is \$2,000,000. This appropriation is available until June 30, 2027.

(e) University of Minnesota and Mayo Foundation Partnership 7,991,000 7,991,000

This appropriation is for the following activities:

(1) \$7,491,000 in fiscal year 2024 and \$7,491,000 in fiscal year 2025 are for the direct and indirect expenses of the collaborative research partnership between the University of Minnesota and the Mayo Foundation for research in biotechnology and medical genomics. An annual report on the expenditure of these funds must be submitted to the governor and the chairs of the

legislative committees responsible for higher education finance by June 30 of each fiscal year.

(2) \$500,000 in fiscal year 2024 and \$500,000 in fiscal year 2025 are to award competitive grants to conduct research into the prevention, treatment, causes, and cures of Alzheimer's disease and other dementias.

Subd. 5. Academic Health Center

The appropriation for Academic Health Center funding under Minnesota Statutes, section 297F.10, is estimated to be \$22,250,000 each year.

Sec. 5. MAYO CLINIC

Subdivision 1. <u>Total Appropriation</u>	\$	<u>1,799,000</u>	\$	<u>1,799,000</u>
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The amounts that may be spent are specified in the following subdivisions.

Subd. 2. <u>Medical School</u>		<u>665,000</u>		<u>665,000</u>
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The state must pay a capitation each year for each student who is a resident of Minnesota. The appropriation may be transferred between each year of the biennium to accommodate enrollment fluctuations. It is intended that during the biennium the Mayo Clinic use the capitation money to increase the number of doctors practicing in rural areas in need of doctors.

Subd. 3. <u>Family Practice and Graduate Residency Program</u>		<u>1,134,000</u>		<u>1,134,000</u>
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The state must pay stipend support for up to 42 residents each year.

ARTICLE 2

HIGHER EDUCATION PROVISIONS

Section 1. [135A.121] AMERICAN INDIAN SCHOLARS.

Subdivision 1. **Establishment.** The American Indian Scholars program is established to provide a first-dollar tuition and fee free pathway for eligible Minnesota American Indian students to complete an undergraduate education.

Subd. 2. **Eligibility.** To be eligible each year for the program a student must: