



2019 Federal Priorities

In 2019, the U of I System is partnering with Congress to support students, higher education, and economic growth. Our federal priorities include:

Providing robust funding for research

The U of I System urges Congress to increase support for federal agencies and accounts that fund vital research, and raise the Budget Control Act caps on discretionary spending.

Enhancing higher education affordability and access

As Congress considers reauthorizing the Higher Education Act, we urge support for proposals to simplify loan repayment options and maintain financial aid opportunities for students.

Ensuring safe and welcoming campuses

The federal government should support efforts to prevent sexual misconduct on campuses, and preserve protections under Title IX.

Making the immigration system more fair and effective

The federal government should enact the DREAM Act and expand visa and citizenship opportunities for STEM graduates.

Promoting innovation and economic growth

The federal government can address real-world problems and spur economic growth by supporting the U of I-led Discovery Partners Institute (DPI) and Illinois Innovation Network.

Maintaining access to health care coverage and education

We urge Congress and the administration to protect Medicaid and the 340B drug pricing program, so UI Health can continue to provide comprehensive and affordable care, education and treatment.

Rebuilding and revitalizing infrastructure

As it considers proposals to invest in infrastructure, Congress should collaborate with university initiatives, such as the U of I-led Infrastructure Technology Resource Consortium.

Preserving U.S. leadership in science and technology

The U of I looks forward to continued collaboration with the federal government in areas from supercomputing to cybersecurity to quantum information science.

Ensuring the tax code protects students and non-profits

Congress should repeal recent changes to the tax code that place an undue burden on students, faculty, and universities.

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