Arizona State University

	FY 2025 ACTUAL	FY 2026 ESTIMATE	FY 2027 APPROVED
OPERATING BUDGET			
Full Time Equivalent Positions	7,732.6	7,420.4	7,420.4
Personal Services	682,686,600	637,318,500	637,318,500
Employee Related Expenditures	214,277,600	196,367,400	228,176,800
Professional and Outside Services	96,264,600	58,370,900	58,370,900
Travel - In State	102,300	86,400	86,400
Travel - Out of State	1,833,700	581,800	581,800
Other Operating Expenditures	94,004,700	249,521,500	248,503,700
Equipment	6,209,200	4,721,200	4,721,200
OPERATING SUBTOTAL	**1,095,378,700**	**1,146,967,700**	**1,177,759,300** 1/
SPECIAL LINE ITEMS			
Operating Budget Lump Sum Reduction	0	0	(8,096,000)
2003 Research Infrastructure Lease-Purchase Payment	13,459,300	13,453,900	13,450,100 2/
2017 Capital Infrastructure Funding	13,300,700	13,566,700	13,838,000 3/
Arizona Financial Aid Trust	5,985,800	5,985,800	5,985,800
Biomedical Informatics	3,516,700	3,828,100	3,800,100
Decision Theater - Pinal County Transportation	0	500,000	0
Downtown Phoenix Campus	133,745,800	135,878,500	135,367,100
Eastern Europe Cultural Collaborative	250,000	250,000	250,000 4/
AGENCY TOTAL	**1,265,637,000**	**1,320,430,700**	**1,342,354,400** 5/6/7/

	FY 2025 ACTUAL	FY 2026 ESTIMATE	FY 2027 APPROVED
FUND SOURCES			
General Fund	408,638,200	412,671,200	434,594,900 8/9/10/
Other Appropriated Funds			
University Collections Fund	856,998,800	907,759,500	907,759,500 11/
SUBTOTAL - Other Appropriated Funds	856,998,800	907,759,500	907,759,500
SUBTOTAL - Appropriated Funds	**1,265,637,000**	**1,320,430,700**	**1,342,354,400**
Other Non-Appropriated Funds	3,154,129,600	3,275,358,500	3,334,880,400
Federal Funds	794,539,500	712,990,700	712,990,700
TOTAL - ALL SOURCES	5,214,306,100	5,308,779,900	5,390,225,500

AGENCY DESCRIPTION — Established in 1885, Arizona State University (ASU) is one of 3 public universities governed by the Arizona Board of Regents (ABOR).

FOOTNOTES

1/ Any appropriated monies allocated by the university for the school of civic and economic thought and leadership shall be used to operate a single stand-alone academic entity within Arizona state university. The appropriated monies may not supplant any existing state funding or private or external donations to the existing centers or to the school. The appropriated monies and all private and external donations for the school, including any remaining balances from prior fiscal years, shall be deposited in a separate account, shall be used only for the direct operation of the school and may not be used for indirect costs of the university. On or before October 1, 2026, the school shall submit a report to the president of the senate, the speaker of the house of representatives, the chairpersons of the senate education committee and the house of representatives education committee and the director of the joint legislative budget committee that includes at least the following information for the school:

1. The total amount of funding received from all sources.
2. A description of faculty positions and courses offered.
3. The total undergraduate and graduate student enrollment.
4. Significant community events, initiatives or publications.

The chairpersons of the senate education committee and the house of representatives education committee may request the director of the school to appear before the committees to report on the school's annual achievements.

The legislature intends that appropriated monies allocated by the university for the school of civic and economic thought and leadership in fiscal year 2026-2027 be consistent with the amount allocated in fiscal year 2025-2026, except that the university may allocate to the school the lump sum reduction of no more than 2.5 percent as prescribed by this act. (General Appropriations Act footnote)

2/ A.R.S. § 15-1670 appropriates $13,450,100 to ASU from the General Fund in FY 2027 to finance lease-purchase payments for research infrastructure projects.

3/ A.R.S. § 15-1671 appropriates $13,838,000 to ASU from the General Fund in FY 2027 for capital infrastructure projects.

4/ Arizona state university shall use monies appropriated for the eastern Europe cultural collaborative to facilitate cultural and academic exchanges between university faculty and students and academic institutions in eastern Europe. (General Appropriations Act footnote)

5/ Other than scholarships awarded through the Arizona financial aid trust, the appropriated monies may not be used for scholarships or any student newspaper. (General Appropriations Act footnote)

6/ The appropriated monies may not be used by the Arizona state university college of law legal clinic for any lawsuits involving inmates of the state department of corrections in which this state is the adverse party. (General Appropriations Act footnote)

7/ General Appropriations Act funds are appropriated as an Operating Lump Sum with Special Line Items by Agency.

8/ The increased state general fund appropriation from Laws 2014, chapter 18 may not be used for medical marijuana research. (General Appropriations Act footnote)

9/ The state general fund appropriation may not be used for alumni association funding. (General Appropriations Act footnote)

10/ The FY 2027 General Fund budget is $434,594,900. This amount includes $385,150,600 in ASU's individual section of the FY 2027 General Appropriations Act, $(8,096,000) for a one-time operating lump sum reduction, $13,450,100 in A.R.S. § 15-1670 lease-purchase appropriations, $13,838,000 in A.R.S. § 15-1671 capital infrastructure appropriations, and $30,252,200 for statewide adjustments.

11/ Any unencumbered balances remaining in the university collections fund on June 30, 2026 and all collections received by the university during the fiscal year are appropriated for operating expenditures, capital outlay and fixed charges. Earnings on state lands and interest on the investment of the permanent land funds are appropriated in compliance with the enabling act and the Constitution of Arizona. No part of this appropriation may be spent for supplemental life insurance or supplemental retirement. (General Appropriations Act footnote)

Operating Budget

The budget includes $1,177,759,300 and 6,316.2 FTE Positions in FY 2027 for the operating budget. These amounts consist of:

	FY 2027
General Fund	$354,630,900
University Collections Fund	823,128,400

Adjustments are as follows:

Statewide Adjustments

The budget includes an increase of $30,791,600 from the General Fund in FY 2027 for statewide adjustments. *(Please see the Agency Detail and Allocations section.)*

Operating Lump Sum Reduction

The budget includes a one-time decrease of $(8,096,000) from the General Fund in FY 2027 for a lump sum reduction. Agencies receiving a lump sum reduction will apply the reduction to the operating lump sum appropriation in the FY 2028 budget request submittal. Unless otherwise noted, agencies have discretion in how the reduction in spending is achieved. The FY 2027 budget specifies that ASU may not reduce monies allocated from the operating lump sum appropriation to the School of Civic and Economic Thought and Leadership by more than 2.5% of the total amount allocated to the school.

The FY 2028 Baseline Book will incorporate the agency's planned reduction into the operating budget display.

2003 Research Infrastructure Lease-Purchase Payment

The budget includes $13,450,100 from the General Fund in FY 2027 for the 2003 Research Infrastructure Lease-Purchase Payment line item. Adjustments are as follows:

Refinance Adjustment

The budget includes a decrease of $(3,800) from the General Fund in FY 2027 to adjust the Certificates of Participation (COPs) payment.

A.R.S. § 15-1670 appropriates an annual amount from the General Fund to the state university system from FY 2008 through FY 2031 to finance lease-purchase payments for research infrastructure project agreements entered into before July 1, 2006.

Since this funding appears in A.R.S. § 15-1670, this funding does not appear in the FY 2027 General Appropriations Act. In total, the universities have issued $482,500,000 in COPs for research infrastructure projects. Of this amount, ASU has issued $206,200,000 in COPs. *(Please see the ABOR section for more information.)*

2017 Capital Infrastructure Funding

The budget includes $13,838,000 from the General Fund in FY 2027 for the 2017 Capital Infrastructure Funding line item. Adjustments are as follows:

Inflation Adjustment
The budget includes an increase of $271,300 from the General Fund in FY 2027 for a 2.0% increase in capital infrastructure funding.

A.R.S. § 15-1671 provides General Fund appropriations from FY 2019 - FY 2043 for new university research facilities, building renewal, or other capital construction projects. Since this funding appears in A.R.S. § 15-1671, this funding does not appear in the FY 2027 General Appropriations Act.

A.R.S. § 15-1670 increases the appropriation annually by the lesser of 2% or inflation, as measured by the change in the GDP deflator from the second quarter of the second preceding calendar year to the second quarter of the calendar year immediately preceding the fiscal year (in the example of FY 2027, from the second quarter of CY 2024 to the second quarter of CY 2025). *(Please see the Lottery Bonds and Capital Infrastructure Funding Program Summary on the JLBC website.)*

Arizona Financial Aid Trust

The budget includes $5,985,800 from the General Fund in FY 2027 for the Arizona Financial Aid Trust (AFAT). This amount is unchanged from FY 2026. *(Please see the ABOR section for more information.)*

Biomedical Informatics

The budget includes $3,800,100 and 23.3 FTE Positions in FY 2027 for the Biomedical Informatics line item. These amounts consist of:

General Fund	1,954,100
University Collections Fund	1,846,000

Adjustments are as follows:

Statewide Adjustments
The budget includes a decrease of $(28,000) from the General Fund in FY 2027 for statewide adjustments. *(Please see the Agency Detail and Allocations section.)*

Decision Theater – Pinal County Transportation

The budget includes no funding in FY 2027 for Decision Theater – Pinal County Transportation. Adjustments are as follows:

Remove One-Time Funding
The budget includes a one-time decrease of $(500,000) from the General Fund in FY 2027 for the elimination of one-time Decision Theater funding.

Downtown Phoenix Campus

The budget includes $135,367,100 and 1,080.9 FTE Positions in FY 2027 for programs headquartered at the Downtown Phoenix Campus. These amounts consist of:

General Fund	52,582,000
University Collections Fund	82,785,100

Adjustments are as follows:

Statewide Adjustments
The budget includes a decrease of $(511,400) from the General Fund in FY 2027 for statewide adjustments. *(Please see the Agency Detail and Allocations section.)*

The Downtown Phoenix Campus offers undergraduate and graduate programs in disciplines including health, nursing, journalism, mass communication, teaching and public programs. The campus opened in 2006.

Eastern Europe Cultural Collaborative

The budget includes $250,000 from the General Fund in FY 2027 for the Eastern Europe Cultural Collaborative. This amount is unchanged from FY 2026.

These monies are used to facilitate cultural and academic exchanges between university faculty and students and academic institutions in eastern Europe.

Other Issues

This section includes information on the following topics:

- Summary
- Long-Term Budget Impacts
- University Collections and FTE Positions Adjustments

Summary

ASU's FY 2027 General Fund budget is $434,594,900. Of this amount:

- $385,150,600 is included in ASU's individual section of the FY 2027 General Appropriations Act.
- $(8,096,000) is for a one-time operating lump sum reduction.
- $13,450,100 is appropriated in A.R.S. § 15-1670 for a research infrastructure lease-purchase payment.
- $13,838,000 is appropriated in A.R.S. § 15-1671 for new university research facilities, building renewal, or other capital construction projects.
- $30,252,200 is for statewide adjustments.

Long-Term Budget Impacts

As part of the budget's 3-year spending plan, ASU's General Fund costs are projected to increase by $8,358,900 in FY 2028 above FY 2027 and increase by $276,900 in FY 2029 above FY 2028. These estimates are based on:

- Decreases of $(13,900) in FY 2028 and $(5,400) in FY 2029 to adjust for university debt service costs.
- Increases of $276,800 in FY 2028 and $282,300 in FY 2029 to increase the university's annual Capital Infrastructure Funding appropriation.
- An increase of $8,096,000 in FY 2028 to restore operating lump sum funding.

University Collections and FTE Positions Adjustments

Including statewide adjustments, the FY 2026 General Appropriations Act appropriated $856,998,800 from the University Collections Fund to ASU. The Collections Fund for ASU represents a portion of tuition, fees, and a portion of land earnings. *(Please see ABOR Other Issues for more information.)* If collections differ from the appropriated amount, the annual General Appropriations Act includes a footnote permitting the universities to expend those amounts as well as a separate footnote requiring the submission of a report detailing any adjustments to the appropriated amounts.

ABOR sets tuition independent of the legislative process. Any revised tuition rates as well as changes in enrollment can result in collections exceeding (or being below) the appropriated amount. The Universities reported the adjustments to the University Collections Fund for FY 2026 to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in June 2025, and ASU incorporated the adjusted FY 2026 amounts as part of their FY 2027 budget submission. Accordingly, the estimated FY 2026 amount has been adjusted by $50,760,700 to $907,759,500.

The FY 2026 FTE Position count has also been adjusted. The FY 2026 General Appropriations Act originally appropriated 8,357.4 FTE Positions in FY 2026 for ASU. The General Fund accounted for 2,565.8 FTE Positions and the University Collections Fund accounted for the remaining 5,791.6 FTE Positions. The estimated number of FY 2026 FTE Positions has been adjusted by (937.0) to 7,420.4. The General Fund accounts for 2,217.8 FTE Positions and the University Collections Fund accounts for the remaining 5,202.6 FTE Positions.