

University of Arizona - Main Campus

	FY 2025 ACTUAL	FY 2026 ESTIMATE	FY 2027 APPROVED
OPERATING BUDGET			
<i>Full Time Equivalent Positions</i>	6,337.7	6,573.0	6,573.0
Personal Services	400,654,500	399,693,400	398,875,200
Employee Related Expenditures	133,959,300	132,163,100	160,155,300
Professional and Outside Services	16,683,900	12,803,700	12,803,700
Travel - In State	153,000	126,400	126,400
Travel - Out of State	1,053,500	1,134,500	1,134,500
Other Operating Expenditures	112,866,400	48,507,000	46,590,800
Equipment	14,972,600	18,437,300	18,437,300
OPERATING SUBTOTAL	680,343,200	612,865,400	638,123,200 ^{1/}
SPECIAL LINE ITEMS			
Operating Budget Lump Sum Reduction	0	0	(4,725,900)
2003 Research Infrastructure Lease-Purchase Payment	14,247,300	14,248,400	14,251,300 ^{2/}
2017 Capital Infrastructure Funding	11,766,600	12,001,900	12,241,900 ^{3/}
Agriculture	49,068,000	38,925,400	39,038,500
Arizona Cooperative Extension	15,805,100	15,345,700	15,338,000
Arizona Financial Aid Trust	2,729,400	2,729,400	2,729,400
Arizona Geological Survey	1,208,200	1,717,800	1,219,700 ^{4/}
College of Veterinary Medicine	21,232,500	21,237,200	21,269,000 ^{5/}
Extractive Modular Metallurgy Facility	0	850,000	0
Kazakhstan Studies Program	250,000	250,000	250,000 ^{6/}
Mining, Mineral and Natural Resources Educational Museum	432,100	439,300	455,300
Natural Resource Users Law and Policy Center	1,571,800	1,589,800	0
On-Farm Irrigation Efficiency Fund Deposit	0	2,000,000	0
School of Mining	4,170,200	4,187,000	4,179,500 ^{7/}
Sierra Vista Campus	2,880,100	2,864,600	2,772,300
Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory	2,584,200	2,606,200	2,617,300
Water Adjudication	0	0	500,000 ^{8/9/}
AGENCY TOTAL	808,288,700	733,858,100	750,259,500 ^{10/11/}
FUND SOURCES			
General Fund	295,913,700	289,867,500	306,268,900 ^{12/13/14/}
<u>Other Appropriated Funds</u>			
University Collections Fund	512,375,000	443,990,600	443,990,600 ^{15/}
SUBTOTAL - Other Appropriated Funds	512,375,000	443,990,600	443,990,600
SUBTOTAL - Appropriated Funds	808,288,700	733,858,100	750,259,500
Other Non-Appropriated Funds	1,916,917,500	1,939,185,600	1,955,633,000
Federal Funds	314,838,900	296,716,000	298,988,000
TOTAL - ALL SOURCES	3,040,045,100	2,969,759,700	3,004,880,500

AGENCY DESCRIPTION — Established in 1885, The University of Arizona (UA) is one of 3 public universities governed by the Arizona Board of Regents (ABOR). Upon its establishment, UA received the federal land grant for Arizona, allowing the creation of agricultural and mining programs that continue today.

FOOTNOTES

^{1/} Any appropriated monies allocated by the university for the center for the philosophy of freedom may not supplant any existing state funding or private or external donations to the center or the philosophy department of the university of Arizona. The appropriated monies and all private and external donations for the center, 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 center and may not be used for indirect costs of the university. On or before October 1, 2026, the center 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 center:

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 participation.
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 center to appear before the committees to report on the center's annual achievements.

The legislature intends that appropriated monies allocated by the university for the center for the philosophy of freedom 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 not more than 2.5 percent as prescribed by this act. (General Appropriations Act footnote)

- 2/ A.R.S. § 15-1670 appropriates \$14,251,300 to UA-Main from the General Fund in FY 2027 to finance lease-purchase payments for research infrastructure projects.
- 3/ A.R.S. § 15-1671 appropriates \$12,241,900 to UA-Main from the General Fund in FY 2027 for capital infrastructure projects.
- 4/ The university of Arizona may not use monies appropriated for the Arizona geological survey line item for any other purpose and may not transfer the monies appropriated for the Arizona geological survey to the operating budget or any other line item. (General Appropriations Act footnote)
- 5/ The amount appropriated to the college of veterinary medicine line item shall be distributed to the college of veterinary medicine to increase the number of students that are residents of this state. Before spending these monies, the university of Arizona shall report to the joint legislative budget committee all of the following information for the college of veterinary medicine:
 1. The current number of students who are residents of this state.
 2. The current number of students who are not residents of this state. (General Appropriations Act footnote)
- 6/ The university of Arizona shall use monies appropriated for the Kazakhstan studies program to facilitate academic exchanges between university students and academic institutions in Kazakhstan. (General Appropriations Act footnote)
- 7/ One hundred percent of the land earnings and interest from the school of mines land fund shall be distributed to the university of Arizona school of mining and mineral resources in compliance with the enabling act and the Constitution of Arizona. (General Appropriations Act footnote)
- 8/ The amount appropriated for the water adjudication line item shall be used to assist claimants in the general stream adjudication of water rights pursuant to section 15-1647, Arizona Revised Statutes. (General Appropriations Act footnote)
- 9/ The amount appropriated for the water adjudication line item is exempt from the provisions of section 35-190, Arizona Revised Statutes, relating to lapsing of appropriations. (General Appropriations Act footnote)
- 10/ 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)
- 11/ General Appropriations Act funds are appropriated as an Operating Lump Sum with Special Line Items by Agency.
- 12/ The state general fund appropriation may not be used for alumni association funding. (General Appropriations Act footnote)
- 13/ The increased state general fund appropriation from Laws 2014, chapter 18 may not be used for medical marijuana research. (General Appropriations Act footnote)
- 14/ The FY 2027 General Fund budget is \$306,268,900. This amount includes \$257,827,400 in UA - Main's individual section of the FY 2027 General Appropriations Act, \$(4,725,900) for a one-time operating lump sum reduction, \$14,251,300 in A.R.S. § 15-1670 lease-purchase appropriations, \$12,241,900 in A.R.S. § 15-1671 capital infrastructure appropriations, and \$26,674,200 for statewide adjustments.
- 15/ 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 \$638,123,200 and 5,307.6 FTE Positions in FY 2027 for the operating budget. These amounts consist of:

	FY 2027
General Fund	\$215,644,500
University Collections Fund	422,478,700

Adjustments are as follows:

Remove One-Time Operating Funding

The budget includes a decrease of \$(1,350,000) from the General Fund in FY 2027 for the elimination of one-time funding for the Yuma Center of Excellence for Desert Agriculture.

Statewide Adjustments

The budget includes an increase of \$26,607,800 from the General Fund in FY 2027 for statewide adjustments. *(Please see the Agency Detail and Allocations section.)*

Student enrollment counts and tuition and fee levels for students will determine the amount of university tuition and fee collections. The University Collections Fund amount will ultimately be adjusted to reflect these revenue amounts. *(Please see the UA-Main Other Issues Section and ABOR for more information.)*

Operating Lump Sum Reduction

The budget includes a one-time decrease of \$(4,725,900) 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 UA may not reduce monies allocated from the operating lump sum appropriation to the Center for the Philosophy of Freedom by more than 2.5% of the total amount allocated to the center.

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 \$14,251,300 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 an increase of \$2,900 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, UA has issued \$201,300,000 in COPs. *(Please see the ABOR section for more information.)*

2017 Capital Infrastructure Funding

The budget includes \$12,241,900 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 \$240,000 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.)*

Agriculture

The budget includes \$39,038,500 and 654.7 FTE Positions in FY 2027 for the Agriculture Programs. These amounts consist of:

General Fund	30,363,600
University Collections Fund	8,674,900

Adjustments are as follows:

Statewide Adjustments

The budget includes an increase of \$113,100 from the General Fund in FY 2027 for statewide adjustments. *(Please see the Agency Detail and Allocations section.)*

Arizona Cooperative Extension

The budget includes \$15,338,000 and 227.7 FTE Positions from the General Fund in FY 2027 for the Arizona Cooperative Extension. Adjustments are as follows:

Statewide Adjustments

The budget includes a decrease of \$(7,700) from the General Fund in FY 2027 for statewide adjustments. *(Please see the Agency Detail and Allocations section.)*

This line item supports Agriculture Experiment Stations and Cooperative Extension services that provide non-credit community outreach seminars and youth programs throughout the state.

Arizona Financial Aid Trust

The budget includes \$2,729,400 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).*

Arizona Geological Survey

The budget includes \$1,219,700 and 25.7 FTE from the General Fund in FY 2027 for the Arizona Geological Survey. Adjustments are as follows:

Remove One-Time Funding

The budget includes a decrease of \$(500,000) from the General Fund in FY 2027 for the elimination of one-time Arizona Geological Survey funding.

Statewide Adjustments

The budget includes an increase of \$1,900 from the General Fund in FY 2027 for statewide adjustments. *(Please see the Agency Detail and Allocations section.)*

The Geological Survey investigates Arizona's geology and provides technical advice and assistance to state and local government agencies, industry and other members of the public concerning the geologic environment and the development and use of mineral resources in Arizona.

College of Veterinary Medicine

The budget includes \$21,269,000 and 234.6 FTE Positions in FY 2027 for the College of Veterinary Medicine. These amounts consist of:

General Fund	8,432,000
University Collections Fund	12,837,000

Adjustments are as follows:

Statewide Adjustments

The budget includes an increase of \$31,800 from the General Fund in FY 2027 for statewide adjustments. *(Please see the Agency Detail and Allocations section.)*

Extractive Modular Metallurgy Facility

The budget includes no funding in FY 2027 for the Extractive Modular Metallurgy Facility. Adjustments are as follows:

Remove One-Time Funding

The budget includes a decrease of \$(850,000) from the General Fund in FY 2027 for the elimination of one-time funding for the Extractive Modular Metallurgy Facility.

The facility is part of UA's School of Mining Engineering and Mineral Resources. Extractive metallurgy is the practice of removing valuable metals from an ore and refining the extracted raw materials into purer form.

Kazakhstan Studies Program

The budget includes \$250,000 and 2.6 FTE Positions from the General Fund in FY 2027 for the Kazakhstan Studies Program. This amount is unchanged from FY 2026.

The monies in this line item are used to facilitate academic exchanges between university students and academic institutions in Kazakhstan.

Mining, Mineral and Natural Resources Educational Museum

The budget includes \$455,300 and 6.5 FTE Positions from the General Fund in FY 2027 for the Mining, Mineral, and Natural Resources Educational Museum. Adjustments are as follows:

Statewide Adjustments

The budget includes an increase of \$16,000 from the General Fund in FY 2027 for statewide adjustments. *(Please see the Agency Detail and Allocations section.)*

Natural Resource Users Law and Policy Center

The budget includes no funding in FY 2027 for the Natural Resource Users Law and Policy Center. Adjustments are as follows:

Remove Center Funding

The budget includes a decrease of \$(1,589,800) to remove funding for the Natural Resource Users Law and Policy Center. Of this funding, \$500,000 was shifted to the Water Adjudication line item.

On-Farm Irrigation Efficiency Fund Deposit

The budget includes no funding in FY 2027 for the On-Farm Irrigation Efficiency Fund Deposit line item. Adjustments are as follows:

Remove One-Time Funding

The budget includes a decrease of \$(2,000,000) from the General Fund in FY 2027 for the elimination of a one-time deposit to the On-Farm Irrigation Efficiency Fund.

The On-Farm Irrigation Efficiency Program provides grants and data collection for irrigation efficiency systems to reduce on-farm use of groundwater, surface water, mainstream Colorado River water, or water delivered through the Central Arizona Project while minimizing or eliminating the use of flood irrigation or fallowing to reduce on-farm use. A General Appropriations Act footnote required FY 2026 funding to be used for growers in the Gila Valley irrigation district.

School of Mining

The budget includes \$4,179,500 and 50.8 FTE Positions from the General Fund in FY 2027 for the School of Mining. Adjustments are as follows:

Statewide Adjustments

The budget includes a decrease of \$(7,500) from the General Fund in FY 2027 for statewide adjustments. *(Please see the Agency Detail and Allocations section.)*

This line item provides operating funding for the UA School of Mining.

A General Appropriations Act footnote requires 100% of the land earnings and interest from the School of Mines Land Fund to be distributed to the University of Arizona School of Mining and Mineral Resources.

Sierra Vista Campus

The budget includes \$2,772,300 and 47.1 FTE Positions from the General Fund in FY 2027 for the Sierra Vista Campus. Adjustments are as follows:

Statewide Adjustments

The budget includes a decrease of \$(92,300) from the General Fund in FY 2027 for statewide adjustments. *(Please see the Agency Detail and Allocations section.)*

UA - Sierra Vista offers upper-division undergraduate programs for community college transfer students. While ABOR authorized this UA branch campus for Sierra Vista in 1995, the Legislature has not formally established the campus in statute.

Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory

The budget includes \$2,617,300 and 15.7 FTE Positions from the General Fund in FY 2027 for the Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory. Adjustments are as follows:

Statewide Adjustments

The budget includes an increase of \$11,100 from the General Fund in FY 2027 for statewide adjustments. *(Please see the Agency Detail and Allocations section.)*

The Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory provides diagnostic service in animal health to veterinarians, animal owners, university researchers, and state and federal agencies.

Water Adjudication

The budget includes \$500,000 from the General Fund in FY 2027 for Water Adjudication. Adjustments are as follows:

One-Time Water Adjudication Funding

The budget includes a one-time increase of \$500,000 for water adjudication. A General Appropriations Act footnote requires funding for this line item to be used to assist claimants in the general stream adjudication of water rights. These monies are non-lapsing. This funding was previously included in the Natural Resource Users Law and Policy Center line item.

The university is required to submit a report on assistance activities to the Governor, Speaker of the House of Representatives, and Senate President on November 15 of each year.

Other Issues

This section includes information on the following topics:

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

Summary

UA - Main's FY 2027 General Fund budget is \$306,268,900. Of this amount:

- \$257,827,400 is included in UA - Main's individual section of the FY 2027 General Appropriations Act.
- \$(4,725,900) for a one-time operating lump sum reduction.
- \$14,251,300 is appropriated in A.R.S. § 15-1670 for a research infrastructure lease-purchase payment.
- \$12,241,900 is appropriated in A.R.S. § 15-1671 for new university research facilities, building renewal, or other capital construction projects.
- \$26,674,200 for statewide adjustments.

Long-Term Budget Impacts

As part of the budget's 3-year spending plan, UA - Main's General Fund costs are projected to increase by \$4,473,500 in FY 2028 above FY 2027 and increase by \$247,100 in FY 2029 above FY 2028. These estimates are based on:

- An increase of \$2,800 in FY 2028 and decrease of \$(2,600) in FY 2029 to adjust for university debt service costs.
- Increases of \$244,800 in FY 2028 and \$249,700 in FY 2029 to increase the university's annual Capital Infrastructure Funding.
- An increase of \$4,725,900 in FY 2028 to restore operating lump sum funding.
- A decrease of \$(500,000) in FY 2028 to remove one-time water adjudication funding.

University Collections and FTE Positions Adjustments

Including statewide adjustments, the FY 2026 General Appropriations Act appropriated \$368,549,100 from the University Collections Fund to UA - Main. The Collections Fund for UA - Main 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 UA incorporated the adjusted FY 2026 amounts as part of their FY 2027 budget submission. Accordingly, the estimated FY 2026 amount has been adjusted upward by \$75,441,500 to \$443,990,600.

The FY 2026 FTE Position count has also been adjusted. The FY 2026 General Appropriations Act originally appropriated 6,162.8 FTE Positions in FY 2026 for UA - Main. The General Fund accounted for 2,771.1 FTE Positions and the University Collections Fund accounted for the remaining 3,391.7 FTE Positions. The estimated number of FY 2026 FTE Positions has been adjusted by 410.2 to 6,573.0. The General Fund accounts for 2,642.4 FTE Positions and the University Collections Fund accounts for the remaining 3,930.6 FTE Positions.