

University of Arizona - Main Campus

	FY 2025 ACTUAL	FY 2026 ESTIMATE	FY 2027 BASELINE
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	131,901,300
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	48,237,000
Equipment	14,972,600	18,437,300	18,437,300
OPERATING SUBTOTAL	680,343,200	612,865,400	611,515,400 ^{1/}
SPECIAL LINE ITEMS			
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	38,925,400
Arizona Cooperative Extension	15,805,100	15,345,700	15,345,700
Arizona Financial Aid Trust	2,729,400	2,729,400	2,729,400
Arizona Geological Survey	1,208,200	1,717,800	1,217,800 ^{4/}
College of Veterinary Medicine	21,232,500	21,237,200	21,237,200 ^{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	439,300
Natural Resource Users Law and Policy Center	1,571,800	1,589,800	1,589,800 ^{7/}
On-Farm Irrigation Efficiency Fund Deposit	0	2,000,000	0
School of Mining	4,170,200	4,187,000	4,187,000 ^{8/}
Sierra Vista Campus	2,880,100	2,864,600	2,864,600
Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory	2,584,200	2,606,200	2,606,200
AGENCY TOTAL	808,288,700	733,858,100	729,401,000 ^{9/10/}
FUND SOURCES			
General Fund	295,913,700	289,867,500	285,410,400 ^{11/12/13/}
<u>Other Appropriated Funds</u>			
University Collections Fund	512,375,000	443,990,600	443,990,600 ^{14/}
SUBTOTAL - Other Appropriated Funds	512,375,000	443,990,600	443,990,600
SUBTOTAL - Appropriated Funds	808,288,700	733,858,100	729,401,000
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	2,984,022,000

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. (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/ The amount appropriated for the natural resource users law and policy center line item shall be used by the natural resource users law and policy center within the Arizona cooperative extension. Of the amount appropriated, at least \$500,000 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)
- 8/ 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)
- 9/ 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)
- 10/ General Appropriations Act funds are appropriated as an Operating Lump Sum with Special Line Items by Agency.
- 11/ The state general fund appropriation may not be used for alumni association funding. (General Appropriations Act footnote)
- 12/ The increased state general fund appropriation from Laws 2014, chapter 18 may not be used for medical marijuana research. (General Appropriations Act footnote)
- 13/ The FY 2027 General Fund Baseline is \$285,410,400. This amount includes \$258,917,200 in UA - Main's individual section of the FY 2027 General Appropriations Act, \$14,251,300 in A.R.S. § 15-1670 lease-purchase appropriations, and \$12,241,900 in A.R.S. § 15-1671 capital infrastructure appropriations.
- 14/ 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 Baseline includes \$611,515,400 and 5,284.5 FTE Positions in FY 2027 for the operating budget. These amounts consist of:

	FY 2027
General Fund	\$189,036,700
University Collections Fund	422,478,700

Adjustments are as follows:

Remove One-Time Operating Funding

The Baseline 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.

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.)

2003 Research Infrastructure Lease-Purchase Payment

The Baseline 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 Baseline 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 would 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 Baseline 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 would 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 Baseline includes \$38,925,400 and 654.7 FTE Positions in FY 2027 for the Agriculture Programs. These amounts consist of:

General Fund	30,250,500
University Collections Fund	8,674,900

These amounts are unchanged from FY 2026.

Arizona Cooperative Extension

The Baseline includes \$15,345,700 and 227.7 FTE Positions from the General Fund in FY 2027 for the Arizona Cooperative Extension. This amount is unchanged from FY 2026.

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 Baseline 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 Baseline includes \$1,217,800 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 Baseline includes a decrease of \$(500,000) from the General Fund in FY 2027 for the elimination of one-time Arizona Geological Survey funding.

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 Baseline includes \$21,237,200 and 234.6 FTE Positions in FY 2027 for the College of Veterinary Medicine. These amounts consist of:

General Fund	8,400,200
University Collections Fund	12,837,000

These amounts are unchanged from FY 2026.

Extractive Modular Metallurgy Facility

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

Remove One-Time Funding

The Baseline 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 Baseline 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 Baseline includes \$439,300 and 6.5 FTE Positions from the General Fund in FY 2027 for the Mining, Mineral, and Natural Resources Educational Museum. This amount is unchanged from FY 2026.

Natural Resource Users Law and Policy Center

The Baseline includes \$1,589,800 and 23.1 FTE Positions from the General Fund in FY 2027 for the Natural Resource Users Law and Policy Center. This amount is unchanged from FY 2026.

This line item funds pro bono assistance to claimants who are small landowners in the general stream adjudication of water rights. 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.

On-Farm Irrigation Efficiency Fund Deposit

The Baseline 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 Baseline 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 Baseline includes \$4,187,000 and 50.8 FTE Positions from the General Fund in FY 2027 for the School of Mining. This amount is unchanged from FY 2026.

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 Baseline includes \$2,864,600 and 47.1 FTE Positions from the General Fund in FY 2027 for the Sierra Vista Campus. This amount is unchanged from FY 2026.

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 Baseline includes \$2,606,200 and 15.7 FTE Positions from the General Fund in FY 2027 for the Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory. This amount is unchanged from FY 2026.

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

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 Baseline is \$285,410,400. Of this amount:

- \$258,917,200 is included in UA - Main's individual section of the FY 2027 General Appropriations Act.
- \$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.

Long-Term Budget Impacts

As part of the Baseline's 3-year spending plan, UA - Main's General Fund costs are projected to increase by \$247,600

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.

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.

SUMMARY OF FUNDS	FY 2025 Actual	FY 2026 Estimate
Auxiliary Fund (UNI8906/A.R.S. § 15-1601)	Non-Appropriated	
Source of Revenue: Sales revenues of substantially self-supporting university services.		
Purpose of Fund: To provide university-related non-academic services for students, faculty, staff, and the public. Auxiliary enterprises include student housing, bookstores, student unions, and intercollegiate athletics.		
Funds Expended	295,437,800	296,026,200
Year-End Fund Balance	9,678,600	10,946,400
Capital Infrastructure Fund - UA (UNI3003/A.R.S. § 15-1671)	Non-Appropriated	
Source of Revenue: General Fund appropriations and university local funds. UA received a General Fund appropriation of \$10,551,700 starting in FY 2019, and this amount will annually increase by 2% or the rate of inflation, whichever is less, through FY 2043. The university must provide a 1:1 match of its own funds for any General Fund appropriations which are used to pay debt service.		
Purpose of Fund: To pay the cost of, or debt service on debt financing for, university capital projects. Systemwide, debt issuances that are repaid by the universities' capital infrastructure funds may not cumulatively exceed \$1.0 billion in principal. (Please see the Capital Outlay ABOR Building System narrative for more information). Expenditures are not displayed to avoid double counting of General Fund appropriations and university system revenues.		
Funds Expended	0	0
Year-End Fund Balance	0	0
Designated Fund - Other (UNI8905/A.R.S. § 15-1601)	Non-Appropriated	
Source of Revenue: Retained summer session fees, student aid administrative allowances, and unrestricted gifts and grants.		
Purpose of Fund: To provide and administer student financial aid, to pay debt service on university bonds, and to run summer and winter session programs.		
Funds Expended	257,570,800	286,439,500
Year-End Fund Balance	283,855,400	293,823,700
Designated Fund - Tuition and Fees (UNI8905/A.R.S. § 15-1601)	Non-Appropriated	
Source of Revenue: Retained tuition and fees.		
Purpose of Fund: To provide and administer student financial aid, to pay debt service on university bonds, and to run summer and winter session programs. Please see the University Collections Fund for more information on Appropriated tuition expenditures.		
Funds Expended	913,263,600	922,343,700
Year-End Fund Balance	157,945,700	181,376,800
Endowment and Life Income Fund (UNI8904/A.R.S. § 15-1601)	Non-Appropriated	
Source of Revenue: Interest income on invested endowment and life income gifts, a portion of financial aid trust fees assessed to students, and a portion of university trust land earnings.		
Purpose of Fund: To support endowment operations and compensate designated beneficiaries.		
Funds Expended	533,100	543,700
Year-End Fund Balance	190,491,700	193,757,800
Federal Grants (UNI8903/A.R.S. § 15-1666)	Federal Funds	
Source of Revenue: Federal grants and contracts.		
Purpose of Fund: To support specific operating and research purposes as identified by the federal government.		
Funds Expended	245,760,000	234,346,000
Year-End Fund Balance	(19,128,600)	(30,424,000)
Federal Indirect Cost Recovery Fund (UNI8902/A.R.S. § 15-1601)	Federal Funds	
Source of Revenue: Federally-sponsored research programs.		
Purpose of Fund: To assist and promote federally-sponsored research.		
Funds Expended	67,060,100	60,354,000
Year-End Fund Balance	0	0

SUMMARY OF FUNDS	FY 2025 Actual	FY 2026 Estimate
Geological Survey Fund (UNI3030/A.R.S. § 27-107)		Non-Appropriated
Source of Revenue: Indirect cost recovery funds, and other state and local grants, fees, contracts, agreements, MOUs and other university funds.		
Purpose of Fund: To investigate and describe Arizona's geologic setting and to finance map publication and production expenses.		
Funds Expended	158,000	252,100
Year-End Fund Balance	542,700	542,700
Geological Survey Fund - Federal Grants (UNI3031/A.R.S. § 27-107)		Federal Funds
Source of Revenue: Federal grants and contracts.		
Purpose of Fund: To carry out federal grants and contracts awarded to the Arizona Geological Survey.		
Funds Expended	2,018,800	2,016,000
Year-End Fund Balance	0	0
Geological Survey Fund - Mining, Mineral and Natural Resources Educational Museum Account (UNI9999/A.R.S. § 27-107)		Non-Appropriated
Source of Revenue: Ongoing revenues from the Arizona Centennial Special Fund established by A.R.S. § 28-2448 are deposited in this account of the Geological Survey Fund. Donations or other financial contributions can be deposited into this account.		
Purpose of Fund: Monies in this account are to be used exclusively for the restoration, maintenance, and operations of the Mining, Mineral, and Natural Resources Educational Museum.		
Funds Expended	91,000	54,100
Year-End Fund Balance	0	0
Indirect Cost Recovery Fund (Non-Federal) (UNI8900/A.R.S. § 15-1601)		Non-Appropriated
Source of Revenue: Non-federally-sponsored research programs.		
Purpose of Fund: To assist and promote non-federally-sponsored research.		
Funds Expended	5,310,200	4,779,300
Year-End Fund Balance	0	0
Loan Fund (UNI8901/A.R.S. § 15-1601)		Non-Appropriated
Source of Revenue: Federal student loan program awards and interest collected on outstanding federal student loans.		
Purpose of Fund: To disburse awards from federal student loan programs, including any university match required, and to fund the costs of repayment programs. Expenditures displayed reflect costs of loan program administration and do not include awards to students.		
Funds Expended	944,500	701,400
Year-End Fund Balance	26,503,900	27,849,100
On-Farm Irrigation Efficiency Fund (UNI8888/Laws 2022, Chapter 332)		Non-Appropriated
Source of Revenue: Legislative appropriations, federal grants, and other grants, gifts, and contributions.		
Purpose of Fund: To administer the On-Farm Irrigation Efficiency Pilot Program, which provides grants for on-farm irrigation efficiency systems. Up to 10% of monies in the fund may be used for administrative costs and up to \$1,000,000 may be used for irrigation efficiency demonstration, research, and education. The fund is repealed from and after December 31, 2026. Expenditures are not displayed to avoid double counting of General Fund appropriations and federal funds.		
Funds Expended	0	0
Year-End Fund Balance	0	0
Restricted Fund (Excluding Federal Funds) (UNI8907/A.R.S. § 15-1601)		Non-Appropriated
Source of Revenue: Private and non-federal grants, including non-appropriated Technology and Research Initiative Fund grants (please see the ABOR Summary of Funds), as well as a portion of financial aid trust fees assessed to students.		
Purpose of Fund: To support specific operating and research purposes as identified by the private or non-federal donating entities.		
Funds Expended	418,436,900	403,123,900
Year-End Fund Balance	102,305,600	105,052,000

SUMMARY OF FUNDS	FY 2025 Actual	FY 2026 Estimate
University Capital Improvement Lease-to-Own and Bond Fund (BRA3042/A.R.S. § 15-1682.03)		Non-Appropriated
Source of Revenue: University system revenues.		
Purpose of Fund: To pay annual debt service payments for the \$1,125,000,000 university Lottery bonding package. Lottery bond debt service is paid with no more than 80% Lottery revenues and at least 20% state university system revenues. (Please see the Capital Outlay ABOR Building System narrative for more information).		
Funds Expended	25,171,600	24,921,700
Year-End Fund Balance	0	0
University Collections Fund (UAA1402/A.R.S. § 15-1626)		Appropriated
Source of Revenue: Tuition and registration fees.		
Purpose of Fund: To operate the university. Please see the Designated Fund - Tuition and Fees for more information on Non-Appropriated tuition expenditures.		
Funds Expended	512,375,000	443,990,600
Year-End Fund Balance	443,990,600	443,990,600