

Governor's Introduced 2016-18 Budget Bill Preliminary Summary of Higher Education Budget Outlook

- The Governor's proposal includes **new funding** to support higher education:

Proposed New Funding	Higher Education		UVa	
	FY17	FY18	FY17	FY18
<i>Operating</i>				
Undergraduate Financial Aid	\$24,098,663	\$24,098,663	\$232,735	\$232,735
Access and Completion	\$25,000,000	\$25,000,000	\$1,651,960	\$1,651,960
Workforce Development	\$9,614,625	\$16,555,250	---	---
Cyber Security Initiatives	\$6,647,000	\$8,385,000	---	---
Other Education-Related Initiatives	\$12,177,976	\$10,028,314	\$250,000	\$250,000
Total	\$77,538,264	\$84,067,227	\$2,134,695	\$2,134,695
<i>Equipment</i>				
Equipment Trust Fund	\$5,781,845	\$5,781,845	\$1,439,941	\$1,439,941
<i>Capital</i>				
Maintenance Reserve	\$3,359,749	\$7,880,139	\$541,539	\$1,270,156

- Capital Funding – The Governor's proposal includes a \$2.43 billion bond package to fund key research and economic development projects. Nearly one-half of the package, \$1.1 billion, will support higher education projects at two-year and four-year institutions. UVa projects included in the package are the renovation of Gilmer Hall and the Chemistry Building, and the creation of the Center for Human Therapeutics. Specific dollar amounts for each project have not been provided.
- Compensation – The Governor proposes a July 2017 salary increase of 2% (across-the board for classified employees who *meet* expectations; merit-based for University staff, A&P faculty, and T&R faculty).
- Sexual and Gender-based Violence Investigation – The Governor includes \$100,000 in FY2017 to study the creation of a regional center for the investigation of incidents of sexual and gender-based violence.
- The Governor's proposal ties the net savings from closing the Medicaid coverage gap to funding for the following initiatives: tax relief to corporations and individuals, additional funding for regional grants under the GO Virginia program, research funding for Massey Cancer Center and the Global Genomics and Bioinformatics Research Institute, funding for the Commonwealth Center for Advanced Manufacturing (CCAM), and funding for the Jamestown-Yorktown Foundation for the 2019 Commemoration.

Research

- Creates the Higher Education Research Initiative to fund one-time incentive packages to attract high performing researchers with success in commercializing their research, especially in the fields of cyber security and bioscience, and to create centers of excellence, where researchers can collaborate and receive support in commercializing their research. Any institution of higher education or related research entity pursuing funding must provide an equal match of awarded funds. (\$100 million in VCBA bond funding/\$40 million GF)
- Provides \$16.0 million to establish multiple higher education research memberships at the Global Genomics and Bioinformation Research Institute (INOVA). It is anticipated that the funding will support the initial establishment of at least four memberships for the public institutions of higher education in the Commonwealth. Each member institution may receive an amount not to exceed \$4.0 million after approval of a memorandum of understanding between Global Genomics and Bioinformation Research Institute and each member.
- Provides funding through the Economic Development Incentive Payments, for the Virginia Biosciences Health Research Corporation (VBHRC), a non-stock corporation research consortium initially comprised of UVA, VCU, VT, GMU, and EVMS. The consortium will contract with private entities, foundations, and other governmental sources to capture and perform research in biosciences, as well as promote the development of bioscience infrastructure tools which can be used to facilitate additional research activities. Other publicly-supported institutions of higher education in the Commonwealth may join the consortium as participating institutions for a cash contribution of at least \$50,000. (\$17.5 million). Included within the \$17.5 million, \$2.5 million the first year and \$5.0 the second year may be used to develop or maintain infrastructure investments in research infrastructure tools to facilitate bioscience research.
- The Economic Development Incentive Fund also includes funding for a collaborative effort to develop biotechnology spinoff companies that will accelerate the growth and strength of Virginia's biotechnology industry. Proposals will be evaluated by the Virginia Biosciences Health Research Corporation (VBHRC) for merit and feasibility. (\$60 million).
- Provides \$2.4 million in funding to Jefferson Lab in its attempt to compete for the United States Department of Energy's (USDOE) \$1.0 billion electron ion collider project, a particle accelerator that would collide electrons with heavy ions at nearly the speed of light to create rapid-fire, high-resolution views of the force binding all visible matter. With this additional support, the lab would be able to support the research and development associated with Jefferson Lab's design proposal submitted to the USDOE.