



# HIGHER EDUCATION

**TOTAL FUNDING: \$2 BILLION**

*"We are supporting Arizona's higher education institutions' efforts to take innovative, forward-thinking approaches to serving students and working with our communities. They stepped up to protect public health and ensure students' needs were met in response to the pandemic, and they continue to lead the way as we move forward."*

## **GOVERNOR DUCEY**

### **UNIVERSITIES**

- **\$68.6 million** in ongoing funding for Arizona's three public universities: Arizona State University, the University of Arizona and Northern Arizona University
- **\$37.4 million** for one-time operating funding for Arizona's three public universities
- **\$2.75 million** for the School of Civic and Economic Thought and Leadership at Arizona State University
- **\$250,000** for the School of Political History and Leadership at Arizona State University
- **\$1.25 million** for the Center for the Philosophy of Freedom at the University of Arizona
- **\$250,000** for the Economic Policy Institute at Northern Arizona University
- **\$3.5 million** for a state-of-the-art wind tunnel at the University of Arizona
- **\$500,000** for the agriculture workforce program at the University of Arizona
- **\$250,000** for the Eastern Europe Cultural Collaborative at Arizona State University
- **\$250,000** for the Kazakhstan Studies Program at the University of Arizona
- **\$4 million** for the School of Mining at the University of Arizona
- **\$200,000** for the Geological Survey at the University of Arizona
- **\$500,000** for the Natural Resource Users Law and Policy Center at the University of Arizona
- **\$11.8 million** for university operations at Arizona's three public universities
- **\$7.5 million** to cover students' tuition and fees through the Arizona Promise Program scholarship

### **COMMUNITY COLLEGES**

- **\$7.5 million** to fund scholarships for unemployed workers who return to the workforce
- **\$13 million** to expand Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) programs in Maricopa and Pima Counties
- **\$28 million** for rural community college financial aid
- **\$500,000** to increase the Rural County Reimbursement Subsidy program

Governor Ducey made significant investments to support Arizona universities during the pandemic. In September 2020, the Governor announced an investment of \$14 million to support COVID-19 response at state universities. This was in addition to previous university funding totaling more than \$31 million for research and testing. Arizona's public universities also received \$115 million on December 30 for their efforts to contain the spread of COVID-19. This funding came from the Coronavirus Relief Fund as part of the federal CARES Act.

