



Strengthening Arizona Higher Education - Investing in Creating A High-Skilled Workforce

AZ Healthy Tomorrow

As Arizona's population booms, Governor Hobbs knows we must have the healthcare workforce necessary to support it. By making smart investments in training the next generation of doctors, nurses, and other health care professionals, we can expand access to good-paying job opportunities and ensure Arizonans in every community get the healthcare they need.

Governor Hobbs' proposal to invest \$46 million in one-time funding for the AZ Healthy Tomorrow Initiative will:

- Fund multiple health initiatives within Arizona State University (ASU), Northern Arizona University (NAU), and the University of Arizona (UArizona)
- Establish a medical school at ASU, focused on engineering and technology
- Support the creation of a school of medicine at NAU that will produce primary care practitioners to serve Arizonans
- Expand the UArizona medical schools in Tucson and Phoenix
- Increase nursing programs and behavioral health and allied health programs
- Launch several other major health initiatives

University Bonding

To support the broader work of the universities and to expand their capacity to serve more students and lead innovative initiatives, the budget includes one-time authority in FY 2025 to allow the universities to issue new bonds. This provides an additional \$325 million in new bonding authority.

Arizona Promise Program

The Arizona Promise Program provides scholarships to low-income students to support them in continuing their education at ASU, NAU or UArizona.

Arizona Teachers Academy

The continued investment in the Arizona Teachers Academy provides scholarship funding and support to future Arizona educators in return for their commitment to teach in Arizona public schools.

By the Numbers:

- **\$46 million** to fund AZ Healthy Tomorrow Initiatives at the state universities. This repurposes previous investments in the New Economy Initiative.

- ASU: **\$21.2 million**, NAU: **\$10.1 million**, UArizona: **\$14.7 million**
- **\$325 million** new bonding authority for universities
- **\$20 million** one-time funding for the Arizona Promise Program, in addition to **\$20 million** ongoing
- **\$15 million** one-time funding for the Arizona Teachers Academy, in addition to **\$15 million** ongoing

What's at stake:

- Access to quality, affordable healthcare across the state, for all Arizonans
- Rapidly expanding Arizona's healthcare workforce with new physicians, nurses and allied health professionals
- Bolster the state's leadership in bioscience, life science, and research
- Expanding higher education affordability for Arizonans
- Building the high-skilled workforce of the future