

# UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS SYSTEM DAY AT THE CAPITOL 2025

- **Fueling Illinois' Workforce & Economy** – The U of I System drives \$19B annually into the state's economy and educates over half of Illinois' public university students.
- **Making Education Affordable** – In 2023-24, 21,323 students received \$135.8M in MAP grants, ensuring access to quality education.
- **Retaining Top Talent** – With 70% of graduates staying in Illinois, we strengthen industries, communities, and economic growth.
- **Partnering for Progress** – Collaboration with state government is key to expanding opportunity, innovation, and long-term prosperity.

TO CONTINUE MAKING AN IMPACT IN ILLINOIS, WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS:

## 1. Increase operating funding for all universities based on the number of students and services provided.

- The U of I system is where we educate a diverse workforce from all walks of life to be ready for what is next. This is where we grow local economies as anchors in our communities, where everything from new technologies to small businesses are developed and prosper.
- This is also where we make sure Illinois keeps the next generation here, in Illinois, to strengthen the economic base and grow vibrant local communities. Public universities are at the heart of securing our future.
- Current state funding is below 2002 levels.

## 2. Release appropriated capital dollars for new projects and deferred maintenance

- By investing in capital and deferred maintenance programs, the state can preserve the integrity of university infrastructure and free up operating funds that would otherwise be spent on emergency repairs.
- These funds are critical for upgrading aging facilities, enhancing energy efficiency, and improving campus safety and accessibility.
- Investment in state-of-the-art facilities and technology is essential to attract top students and faculty, maintaining our institution's competitive position in higher education.

53% OF ALL STUDENTS ATTENDING ILLINOIS PUBLIC UNIVERSITIES ARE ENROLLED IN U OF I SYSTEM UNIVERSITIES

1 IN 46 ILLINOIS JOBS CONNECTED TO THE U OF I SYSTEM

76% GRADUATION RATE FOR THE SYSTEM: COMPARED TO THE NATIONAL AVERAGE OF 64%

97,772  
STUDENTS EDUCATED ANNUALLY

\$19B+  
YEARLY CONTRIBUTION TO THE ILLINOIS ECONOMY

79%  
OF UNDERGRADS ARE ILLINOIS RESIDENTS

32%  
OF UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS IDENTIFY AS AN UNDERREPRESENTED MINORITY

\$1,000,000,000+  
TOTAL RESEARCH PORTFOLIO

\$283M  
ANNUAL INSTITUTIONAL AID FOR UNDERGRADS