

FY25 UAF LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

UAF's legislative priorities are separated into operating and capital priorities. These funding priorities have been approved by the UA president and the UA Board of Regents. Your advocacy can help UAF expand our impact and improve the quality of our services for students.

UAF Operating Budget / Program Priority	Program Need	What will this funding do?	How will this impact UAF/Alaska?
Academic Excellence for Industry: Energy Resource Engineering, Wildlife Biology, Marine Policy, Economics & Healthcare Management	\$425K	Help UAF grow in high demand areas – from energy resource engineering and wildlife biology to marine policy, economics and healthcare management.	Attract industry partners and meet modern workforce expectations for training skilled professionals.
Student Well-Being: Mental Health and Counseling Support Services	\$550K	Enable UAF to offer students access to a 24-hour comprehensive telemedicine and wellness program.	Increased student wellness, retention and success. Better meet the increased demand for mental health support.
Ensuring Alaska's Food Security	\$425K	Add agricultural research faculty in UAF's Institute of Agriculture, Natural Resources and Extension.	Improve food security, sustainability and independence to strengthen food systems and provide an economic boost for the state.
International Recruitment and Graduate Student Support	\$325K	Invest in visa and immigration document processing to serve the influx of admissions as a result of the R1 strategy.	Ensure efficient graduate student admission and degree progression.
Indigenous Leadership, Humanities and Social Sciences	\$400K	Add faculty and staff support for Indigenous studies Ph.D. and Alaska Native language programs.	Supports the UA Board of Regents' Alaska Native Success Initiative and advances UAF as a global leader in Indigenous studies.
Student Retention and Strategic Enrollment Initiatives	\$400K	Supports degree completion for Alaskans who have some college but no degree, and grows the Honors College.	Help close deficiencies in the enrollment cycle and maximize the value of recruitment marketing, scholarship and academics.
Increasing Alaska's Competitiveness – UAF Division I Nanook Hockey	\$2.5M	Support Division I Nanook hockey and student-athlete scholarships.	Help recruit students from Alaska, the lower 48 and abroad to ensure, and ensure in-state competition.

UAF Capital Budget Requests	Program Need	What will this funding do?	How will this impact UAF/Alaska?
UA Facility Modernization Strategy	\$60M or \$35M in perpetuity	Address UA facilities modernization needs. As the flagship university, UAF manages the largest number and oldest facilities in the UA System.	Enable a predictable investment in critical infrastructure that must be maintained to meet modern student needs safely.
Achieve Research 1 Status	\$20.0M	Help increase annual graduates from ~40 to 70+ Ph.D.s, in addition to growing the pipeline of incoming Ph.D.s.	R1 status, placing UAF in the top 4% of universities nationally, will provide global recognition for our high research productivity, enhance competitiveness for external funding and attract globally competitive faculty, staff and students.
UAF Drone Program: Year 3	\$10.0M	Conduct additional drone testing and R&D operations.	Advance the integration of drones with traditional aircraft and develop the workforce needed to support this emerging industry in Alaska.
Alaska Railbelt Carbon Capture & Sequestration Project	\$2.2M	Meet required state cost share to allow UAF and U.S. Department of Energy to conduct a CO2 storage complex feasibility assessment.	Support the pursuit of a low-carbon, economically affordable, reliable energy supply options to address the pending shortage of natural gas and electricity in the Railbelt of Alaska.
Capital Receipt Authority (enables UAF to seek external funds)	Receipt Authority	What will this project do?	How will this impact UAF/Alaska?
UAF Troth Yeddha' Indigenous Studies Center	\$53.0M	Build a one-of-a-kind Indigenous studies center on the UAF Troth Yeddha' Campus.	Establish a place of belonging for Alaska Native and Indigenous students, supporting UAF's path to become a global leader in Indigenous studies.
UAF University Park Early Childhood Development Center	\$5.6M	Renew classrooms and spaces to create early childhood education lab that supports up to 74 children.	Expand child care offerings in the Fairbanks area, impacting employee workforce needs and productivity.
UAF Arctic Emergency Services Workforce Center of Excellence	\$38.5M	Create a living laboratory for student emergency responders to attend classes and labs adjacent to a fully functional emergency services station.	Enable fire science, law enforcement, dispatch training and emergency medical service/paramedicine programs to meet the workforce demand.



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