

Office of Budget and Resource Planning

UNIVERSITY

California State University, Fresno is ranked the No. 2 university among all public and private schools nationwide in Washington Monthly's new ranking of Best Colleges for Your Tuition (and Tax) Dollars. Fresno State is joined in the top 30 by five Ivy League institutions, Stanford, and MIT. Fresno State is the only Mountain West university ranked in the top 30, and the only university slated for the revamped Pac-12 Conference, which Fresno State will join in July 2026. The Princeton Review listed the Craig School of Business's on-campus MBA program in its 2025 Best Business Schools report. The Wall Street Journal ranked Fresno State No. 4 among universities nationwide for social mobility. Designated as one of only 14 California universities with "Doctoral University – High Research Activity" -or R2 status by the Carnegie Classification of Institutions of Higher Education.

Our faculty includes a Pulitzer Prize winner, a U.S. Poet Laureate, and hundreds of subject matter experts who are passionate about teaching the next generation of leaders for the Valley, California, and the nation. Service to our region is an important part of our mission. The prestigious Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching awarded Fresno State its Community Engagement Classification, acknowledging the university's extensive partnership with our region. Students, faculty, and staff continued their long-standing culture of service by providing more than 1.5 million hours of service to community organizations for the 15th year in a row. Contributes nearly \$1 billion in economic activity to the San Joaquin Valley each year.

With an enrollment of more than 20,000 students, Fresno State offers 62 undergraduate degree programs and 45 master's degree programs, an Educational Specialist degree, a Doctorate in Educational Leadership, a Doctorate in Physical Therapy, and a Doctor of Nursing Practice, plus 10 certificates of advanced study.

The Fresno State campus sits against a backdrop of the beautiful Sierra Nevada Mountain range and within two hours of three national parks - Yosemite, Sequoia, and Kings Canyon. Our Student Recreation Center and the Henry Madden Library are part of the blend of traditional and modern buildings on the 383-acre main campus, which also includes a 1,011-acre University Farm considered one of the most modern and best-equipped agricultural facilities in the West. The Downing Planetarium is visited by thousands annually, and the Smittcamp Family Honors College admits 50 of California's top high school graduates each year with full scholarships. Fresno State student-athletes are top competitors in Division I (MW) sports.

The University is the sixth oldest in the California State University system, originally founded in 1911 as the state's first junior college. In 1961, under the newly created California State College system, the administration and control of the State colleges were transferred to the Trustees of the California State Colleges. The system was renamed The California State University in 1972.

The campus serves a large, diverse, multi-cultural population from the Central Valley and neighboring communities, as well as many students from California, other states, and nations. Approximately 87.9% of students are from the Central Valley, and 66.2% are first-generation college students. Fresno State graduates 6,000 students each year, and roughly 87,000 alumni live and work in Fresno County alone.

Budget Presentation

The following budget presentation begins with an overall university summary of the total expenditure budgets, position information, and actual expenditures (including encumbrances) of these funding sources in the prior year, followed by separate summaries and detailed sections for each area.

The General Fund is structured around baseline allocations (Level A) for each area of responsibility. Position, salary, benefits, operating expenses, and prior-year carry-forward budgets for each area within the divisions are also detailed. Similar presentations are provided for each of the Trust Funds and the University Auxiliary budgets.

University Budget Summary

The governor signed two pieces of legislation specific to the Budget Act of 2025 that affect the CSU. Assembly Bill 102, Chapter 5 of 202, and Senate Bill 101, Chapter 4 of 2025. The Budget Act of 2025 includes a \$143.8 million reduction in base General Fund appropriation for the California State University. The budget includes increases of \$0.3 million for drug testing devices at universities; \$1.3 million for the Center for California Studies Capital Fellows Program, and \$0.2 million for the Corporation for Educational Network Initiatives in California.

The General Fund budget for Fresno State is \$393,038,000 with a resident enrollment target of 20,675 FTES. The General Fund Budget included a reduction of (\$3,018,000) for 2025-26, and a net adjustment of (\$2,376,000) related to 2024-25 State Funded Retirement Adjustment and Reversal of 2024-25 One-Time General Fund Reduction.

University All Funds Summary

The *University All Funds Summary* is derived from several funding sources, including State General Fund allocations, revenues (fees and tuition), and reimbursements; Trust Funds, which are comprised of resources primarily from the Continuing Education Revenue Fund, Health Fees Fund, the Lottery Education Fund, and Parking Revenue Funds; and the revenues generated by the University Auxiliary organizations. The General Fund is the primary source of funding for university operations.