



# Supporting the National Institutes of Health (NIH)

The National Institutes of Health (NIH) is the cornerstone of American health innovation, advancing groundbreaking scientific discoveries that save lives and enhance health outcomes across the nation. The NIH not only leads in health research but also serves as a vital economic engine, fueling job creation and driving innovation that supports U.S. global leadership. Increased funding for NIH is not just a health imperative, it's a vital investment in the nation's economy, competitiveness, and future well-being.

SUNY FY26 NIH FUNDING REQUEST:

**\$51.3 billion**

FY25 ENACTED NIH FUNDING:

**\$47.08 billion**

## WHY NIH NEEDS INCREASED FUNDING:

### CUTTING-EDGE RESEARCH AND HEALTH INNOVATION:

NIH is responsible for pioneering research that leads to life-saving treatments, cures for diseases, and improvements in healthcare systems. The need for funding increases as the scope of global health challenges continues to grow.

### ECONOMIC IMPACT:

In 2024, NIH research supported over 400,000 jobs nationwide and generated over \$94 billion in new economic activity annually. This is a clear reflection of the agency's contribution to the U.S. economy and the long-term value of investing in public health research.

### GLOBAL LEADERSHIP:

The U.S. remains a leader in health and scientific innovation, and NIH plays a central role in maintaining this position. Increased funding ensures that America continues to be at the forefront of new discoveries, keeping our nation competitive in the global marketplace.

## SUNY IMPACT:

In New York, NIH funding has far-reaching effects—both on research outcomes and the state's economy. The \$3.55 billion in active NIH grants across the state supports approximately 30,500 jobs, contributing \$8.27 billion in new economic activity. At SUNY institutions, research expenditures include:

- **University at Buffalo:**  
**Estimated \$81 million impact.**  
*Example: \$8 million for the Women's Health Initiative; \$28.4 million to improve health outcomes, including addressing asthma and speeding drug discovery.*
- **Stony Brook University:**  
**Estimated \$74 million impact.**  
*Example: Research supporting 9/11 first responders; \$3 million for infectious disease outbreak mitigation.*
- **SUNY Downstate:**  
**Estimated \$24 million impact.**  
*Example: \$550k for lung disease therapies; \$620k for breast cancer therapies.*
- **Upstate Medical University:**  
**Estimated \$27 million impact.**  
*Example: \$6.4 million for Alzheimer's research; \$2.2 million for cancer treatments.*
- **University at Albany:**  
**Estimated \$12 million impact.**  
*Example: \$4 million for cancer research; \$1.7 million for breast cancer studies.*
- **Binghamton University:**  
**Estimated \$13 million impact.**  
*Example: \$2.4 million for improving lung cancer diagnostics.*