



## KANSAS BOARD OF REGENTS

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### **Board of Regents Approve State University Tuition Rates**

(Topeka, Kansas) - Today, the Kansas Board of Regents approved tuition rates for each of the six state universities in Kansas for the 2017-2018 academic year. The majority of increases range from 2.5%-2.9% for undergraduate resident and non-resident students, with the exception of the University of Kansas Compact Rate (5.5% increase) and students attending the University of Kansas Medical Center (5.0%). Tuition rates will also increase from 2.5%-2.9% for both resident and non-resident graduate students at the majority of universities, with the exception being students attending Kansas State University's College of Veterinary Medicine (0%), and students attending the University of Kansas Medical Center (5.0%).

A summary of approved FY18 tuition and required fee rates is attached and available online: [http://kansasregents.org/about/regent\\_meetings\\_agendas\\_and\\_minutes](http://kansasregents.org/about/regent_meetings_agendas_and_minutes).

State appropriations for higher education in FY 2018 and FY 2019 have been more or less held flat – a \$30.7 million (4%) allotment across the entire higher education system in FY 2017 was initially kept in place for FY 2018 and FY 2019, but amendments restored just over \$2.6 million in FY 2018 to the University of Kansas and Kansas State University (which were disproportionately affected by the initial allotment), and \$6.2 million in FY 2019 to five of the state's public universities. An additional \$500,000 was also appropriated in FY 2019 to the state's community and technical colleges, effectively bringing the total systemwide allotment to approximately 3.0% by FY 2019.

One of the primary responsibilities of the Board of Regents, as defined in state law, is to set tuition and fees at state universities. Based on the tuition rates approved today, it is projected that approximately \$736 million will be raised from tuition revenues this upcoming year. In addition to partially making up for the loss in state funding (in prior years), each university outlined how any additional revenue would be spent as a component of their tuition proposal, including increasing staff and faculty salaries, addressing fringe benefit rate changes and expected utility cost increases, improving student retention initiatives, technology access, and investments in scholarship programs.

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#### **About the Kansas Board of Regents:**

The nine-member Kansas Board of Regents is the governing board of the state's six universities and the statewide coordinating board for the state's 32 public higher education institutions (six state universities, one municipal university, nineteen community colleges, and six technical colleges). In addition, the Board administers the state's student financial aid, adult education, high school equivalency, and career and technical education programs. Private proprietary schools and out-of-state institutions are authorized by the Kansas Board of Regents to operate in Kansas.

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