



### Requester Information

**Legislator Name:** Millner, Ann

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### Section 1: Requester Details

#### Description:

This funding will support higher education research grants that enable Utah’s institutions of higher education to continue advancing research critical to the state’s goal of leading the nation in key areas. Utah’s higher education system is already engaged in this work, and these grants would further strengthen and expand those efforts.

#### Legislative designee contact information:

**Name:** Brian Bean

**Organization:** Utah Senate

**Position:** Senior Policy Advisor

### Section 2: Funding Information

#### How will the appropriation be used?

Category	One-time		Ongoing
Personnel Services	2026:	\$0.00	\$0.00
	2027:	\$0.00	
In-State Travel	2026:	\$0.00	\$0.00
	2027:	\$0.00	
Out-of-State Travel	2026:	\$0.00	\$0.00
	2027:	\$0.00	
Supplies and Equipment	2026:	\$0.00	\$0.00
	2027:	\$0.00	



# Higher Education Research Funding Pilot Program

Higher Education

Category	One-time		Ongoing
Technology Purchases	2026:	\$0.00	\$0.00
	2027:	\$0.00	
Infrastructure/Capital Investments	2026:	\$0.00	\$0.00
	2027:	\$0.00	
Other Charges/Pass Thru	2026:	\$0.00	\$0.00
	2027:	\$100,000,000.00	

## Expenditure Total

One-time 2026	One-time 2027	Ongoing 2027
\$0.00	\$100,000,000.00	\$0.00

## Funding Sources:

### Income Tax Fund

Amount Requested:

2026 (One-time)	\$0.00
2027 (One-time)	\$100,000,000.00
2027 (Ongoing)	\$0.00

## Revenue Total

One-time 2026	One-time 2027	Ongoing 2027
\$0.00	\$100,000,000.00	\$0.00

## Is this a multi-year project?

No



**Is this project scalable if the Legislature does not fund the full requested amount?**

Yes

**A short explanation describing how the project might be scaled?**

The amount of funding will determine the size and amount of research grants the legislature is able to fund.

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## Section 3: Agency Information

**Subjects:**

Education and Research

**Agency:**

510 / Utah Board of Higher Education

**Type of entity to receive pass-through funding:**

State Government

**Grant recipient**

No

**Requested Direct Award Grant Recipient**

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## Section 4: Performance Outcome Measurement

**Who would benefit the most from this request (who is the target audience)?**

This would benefit students, higher education institutions, the general economy and business communities.

**What is this project or program intended to accomplish?**

This program will accomplish economic development, workforce development and technology commercialization.



### **How will the Legislature know whether the project or program achieved its intended purpose?**

Institutions of higher education will receive the funding necessary to expand the number of significant research projects they undertake. Program success will be measured by the outcomes of these projects and their impact on Utah's economy, including contributions to technology commercialization, economic growth and workforce development.

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## **Section 5: Other Supporting Documents**

**Intent Language Documents**

**Previous Funding Documents**

**Full Time Employees**

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