

### Support for the University of Wisconsin System budget request for 2019-21

#### The People of Northwest Wisconsin Request

Support for biennial budget requests for 2019-21.

The University of Wisconsin System requests \$107.5 million in state funding to support statutorily required goals related to student success, workforce development and operational efficiencies. If fully funded, this funding request will result in a \$2.68 million increase in UW-Superior's operating budget to fund such initiatives as:



- Expansion of online courses and program delivery and electronic textbooks, making our education even more accessible to citizens of Northwestern Wisconsin.
- Expansion of the career services office, creation of paid internships and ability to increase on-campus student employment opportunities, giving our students the opportunity to start and continue their careers in Northwestern Wisconsin.
- Creation of a College Skills Course to help students successfully acclimate and transition to the college experience. Programs like these are proven to help students persist and complete their college education.

#### About the University of Wisconsin-Superior

More than just classrooms, labs and big buildings, the University of Wisconsin-Superior has stood as a landmark in the City of Superior for 125 years. UW-Superior fosters intellectual growth and career preparation that emphasizes individual attention and embodies respect for diverse cultures and multiple voices, and engages the community and region.

Nearly 2,600 students from 50 countries are served with dozens of undergraduate and graduate program offerings. Nearly half of the university's undergraduate students are the first in their families to attend a four-year college. Additionally, UW-Superior is home to four world-class research centers:

- **Lake Superior Research Institute** focuses on applied environmental research. Its mission includes an emphasis on continuing evaluation and analysis of the physical, biological and socioeconomic environments of the greater Lake Superior basin.
- **Transportation and Logistics Research Center** provides applied transportation and logistics research along with education and advisory services that benefit the region's economy.
- **Great Lakes Maritime Research Institute**, a consortium of UW-Superior and University of Minnesota Duluth, works with universities around the Great Lakes to coordinate research into marine transportation, logistics, engineering, environmental planning and port management.
- **Lake Superior National Estuarine Research Reserve**, affiliated with UW-Superior, brings scientists from around the country to conduct research and provide a learning resource for students and the greater community.

UW-Superior also offers online undergraduate degree programs in communicating arts, education, exercise science, health and wellness management, management, sustainable management and writing, plus online graduate programs in education, data science, health and wellness management, and sustainable management. Twenty-four percent of UW-Superior's students take their courses exclusively online.

UW-Superior has been named the Top Public School among Regional Colleges Midwest by U.S. News & World Report. U.S. News & World Report also ranked UW-Superior in its Best Colleges for Veterans, Best Value Schools, Best Online Bachelor's Program rankings, and Best Online Graduate Education Programs.

Community engagement is a cornerstone of UW-Superior. Students engaged with more than 200 community partners and spent nearly 53,500 hours serving and learning during the 2016-17 academic year, with a total value of \$1,283,160 in hours donated to the local economy.

The university boasts a 95 percent rate of graduates employed or enrolled in graduate school 12 months after graduation, with 23 percent of its majors resulting in a 100 percent employment success rate.

### Additional UW-Superior Points of Pride

9 | Number of consecutive years UW-Superior has been recognized as a Military Friendly School by G.I. Jobs Magazine

2 | Rank among UW schools in percentage of undergraduate international students

42 | Percentage of nontraditional undergraduate students (either a veteran, a parent, or at least 25 years old)

43 | Percentage of undergraduate transfer students

88 | Number of student-athletes honored by either the UMAC or the WIAC for their academic performance

36 | Percentage of undergraduate students who are Pell Grant eligible

17 | Total number of men's and women's sports

49 | Countries represented by our 228 international students

\$2.4 million | Total dollar amount of funded research and public service at UW-Superior

