

2018 Legislative Agenda for the University of Kansas



The University of Kansas' mission is to educate leaders, build healthy communities and make discoveries that change the world. To help fulfill this mission, the university will ask state lawmakers to consider the following priority for the 2018 Legislative Session:

Restoration of \$7.4 million from the 2016 allotment cuts to KU

In 2016, KU's budget was cut \$10.7 million. In 2017, lawmakers restored about \$3.3 million of that. This session, KU's top legislative priority will be working with lawmakers to restore the remaining \$7.4 million – essentially getting the university's funding back to 2016 levels.

More broadly, we will continue to help lawmakers understand the importance of stable funding for KU. Stable funding is crucial for two reasons:

- Without stable funding, it is difficult for KU to make basic business decisions for the upcoming year and execute long-term planning.
- Stable funding is crucial given the decade-long trend of declining state financial support for higher education, which has severely strained KU's ability to serve students and Kansans.

\$46M

Reduction in state appropriations to KU since 2008

For additional data and details about KU's efforts in Topeka, visit our [State Relations](#) page. For more information, contact Kelly Reynolds, director of state relations, at 785-864-7100 or kelly@ku.edu.

Interested in advocating for higher education?

KU students, employees, alumni and supporters are encouraged to join [Jayhawks for Higher Education](#), the university's higher education advocacy group headed by the KU Alumni Association. Jayhawks for Higher Education members receive updates throughout the legislative session, are notified of legislative events in their area, and are called upon at key moments during the session to contact legislators on behalf of KU.

