

UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS (0135)
FISCAL YEAR 2014 & 2015 - ALC/JBC Recommendation

I) AGENCY SUMMARY & REVENUE SOURCES

The Institution is located in Fayetteville, Arkansas and is a four year doctoral granting institution of higher education.

TOTAL BUDGET

The Institution's total appropriation request is approximately \$1.14 billion for each year of the biennium.

FUNDING SOURCE

The budget is funded from approximately 20% General Revenue, 1% Educational Excellence Trust Funds, with the remainder as cash funds from tuition & fees, federal funds, Tobacco Settlement Funds, and other funds.

II) APPROPRIATION/CHANGES

* State Operations - Total requested appropriation of approximately \$232 and \$237.4 million each year includes increases over budgeted of \$31.3 and \$36.6 million in years 1 & 2, respectively, which include increases in Salary (\$11.3 & \$13.3 million each year), Matching (\$7.3 & \$8.3 million ea. Yr.), and in Operating Expenses (\$12.7 & \$15 million ea. Yr.).

* Biosciences Institute - Total requested appropriation of approximately \$2.4 million each year includes an increase over FY13 budgeted of \$779,640 in the Capital Outlay line-item for each year. Tobacco Settlement funded.

* Biosciences Institute - Agriculture Experiment Station - Total requested appropriation of approximately \$2.4 million each year includes an increase over FY13 budgeted totaling \$819,509 each year, with increases in Salaries (\$452,972 each year), Matching (\$98,068 ea. Yr.), Operating Expenses (\$137,969 ea. Yr.), Professional Fees (\$10,000 ea.), and Capital Outlay (\$120,500 ea.). Tobacco Settlement funded.

* New General Revenue Funding appropriation requests - Arkansas Research and Educational Optical Network Operations of \$1.35 and \$1.38 million for years 1 & 2, respectively; Garvan Woodland Gardens of \$500,000 and \$511,000 years 1 & 2; and the Pryor Center for Arkansas History operating expenses of \$235,000 and \$240,405 years 1 & 2;

* Deletion of Appropriation - Knowledge Based Economic Development Program - Winthrop Rockefeller Institute - Deletion of personal services and operating expenses appropriation authorized at \$248,951.

* Cash Operations - Total requested appropriation of approximately \$840 million each year does not include an increase over budgeted. Cash - UofA Soils Testing and Research -

Total requested appropriation of \$3.75 million each year does not include an increase over budgeted. Cash - Ark. Research and Educational Optical Network - Total requested appropriation of approximately \$55 million each year does not include an increase over budgeted.

* UAF Law School - Total requested of \$800,000 each year equals the current budgeted amount and is funded from \$15 of circuit court filing fees split between UALR and UAF.

* School for Mathematics, Sciences, & Arts - State Operations - Total appropriation request of approximately \$8.7 and \$8.9 million each year includes increases of approximately \$676,000 and \$875,000 for years 1 & 2, respectively, which includes increases in Salaries (\$250,000 & \$300,000), Matching (\$100,000 & \$150,000), Operating Expenses (\$201,000 & \$300,000), Conferences & Travel (\$100,000 ea. Yr.), and Capital Outlay (\$25,000 ea. Yr.). Amendment 2 added \$1.5 million Distance Education Program appropriation.

* School for Mathematics, Sciences, & Arts - Cash Operations - Total requested appropriation of \$30 million each year equals the FY13 budgeted with the establishment of a Promotional Items line item of \$35,000 each year offset by a reduction in the Operating Expenses line item.

III) ADDITIONAL POSITIONS

Total positions (includes Tobacco Settlement) for FY2014: 7,354

Total positions (includes Tobacco Settlement) for FY2015: 7,354

Total Budgeted Positions for FY2013: 6,040

Increase/(Decrease): 1,314

10 administrative non-classified and 2 classified for the System; 67 administrative non-classified and 209 classified, 417 academic, 115 auxiliary positions for UAF; 248 for Agri. Experiment Station; 161 for Cooperative Extension; 26 for Archeological Survey; 3 Garvan Woodland Gardens; 11 Criminal Justice Inst.; 13 Clinton School; 5 Ark. Edu. Research Optical Net.; 14 Ark. School for Math., Sci. & Arts; Amendment 1 added 3 Senior Institutional Audit Managers.

IV) SPECIAL LANGUAGE

* Criminal Just. Inst. - Transfer Provision: Transfers \$150,000, from the Special State Assets Forfeiture Fund to the University of Arkansas Fund for the Criminal Justice Institute for education and training to address methamphetamine activities in the State.

* Archeological Survey - Use & Disbursing Officer: Restricts the appropriation & funds allocated to the Arkansas Archeological Survey to be used for no other purpose and makes the VP for

Finance & Administration the disbursing officer.

* <Modified for clarification> Special Allowances: Authorizes special allowances for housing and other unusual expenses for various Athletic Departments' employees, to be paid from athletic event receipts or from contributions other than state funds, with annual reporting to the Joint Legislative Auditing Committee.

* Additional Payments Authorized: Authorizes additional payments to head and assistant coaches from contract generated revenue with vendors of athletic apparel, shoes, multimedia rights, & other products

* Apprentice Program Wages: Provides for US Dept of Labor Approved Apprentice Program guidelines to be followed with skilled trades worker positions.

* ASMSA - Summer School Employees: Allows Residential Mentors, Teachers, and Counselors of the School for Math., Sciences and Arts additional compensation not to exceed 1/10 of their annual salary for summer work.

* ASMSA - Teacher Grant Funding Provision: Allows payment of additional compensation to School for Mathematics and Sciences teachers of to 1/10 of their annual salary for writing grants and publishing papers and not to be paid from General Revenue or Educational Excellence funds.

TOBACCO SETTLEMENT LANGUAGE BELOW

* Transfer Restrictions: Prohibits any transfers among tobacco settlement funds appropriations except as provided in the Act containing the appropriations.

* Transfer Provisions: Allows transfer of tobacco funds appropriations between line items with approval of the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, Dept. of Higher Education & Legislative Council and includes non-severability language.

* Positions: States that it is not the commitment of the State to continue any position funded from tobacco settlement funds if those funds become insufficient.

* Compliance: States fiscal control laws and regulations are to be complied with.

* Intent: States that disbursements are to be in accordance with Initiated Act 1 of 2000, budget manuals, and testimony relating to the appropriation act.