

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Q: Can you explain how the budget is allocated to NU?

A: As a public, state-funded institution, the University of Nebraska relies heavily on state budget allocations. While federal, philanthropic, and other sources support research and scholarships, about two-thirds of our operating funds come from state dollars, with the remaining third from tuition. We recently testified to the Appropriations Committee on behalf of our budget ask, which you can read [here](#). Our partnership with the

Q: What are the biggest challenges and opportunities facing the University of Nebraska today?

A: The biggest opportunity that we have is to be laser focused on our strategic planning at a time of significant policy, fiscal and ideologic challenges. Multiple external forces facing the University of Nebraska today include financial pressures, shifting public perceptions of higher education, and a rapidly changing policy environment. We are also working to address future enrollment challenges and ensure that our academic programs meet and exceed the evolving needs of students and employers.

At the same time, Nebraska is uniquely positioned to lead in fields like agriculture, rural healthcare, defense, and technology. Our research and innovation capabilities offer solutions to national and global challenges, and our commitment to workforce development can help bridge critical talent gaps across the state. By staying focused on our strategic vision and working collaboratively with stakeholders, we can navigate these challenges thoughtfully and position the University of Nebraska for long-term stability and success.

Q: How is the University of Nebraska addressing the needs of the state and the region?

A: The University of Nebraska is deeply committed to fostering an environment where a wide range of perspectives are not represented.

