



Higher Education Provisions in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009

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| Total Package: | \$787 billion |
| Spending: | \$575 billion |
| Tax Relief: | \$212 billion |

Please note that, in addition to these major funding areas, there may be other areas where private non-profit institutions of higher education are eligible to receive funds from the stimulus bill, depending on the programs at the institution, or the interests of the region.

Aid to Students and Families

- **Pell Grants:** \$17.1 billion to increase the maximum grant by \$500, to \$5,350 in 2009-10 academic year, and \$5,550 in 2010-11; and pay off program shortfall.
- **Federal Work Study:** \$200 million for a new community service focus in the program.
- **American Opportunity Tax Credit:** New \$2,500 college tax credit that replaces Hope tax credit, expands eligible expenses to include course materials, expands income caps to \$80,000 for single filers and \$160,000 for joint filers, and is 40 percent refundable.

Aid to Colleges and Universities

- **Infrastructure:** No separate funds included for institutions of higher education. See State Stabilization Fund below.
- **State Stabilization Fund:** \$53.6 billion total to Department of Education; \$39.5 billion for local school districts and public colleges to avoid lay offs and keep public tuition down; \$8.8 billion for other government services, which may include education and modernization, renovation and repairs of public school facilities and institutions of higher education facilities. Language is included in this section to ensure that all institutions of higher education are eligible to compete for these funds.
- **Teacher Training:** \$100 million for Teacher Quality Enhancement Grants.

Research

- **Department of Energy:** \$41.7 billion total; including \$2 billion for basic research in physical sciences and improvements to DOE labs and facilities; \$400 million for Advanced Research Project Agency; \$2.5 billion for competitive grants for energy efficiency and renewable energy R&D, and more.

- **National Science Foundation:** \$3 billion; including \$2 billion for expanding employment in science and engineering to meet environmental challenges; \$400 million to build major research facilities; \$300 million for major research equipment at institutions of higher education; \$200 million for renovation, repair and modernization of science and engineering facilities at institutions of higher education; and \$100 million to improve STEM instruction.
- **NIH:** \$8.7 billion for biomedical research jobs to study Alzheimer's, Parkinson's, cancer and heart disease; \$1.3 billion for renovation and equipment at university research facilities.
- **NASA:** \$1 billion total; \$400 million for science employment on climate change research; \$400 million on exploration; \$150 million on research, development and demonstration to improve aviation safety; \$50 million to repair NASA centers damaged by hurricanes and floods last year.
- **National Institute of Standards and Technology:** \$580 million total; \$360 million for renovation and construction of new facilities and labs, including \$180 million for competitive construction grants for research science buildings at institutions of higher education; \$220 million for additional research fellowships, equipment and grants.
- **NOAA:** \$600 million for construction and repair of facilities, ships, and equipment; \$230 million for ready-to-go research, restoration, navigation and conservation activities.
- **USGS:** \$140 million to repair and modernize facilities and equipment.

Other

- **Student Aid Administration:** \$60 million for the Department of Education to handle increased student aid applications.
- **Statewide Data Systems:** \$250 million which may be used for statewide data systems that include postsecondary and workforce information.
- **National Endowment for the Arts:** \$50 million for arts-related jobs.
- **Job Training:** \$3.95 billion, including formula grants for adult, dislocated worker and youth services, increased funds for YouthBuild, and competitive grants for training in health care and green jobs.