



SFY 2020-21 CICU Budget Priorities: Opportunity and Advancement

Invest in Opportunity:

- **Tuition Assistance Program (TAP):** Over a three-year phase-in period, increase the minimum TAP award to \$1,000 (from \$500), increase the maximum TAP award to \$6,000 (from \$5,165), and increase the TAP income eligibility ceiling to \$110,000 (from \$80,000). Expand TAP in lieu of expanding Excelsior Scholarships to high income families.
- **Higher Education Capital (HECap) Matching Grant program:** Restore funding for the HECap program at \$30 million.
- **Direct Institutional “Bundy” Aid:** Increase support for not-for-profit colleges and universities by three percent (\$1.1 million) commensurate with the increase in support for nonpublic K-12 institutions that is recommended in the Executive Budget.
- **Opportunity Programs:**
 - **Arthur O. Eve Higher Education Opportunity Program (HEOP):** Increase HEOP to \$42.43 million (from 2019 level of \$35.53) to allow per student funding to increase to \$8,400 (from \$7,000) for students outside New York City and \$9,000 (from \$7,500) for students within New York City. Require any unused HEOP funds to be reinvested in current HEOP students.
 - **Science, Technology Entry Program (STEP) and its collegiate counterpart (C-STEP):** Increase funding to \$33.4 million (from the 2019 level of \$27.8 million).
 - **Liberty Partnerships Program (LPP):** Increase funding to \$22 million (from the 2019 level of \$18.4 million).
- **Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) Incentive Program:** Provide \$1 million for a new cohort of STEM Incentive scholarship recipients, pursuant to Ch. 56 of the laws of 2018, which authorized STEM scholarships to be available to students attending private, not-for-profit colleges and universities.
- **Student Transition Assistance Year in New York (STAY-NY) Loan Repayment Tax Credit:** Enact the STAY-NY loan repayment tax credit which provides student loan relief while incentivizing New York college graduates to stay and work in New York.

Advance Resources to Promote World Class Institutions:

- **Centers for Advanced Technology (CATs) and Centers of Excellence (COEs):** Restore funding for New York’s 15 Centers for Advanced Technology (CAT) and the 14 Centers of Excellence (COE) by funding each Center at \$1 million. Funding for COEs was eliminated in the Executive Budget, with a portion of the savings reinvested into the CAT program.
- **Prevailing Wage:** Provide sufficient flexibility in the application of prevailing wage requirements so that colleges and universities can afford to pursue job creating capital construction projects using tax exempt financing.
- **Preventing Sexual Assault on Campuses:** Provide an additional \$350,000 in funding to allow private, not-for-profit colleges and universities to receive training through SUNY’s Student Conduct Institute (SCI).
- **Matching Grants Leverage Program:** Increase funding to \$8 million (from the 2019 level of \$6 million) for the NYSTAR Matching Grants Leverage Program to help leverage federal research dollars.