

President's Report to the Finance, Building and Grounds Committee
of the Board of Trustees of Northeastern Illinois University
January 15, 2026

Information Item: FY26 Second Quarter Budget to Actual Report

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The Northeastern Illinois University Board of Trustees at its September 18, 2025 meeting approved the University final operating budget, which represented spending plans for fiscal year 2026 (FY2026). The information herein reflects a comparison of actual expenditures to that budget, as well as previous year-to-date actual expenditures.

The operating budget for FY2026 totals \$159,408,000. Of that total, \$93,785,000 is the University's unrestricted general operating budget supported by State appropriation and student tuition. In addition, the University's restricted funds budget amount of \$65,623,000 is supported by student fee programs, auxiliary services, grants, and contracts.

At the Board's request, quarterly reports are provided for the unrestricted operating budget, which supports most University departments and ongoing operations. This report provides an update on second quarter spending in the unrestricted budget and is summarized in Table 1, which also includes a comparison with year-to-date spending for both FY2025 and FY2024.

Moreover, Table 2 provides a financial forecast for the unrestricted operating budget. This financial forecast builds upon the existing quarterly reporting and presentation structure of the budget-to-actual reports and incorporates separate forecasts for revenues and expenses. The revenue forecast is forward-looking and based on existing models used to build the University's operating budget. The expense forecast is based on average historical spending by category and utilized data, adjusted to account for new initiatives/funding sources, any anticipated new spending, and current commitments/ encumbrances.

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 FOR THE PERIOD ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2025
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	FY2024 Q2			FY2025 Q2			FY2026 Q2				
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Net Tuition Revenue	41,874,400	37,872,272	90.4%	45,134,178	38,682,614	85.7%	47,001,700	47,001,700	40,438,105	86.0%	1,755,491 (B)
Net Differential Tuition Revenue	689,000	684,179	99.3%	820,122	759,412	92.6%	1,617,000	1,617,000	1,192,907	73.8%	433,495 (B)
Investment Income	2,276,600	2,206,396	96.9%	3,700,000	2,057,297	55.6%	3,400,000	3,400,000	1,708,036	50.2%	(349,261) (C)
All Other Sources	500,000	363,314	72.7%	500,000	290,338	58.1%	600,000	600,000	356,532	59.4%	66,194
Total Revenue	\$ 85,300,000	\$ 68,604,817	80.4%	\$ 90,913,000	\$ 71,797,558	79.0%	\$ 93,785,000	\$ 93,785,000	\$ 73,811,845	78.7%	\$ 2,014,287
Expenditures											
Personnel Services	\$ 67,901,380	\$ 30,951,015	45.6%	\$ 70,829,802	\$ 30,485,923	43.0%	\$ 73,613,490	\$ 73,999,621	\$ 31,215,589	42.2%	\$ 729,666 (D)
Contractual Services	14,631,783	4,443,108	30.4	14,821,712	5,026,331	33.9	14,032,107	12,850,687	4,074,137	31.7	(952,194) (E)
Equipment	431,986	101,140	23.4	383,986	129,275	33.7	379,486	363,075	169,613	46.7	40,338
Commodities	807,401	234,893	29.1	818,150	236,423	28.9	758,917	764,529	238,025	31.1	1,602
Telecommunications	176,700	31,279	17.7	176,700	147,452	83.4	176,700	281,453	158,030	56.1	10,578
Travel	197,750	57,380	29.0	193,650	64,493	33.3	171,800	274,193	80,727	29.4	16,234
Permanent Improvements	25,000	-	-	25,000	-	-	25,000	22,418	-	-	-
Operation of Auto Equip	21,000	14,009	66.7	24,000	20,244	84.4	23,500	42,100	18,714	44.5	(1,530)
Tuition Scholarships	1,299,000	639,821	49.3	1,299,000	-	-	1,299,000	1,881,924	951,512	50.6	951,512 (F)
Debt Service	2,308,000	1,150,208	49.8	2,341,000	1,166,027	49.8	3,305,000	3,305,000	1,693,296	51.2	527,269 (E)
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<i>EOIT Reserve Allocation</i>	<i>(2,500,000)</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>
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Excess Revenue Over Expenditures	\$ -	\$ 30,981,965	\$ -	\$ 34,521,389	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 35,212,202	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

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FY26 Q2 vs FY25 Q2 Actuals

Explanation for Change

{A} Change from PY (totaling \$108K) relates to timing of requesting reimbursements from the State. Full State appropriation amount is expected to be fully vouchered and received by Q3.

{B} The increase in Net Tuition Revenue and Net Differential Revenue (\$2.2 million) was primarily driven by higher credit hour enrollment in FY2026 compared to FY2025, along with the increase in graduate tuition rates and the implementation of additional tuition differentials beginning Fall 2025.

Actual Credit Hours Comparison as of FY2026 Q2 based on Census Data

	Summer II (@44%)	Fall	Spring as of 12/30/25	Total
FY2026	6,025	55,977	40,380	102,382
FY2025	5,906	53,900	39,045	98,851
Increase in Credit Hours	119	2,077	1,335	3,531

{C} Investment income is mostly attributable to income earned from the Illinois Funds. Note that reimbursements from the State are deposited to the Illinois Funds. The following table presents the investment income earned per month:

	Investment Income Earned		
	As of December 2025	As of December 2024	Difference
July	\$ 283,646	374,486	\$ (90,841)
August	274,167	344,166	(70,000)
September	270,343	332,241	(61,898)
October	285,530	336,073	(50,544)
November	291,187	347,750	(56,563)
December	303,164	322,580	(19,416)
	\$ 1,708,036	\$ 2,057,297	\$ (349,261)

The \$349K decrease in investment income can be attributed to a combination of factors, including the Federal Reserve's decision to reduce rates starting September 2025.

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- {D}** The increase in Personnel Services of \$730K was driven by across-the-board raises for union and non-union employees, promotions, and equity adjustments.
- {E}** In FY2026, the University issued new debt to refinance the NEST student housing and parking obligations and to support critical campus improvements. As a result, NEST-related payments previously recorded under the Contractual Services line—typically in December and March—were eliminated, resulting in a net decrease in Contractual Services totaling \$952K. Moreover, starting in FY2026, the University directly pays the principal and interest on the related debt, with a portion recorded under the Debt Service line of the unrestricted operating budget, resulting in higher expenses in that category (+\$527K).
- {F}** The increase in Tuition Scholarships of \$953K is primarily driven by the non-receipt of the IBHE Pell 55 grant in FY2026. In FY2025, tuition scholarships including housing scholarships were absorbed by the IBHE Pell 55 grant, allowing unrestricted operating funds to be reallocated and used to support one-time initiatives aimed at enhancing the overall student and faculty experience at the University.

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Investment Income	3,400,000	-	3,400,000	1,708,036	1,599,406	3,307,442	(92,558) {AA}	
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Total Revenue	93,785,000	-	93,785,000	73,811,845	19,990,109	93,801,954	16,954	
Expenditures								
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Contractual Services	14,032,107	(1,181,420)	12,850,687	4,074,137	8,706,594	12,780,731	69,956	
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FY2026 Budget to Forecast Comparison
Explanation for Variance

{AA} The projected \$93,000 unfavorable variance in investment income reflects updated assumptions for the remainder of the fiscal year.

As of December 31, 2025, despite a recent 0.25% rate decrease in December, investment income is currently tracking slightly favorable, with an \$8,000 year-to-date positive variance. If the Federal Reserve implements one additional 0.25% rate reduction at the end of January, investment income is expected to end the fiscal year at approximately break-even with the budget..

The \$93,000 unfavorable projection assumes a more conservative scenario in which two additional rate decreases occur prior to June.

2nd Quarter Budget to Actuals FY2026



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2Q2026 Actuals - comparison to prior fiscal year

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Forecasted for Fiscal Year 2026

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NEIU Investment Performance compared to Federal Reserve Rates and Equity Markets index



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Impact of the withheld 2% State Appropriation

These funds are essential for:

- Student services and mental-health support
- Faculty retention and recruitment
- Deferred maintenance and campus-safety upgrades
- Scholarships and financial aid for low-income and first-generation students



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Buildings and Grounds Update:

2025-2026



Facilities Management Team

Executive Director: Joshua Sumner

Design and Construction

Hemant Shah
Joseph Bibat
Kevin Gunnerson

Engineering Team

Michael Vivo
Michael Petrenko

Facilities Team

Alex Gonzalez

Janitorial Team

Fred Rivera
Dennis Ellis



Completed Projects 2025

1. BBH HVAC and Classroom Update	CDB Funded - \$2.65mm
2. E Bldg. and C Bldg. Entrance remodel and campus walkways	CDB Funded - \$5.13mm
3. Veterans Center	Sen. Duckworth Grant/University Funded - \$126k
4. Campus power Cabling replacement	CDB Funded - \$2.81mm
5. BBH, LWH roof replacement project	CDB Funded – \$4.8mm
6. LWH Induction unit replacements	CDB Funded - \$2.4mm
7. CCICS Roof replacement	University Debt Refi Funded - \$427k

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Projects Beginning or to be Completed in 2026

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One Stop Shop



Estimated
completion – Fall
2026

Funding – Federal
grants and SPDF



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One Stop Shop



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Nursing Simulation Lab



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Pool Repair

Funding for repairing the 35 year old pool in the PE building has been secured thanks to recent debt refinancing.

The RFP for the pool is being developed at the moment and should be put up for bid in the next few weeks with an expectation that the work will be completed by the end of the calendar year.*



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* This timeframe is an estimate and cannot be confirmed until a vendor is chosen



BIG Center, Main Campus

Located in our parking garage, first floor, our second Business Innovation and Growth(BIG) center is scheduled to start construction in 2026 and be completed by the end of the year.

This CDB project is expected to be awarded in January 2026 to the winning bidder and coordination and scheduling will begin soon afterward.



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Sasha Gerritson Theatre Lobby Renovation



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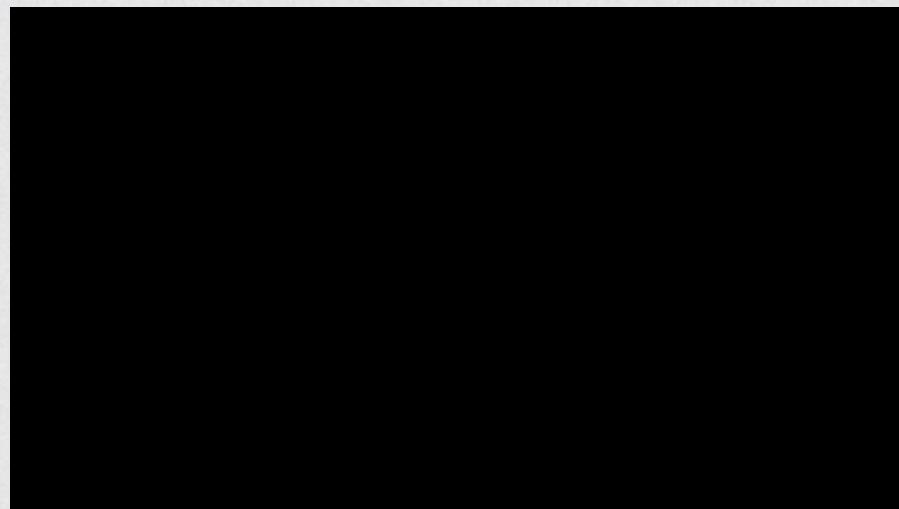
Education Building (Video 1)



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Education Building (Video 2)



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Additional Projects for 2026

1. Campus Roof Replacement – Phase 1	University Debt Refi Funded - \$7.7mm
2. Golf Simulator	University Funded - \$60k
3. Sharps disposal containers in public restrooms for guest use	University Funded - \$3k
4. Cooling Tower fills replacement	University Funded - \$250k
5. Rebuilding of elevators 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 24	University Debt Refi Funded – \$2.5mm
6. New ticketing system for facilities management requests	University Funded - \$12k
7. Begin Master planning	University Funded - \$TBD

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Master Planning Process

Timeline: 12 – 18 months

- Internal and External Stakeholder engagement
- Define university priorities
- Analysis of existing conditions
 - Peer benchmarking
 - Zoning and land use
 - Facilities condition and assessment
- Define construction goals, focus, and cadence
- Plan around academic strategy
- Conceptual Campus planning – including all University locations and spaces
- Capital funding strategy
- Implementation

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Demolition Estimates

	Vendor A	Vendor B	Vendor C
3412-3418 W. Bryn Mawr	\$76,500.00	\$131,000.00	\$199,100.00
3415-3417 W. Bryn Mawr	\$19,000.00	\$43,000.00	\$43,000.00
3411-3413 W. Bryn Mawr	\$23,500.00	\$42,000.00	\$88,000.00
3407-3409 W. Bryn Mawr	\$26,750.00	\$64,000.00	\$99,000.00
3401-3405 W. Bryn Mawr/5550, 5502 N. Kimball Ave	\$73,500.00	\$104,000.00	\$110,000.00
3386, 3374, 3372, 3344 N. Avondale/3432, 3430, 3414 W. Henderson Street	\$259,278.00	\$480,000.00	\$309,000.00
Total Demolition Costs	\$478,528.00	\$864,000.00	\$848,100.00
Additional Costs Not Included In Estimates:			
Environmental testing/remediation			
Air monitoring			
Construction fencing			
Site maintenance after completion			
Removal of existing fill under slab			
Engineering			
Asphalt removal/restoration			
Testing, sampling or removal of PCBs			
UST removals/soil remediation			
Water/sewer/gas disconnect			
Asbestos and lead inspection/removal			
Permits			

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**Information Item: Notification to the Board of Certain Expenditures – Purchases Between
\$100,000 and \$250,000**

Board of Trustees' Regulations require that the President report to the Board purchases of at least \$100,000 but less than \$250,000 other than those exempt from Board approval (e.g. utilities). The following lists those purchases since the last Board meeting.

VENDOR	DESCRIPTION	CONTRACT AMOUNT
Steinway, Inc., (Steinway & Sons) (Sole Source approved by State of IL, December 9, 2025)	Steinway Concert Grand Piano, Model D	\$208,330.00 PO# P0072123

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of the Board of Trustees of Northeastern Illinois University
January 15, 2026

Action Item: FY2027 Tuition and Fees Recommendations

Background:

Northeastern Illinois University (NEIU) reviews and adjusts tuition and fees annually to keep up with inflationary cost pressures, address essential operational needs, and ensure the continued quality of its academic programs. Equally important is the effort to maintain affordability for students.

In support of this commitment, NEIU held base undergraduate tuition flat for two consecutive fiscal years (FY2025–FY2026), despite periods of reduced State appropriations and significant additional costs. It is important to note that 9 of the 12 Illinois public universities increased their undergraduate base tuition in FY2026, ranging from 2.0% to 9.1%.

Tuition rates for graduate students have increased modestly, averaging 2.5% for the last five years. In contrast, inflation, as measured by the Higher Education Price Index (HEPI), has risen at a much higher rate, particularly in recent years, averaging 3.8% per year over the past five years and 3.6% in the last 12 months. Additionally, the truth-in-tuition guarantee locks in a student's tuition rate for 4 to 6 years, but the costs of teaching those courses rise each year the student remains enrolled.

Adding to these challenges, the University has not yet received the 2% FY2026 contingent general funds appropriation. This delay has created significant operational strain and ongoing uncertainty that is already affecting day-to-day operations. To remain fiscally responsible, NEIU has implemented a hiring freeze, limiting its ability to fill critical positions in student services, campus safety, and in enrollment management—areas that are essential to institutional stability and growth.

As a result, the University's capacity to provide vital support services, including academic advising, disability services, mental health counseling, and enrollment outreach, has been constrained. These services are directly tied to student retention, academic success, and overall well-being.

In this context, as many Illinois public universities have acknowledged—particularly those facing financial pressure—tuition and fee increases become increasingly difficult to avoid. Institutional costs continue to rise while State appropriations have not kept pace, creating a growing gap between available resources and the funding required to sustain high-quality education and student support.

FY 27 Tuition and Fees Recommendations:

After extensive discussions at the University through its shared governance process, the administration is proposing the following modest increase in tuition and fees: The proposal includes a 1% increase in undergraduate base tuition and a 3% graduate base tuition increase for both in-state and out-of-state

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students. The recommendation also includes a \$25 increase in mandatory fees, raising the fee from \$100 to \$125.

Undergraduate base tuition	1% increase	IL Resident: \$430.95 to \$435.26 Out-of-State: \$861.90 to \$870.52
Graduate base tuition	3% increase	IL Resident: \$477.40 to \$491.72 Out-of-State: \$954.80 to \$983.44
Mandatory General Fee	\$25 increase	(from \$100 to \$125 per credit hour, up to 16 credit hours)

Peer Institution Comparison Analysis

Undergraduate Base Tuition:

NEIU's undergraduate base tuition currently ranks 2nd out of 12 among all Illinois public universities for FY26. Although NEIU's undergraduate base tuition ranks near the top among Illinois public universities, it does not tell the full story, because base tuition is only part of what students actually get charged. It is important to view this in context, because there is no straightforward way to compare universities given the wide variation in how tuition and fees are structured across institutions.

Graduate Base Tuition:

NEIU's graduate base tuition currently ranks 4th out of 12 among all Illinois public universities for FY26. Even with the proposed 3% increase in graduate base tuition for FY27, we believe the university will maintain its competitive position relative to other Illinois public institutions.

Mandatory General Fee:

Since 2018, NEIU has had the lowest fees of any public university in Illinois for both undergraduate and graduate students. This followed the decision to discontinue the mandatory health insurance fee and instead guide our students to purchase more comprehensive and cheaper health plan options through the Affordable Care Act.

While this positioned NEIU as an affordable option for its students, the low fee structure has impacted our ability to invest in student support services and facilities. While we strive to keep costs affordable, it has limited the resources available for maintaining and enhancing campus infrastructure and providing the full range of services that support student success.

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Budget Impact and other Strategies:

To address the estimated \$6.6 million FY27 fiscal gap, several strategies are being considered. One approach involves advocating for increased State funding. For example, a 1% increase in state appropriations would generate approximately \$412K toward closing the gap.

In addition, enrollment growth and retention initiatives are projected to generate approximately \$1.582 million in additional revenue. Initial targets assume a 2.56% increase in credit-hour enrollment for FY27. These projections will continue to be refined as Spring 2026 enrollment data becomes available and as applications for incoming students are reviewed.

Tuition and fee adjustments, recommended today for FY27, are anticipated to contribute an additional \$3.4 million. This includes \$158K from undergraduate tuition increases, \$306K from graduate tuition increases, and \$2.958 million from fee adjustments.

Even with these measures, an estimated remaining gap of approximately \$1.17 million will require targeted cost management initiatives. Cost management refers to a range of actions that may be implemented by University management to address a fiscal gap, with particular focus on personnel and academic operations, which represent the institution's largest cost areas. These actions may include managing position levels through attrition; selective reorganization or consolidation of units; moderating reliance on adjunct overloads, consultants, or other temporary staffing; and reviewing labor usage for efficiency and compliance. In the academic area, cost management may also include academic program review; evaluation of low-enrollment or high-cost programs; improvements to course scheduling efficiency, including course fill rates and instructional modality mix; and consideration of shared services where applicable. Additional measures may include hiring freezes or delayed hires, overtime controls, deferral of capital projects, delays in nonessential maintenance or equipment purchases, and shifting expenses across fiscal years where permissible.

The next steps in the budgeting process involve finalizing revenue and expense estimates, allocating necessary adjustments to vice presidential areas, and working within these areas to determine specific budgetary modifications.

Overall, these recommendations acknowledge the financial needs of the colleges after long periods of modest but inadequate tuition and fee increases and growing inflationary pressures while being mindful of the need to maintain access and affordability for resident students.

Recommended Action 1:

I request the Committee recommend approval of an undergraduate base tuition increase of 1%

Recommended Action 2:

I request the Committee recommend approval of a graduate base tuition increase of 3%

Recommended Action 3:

I request the Committee recommend approval of a Mandatory General Fee increase of \$25, from \$100 to \$125 per credit hour, up to 16 credit hours

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT TO THE
 BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF NORTHEASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

Table 1
 NORTHEASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY
 Schedule of Proposed Tuition and Fees

	FY2022	FY2023	FY2024	FY2025	FY2026	FY2027	Change FY26 to FY27	
							Dollar	Percent
TUITION (per credit hour)								
Undergraduate - post 6-year (enrolled prior to Fall 2021)*	\$ 420.44	\$ 420.44	\$ 430.95	\$ 430.95	\$ 430.95	\$ 435.26	\$ 4.31	1.00 %
Undergraduate - newly enrolled Fall 2021 ¹	420.44	420.44	420.44	420.44	420.44	420.44	-	-
Undergraduate - newly enrolled Fall 2022 ¹	-	420.44	420.44	420.44	420.44	430.95	10.51	2.50
Undergraduate - newly enrolled Fall 2023 ¹	-	-	430.95	430.95	430.95	430.95	-	-
Undergraduate - newly enrolled Fall 2024 ¹	-	-	-	430.95	430.95	430.95	-	-
Undergraduate - newly enrolled Fall 2025 ¹	-	-	-	-	430.95	430.95	-	-
Undergraduate - newly enrolled Fall 2026	-	-	-	-	-	435.26	n/a	n/a
CBT Undergraduate Differential								
Undergraduate - post 6-year (enrolled prior to Fall 2021)*	462.48	462.48	474.05	474.05	495.59	500.55	4.96	1.0 %
Undergraduate - newly enrolled Fall 2021 ¹	462.48	462.48	462.48	462.48	462.48	462.48	-	-
Undergraduate - newly enrolled Fall 2022 ¹	-	462.48	462.48	462.48	462.48	474.05	11.56	2.5
Undergraduate - newly enrolled Fall 2023 ¹	-	-	474.05	474.05	474.05	474.05	-	-
Undergraduate - newly enrolled Fall 2024 ¹	-	-	-	474.05	474.05	474.05	-	-
Undergraduate - newly enrolled Fall 2025 ¹	-	-	-	-	495.59	495.59	-	-
Undergraduate - newly enrolled Fall 2026	-	-	-	-	-	500.55	n/a	n/a
Graduate								
Graduate	441.46	450.29	463.53	463.53	477.40	491.72	\$ 14.32	3.0 %
CBT Graduate Differential	15% of Base Graduate Rate				549.01	565.48	16.47	3.0
Master's Education Leadership (School) Differential	15% of Base Graduate Rate				549.01	565.48	16.47	3.0
Master's Counselor Education Programs Differential	10% of Base Graduate Rate				525.14	540.89	15.75	3.0
Master's Social Work Programs Differential	10% of Base Graduate Rate				525.14	540.89	15.75	3.0
Doctorate in Leadership, Equity and Inquiry (Ed.D.) Program Tuition Differential	20% of Base Graduate Rate				-	590.06	n/a	n/a
Non-resident Undergraduate - post 6-year *								
Non-resident Undergraduate - post 6-year *	840.88	840.88	861.90	870.52	861.90	870.52	\$ 8.62	1.0 %
Non-resident Undergraduate - newly enrolled Fall 2021 ¹	840.88	840.88	840.88	840.88	840.88	840.88	-	-
Non-resident Undergraduate - newly enrolled Fall 2022 ¹	-	840.88	840.88	840.88	840.88	861.90	21.02	2.5
Non-resident Undergraduate - newly enrolled Fall 2023 ¹	-	-	861.90	861.90	861.90	861.90	-	-
Non-resident Undergraduate - newly enrolled Fall 2024 ¹	-	-	-	870.52	861.90	861.90	-	-
Non-resident Undergraduate - newly enrolled Fall 2025 ¹	-	-	-	-	861.90	861.90	-	-
Non-resident Undergraduate - newly enrolled Fall 2026	-	-	-	-	-	870.52	n/a	n/a
CBT Non-Resident Undergraduate Differential								
Non-resident Undergraduate - post 6-year *	924.97	924.97	948.09	957.57	991.19	1,001.10	9.91	1.0 %
Non-resident Undergraduate - newly enrolled Fall 2021 ¹	924.97	924.97	924.97	924.97	924.97	924.97	-	-
Non-resident Undergraduate - newly enrolled Fall 2022 ¹	-	924.97	924.97	924.97	924.97	948.09	23.12	2.5
Non-resident Undergraduate - newly enrolled Fall 2023 ¹	-	-	948.09	948.09	948.09	948.09	-	-
Non-resident Undergraduate - newly enrolled Fall 2024 ¹	-	-	-	957.57	948.09	948.09	-	-
Non-resident Undergraduate - newly enrolled Fall 2025 ¹	-	-	-	-	991.19	991.19	-	-
Non-resident Undergraduate - newly enrolled Fall 2026	-	-	-	-	-	1,001.10	n/a	n/a
Non-resident Graduate								
Non-resident Graduate	882.92	900.58	927.06	927.06	954.80	983.44	\$ 28.64	3.0 %
CBT Graduate Differential	15% of Base Graduate Rate				1,098.02	1,130.96	32.94	3.0
Master's Education Leadership (School) Differential	15% of Base Graduate Rate				1,098.02	1,130.96	32.94	3.0
Master's Counselor Education Programs Differential	10% of Base Graduate Rate				1,050.28	1,081.79	31.51	3.0
Master's Social Work Programs Differential	10% of Base Graduate Rate				1,050.28	1,081.79	31.51	3.0
Doctorate in Leadership, Equity and Inquiry (Ed.D.) Program Tuition Differential	20% of Base Graduate Rate				-	1,180.13	n/a	n/a
MANDATORY FEES								
General Student Fee	\$ 81.95	\$ 83.50	\$ 85.00	\$ 85.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 125.00	\$ 25.00	25.0 %
U-Pass (Full-time Students only)	155.00	155.00	155.00	155.00	155.00	155.00	-	-

* Post 6-year students in FY2027 are those enrolled prior to Fall 2021 (or FY2022).

¹ Per Public Act 93-0028 starting Fall 2004, Illinois undergraduate students newly enrolled will have their tuition held constant

FY2027 Tuition & Fees



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FY27 Tuition and Fee Recommendation

- **Undergraduate (base) tuition:** **1%** increase. Increase in per credit hour cost of \$430.95 to \$435.26 (in-state) and \$861.90 to \$870.52 (out-of-state) (up to 16 credit hours).
- **Graduate (base) tuition:** **3%** increase. Increase in per credit hour cost of \$477.40 to \$491.72 (in-state) and \$954.80 to \$983.44 (out-of-state) (up to 16 credit hours).
- **Mandatory (General) Student Fee:** **\$25** increase from \$100 to \$125 per credit hour (up to 16 credit hours).
- **Parking Fee:** Offer **free** parking to students.

See Appendix - Slide 17 for Tuition and Fee History.

Strategies to Close Fiscal Gap

FY27 PROJECTED INCREASE IN COSTS AND IMPACT OF POTENTIAL DECLINE IN OTHER REVENUES

1. Salary adjustments related to across the board increases, equity alignment, and workforce stability (e.g. lesser employee turnovers)	\$ 3,525,800
2. Potential decline in investment income ¹	1,000,000
3. Inflation, tariffs and other contractual increases	2,060,000
	\$ 6,585,800

STRATEGIES TO CLOSE THE GAP

1. Advocacy for increased State funding (+1%)	\$ 411,663
2. Enrollment and retention initiatives (+2.56%, +3,041 credit hours)	
Tuition	1,158,000
Tuition Differential	129,500
Fees	295,000
	1,582,500
3. FY27 Tuition and fee requests	
Undergraduate tuition (+1%)	157,700
Graduate tuition (+3%)	306,400
Fee (+\$25)	2,957,800
	3,421,900
4. Costs Management ²	1,169,737
	\$ 6,585,800

REMAINING GAP

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1 The **investment income shortfall** may be addressed through a review and potential revision of the University's investment policy and portfolio. Management plans to actively engage in this review in the coming year to better align investment strategy with revenue objectives and risk tolerance.

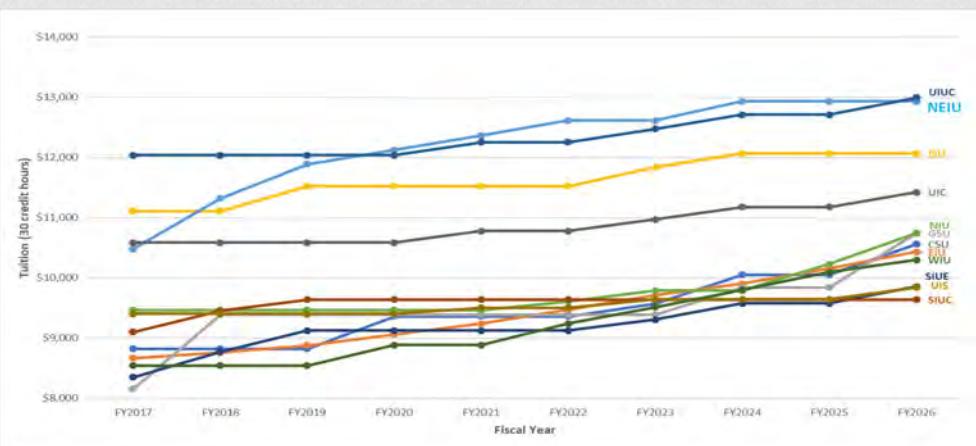
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Undergraduate Base Tuition

- **Proposal: 1% increase in the per credit hour undergraduate tuition rate.**
 - IL Resident: \$430.95 to \$435.26
 - Out-of-State: \$861.90 to \$870.52
- **NEIU currently ranks 2/12 for IL Public Universities for undergraduate base tuition rates.**



Source: IBHE (<https://www.ibhe.org/tuitionfees.html#>)

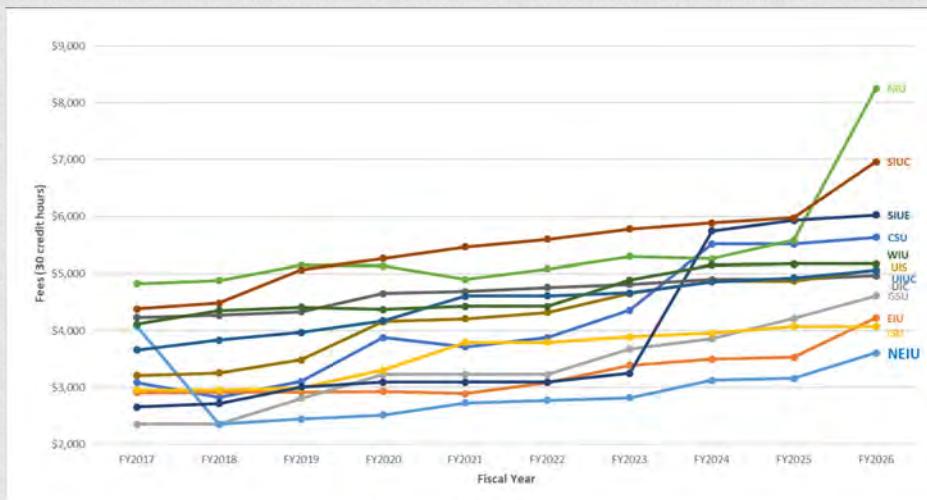
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UNDERGRADUATE MANDATORY FEES

IL Public Universities

- NEIU currently ranks 12/12 for IL Public Universities for undergraduate fees.



Source: IBHE (<https://www.ibhe.org/tuitionfees.html#>)

Notes:

(1) As of Fall 2017, student health insurance is no longer a mandatory University fee for full-time undergraduate students at NEIU. Students in need of health insurance can explore options from the State or purchase individual health insurance plans from private health insurance companies.

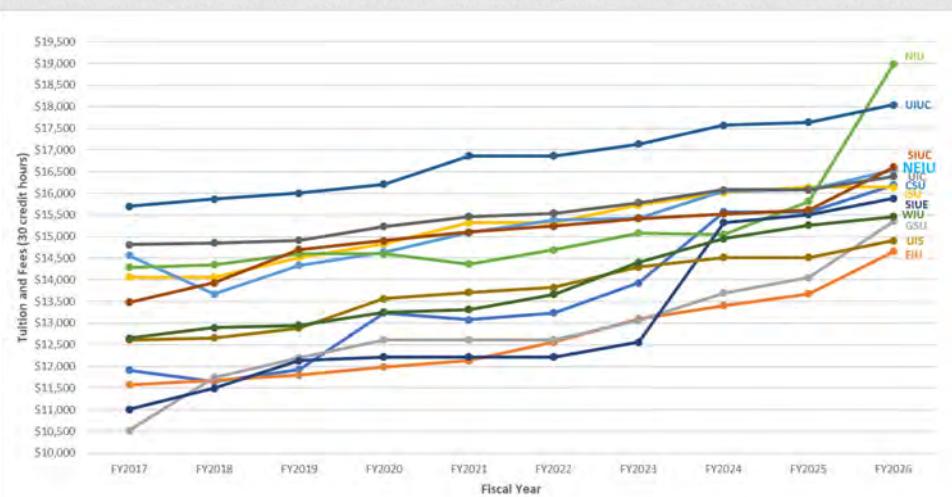
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UNDERGRADUATE TUITION & FEES

IL Public Universities

- NEIU currently ranks 4/12 for IL Public Universities for combined undergraduate tuition and fees.



Source: IBHE (<https://www.ibhe.org/tuitionfees.html#>)



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Case Study: Undergraduate

Undergraduate Student	NEIU	UIC	ISU	CSU
Tuition	12,929	11,424	12,066	10,560
Tuition Differential	1,939	2,800	1,810	-
Mandatory Fees (<i>excludes optional fees</i>)	3,000	4,640	4,086	5,636
Total Tuition and Fees	17,868	18,864	17,962	16,196

- Undergraduate Student
- Degree seeking - Computer Science
- Enrolled in 15 credit hours for Fall and Spring
- Current NEIU Tuition Rate = \$430.95
- Current NEIU CBT Tuition Differential = 15%
- Current NEIU mandatory fees = \$100/credit hours

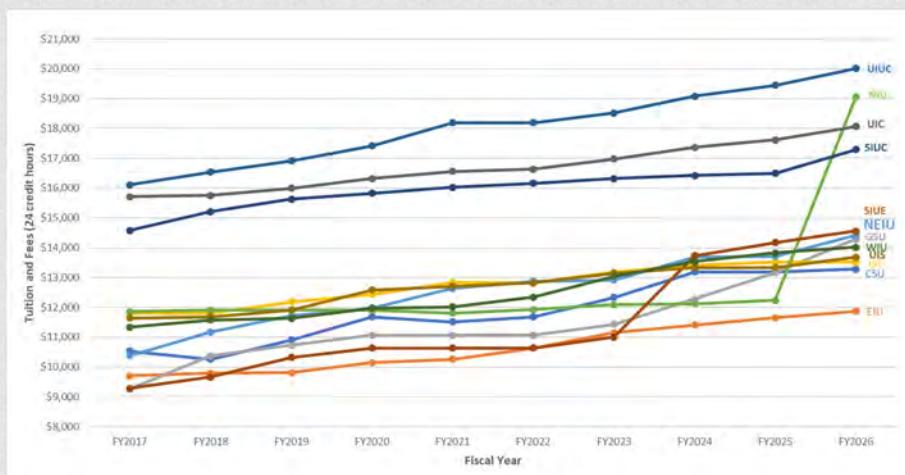
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GRADUATE TUITION & FEES

IL Public Universities

- NEIU currently ranks 6/12 for IL Public Universities for graduate fees.



Source: IBHE (<https://www.ibhe.org/tuitionfees.html#>)



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Impact on Undergraduates

NORTHEASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY NET PRICE TO STUDENTS AFTER THE CONSIDERATION OF AWARDED FINANCIAL AID BASED ON FALL 2025 FULL-TIME ENROLLMENTS					
Undergraduate Students With Financial Need					
	Highest Need	Some Need	Minimal Need	No Need	NO FAFSA
Avg Adjusted Gross Income*	SAI<900	SAI 901-6000	SAI 6001-9000	SAI>9001	Unknown
% of UNDG students**	\$ 28,530	\$ 43,870	\$ 69,670	\$ 96,150	Unknown
# of New Fall 2025 UNDG Admits	59%	12%	5%	13%	11%
	748	152	63	164	139
FY26 Tuition and Fee Cost (incl. highest differential)***	\$ 14,294	\$ 14,294	\$ 14,294	\$ 14,294	\$ 14,294
FY27 Proposed Tuition (1% Increase) and Fee (\$25 Increase) Cost (incl. differential @15%)***	\$ 15,013	\$ 15,013	\$ 15,013	\$ 15,013	\$ 15,013
(Based on 12 credit hours for newly enrolled students)					
Average Financial Aid Per Student	\$ 18,654	\$ 17,083	\$ 12,562	\$ 5,405	\$ 3,040
Pell and Other Federal Aid	6,359	4,932	1,841	-	-
Illinois Monetary Award Program	6,237	5,358	5,134	-	-
Other State Scholarships	4,500	4,500	4,500	2,250	-
Institutional Scholarships/Waivers	1,558	2,293	1,087	3,155	3,040
Net Price or (Refund) at Current FY26 Tuition and Fee Rates	\$ (4,360)	\$ (2,789)	\$ 1,732	\$ 8,889	\$ 11,254
<i>Net Price (FY26) - Percent Average Paid</i>	<i>-31%</i>	<i>-20%</i>	<i>12%</i>	<i>62%</i>	<i>79%</i>
Net Price or (Refund) at Proposed FY27 Tuition and Fee Rates	\$ (3,641)	\$ (2,070)	\$ 2,451	\$ 9,608	\$ 11,973
<i>Net Price (FY27) - Percent Estimated Out of Pocket</i>	<i>-24%</i>	<i>-14%</i>	<i>16%</i>	<i>64%</i>	<i>80%</i>
* Federal Tax Income data from US Dept. of Education	100%	100%	84%	36%	20%
** Percent of UG Students based on the Fall 2025 census					
*** Excludes U-PASS and Parking fees.					

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Note: Approximately 71% of new freshman/transfer full-time students will be awarded a financial aid package that covers **more than 100%** of the tuition and fees. See Appendix -for graphical presentation of this data.

Impact on Graduate Students

NORTHEASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY NET PRICE TO STUDENTS AFTER THE CONSIDERATION OF AWARDED FINANCIAL AID BASED ON FALL 2025 FULL-TIME ENROLLMENTS					
Graduate Students With Financial Need					
	Highest Need	Some Need	Minimal Need	No Need	NO FAFSA
Avg Adjusted Gross Income*	SAI<900	SAI 901-6000	SAI 6001-9000	SAI>9001	Unknown
% of GRAD students**	\$ 28,530	\$ 43,870	\$ 69,670	\$ 96,150	Unknown
# of Fall 2025 GRAD Admits	21%	4%	3%	13%	59%
	84	16	12	51	235
FY26 Tuition and Fee Cost (incl. highest differential @15%)***	\$ 11,682				
FY27 Proposed Tuition (3% Increase) and Fee (\$25 Increase) Cost (incl. highest differential @15%)***	\$ 12,429				
(Based on 9 credit hours for newly enrolled students)					
Average Financial Aid Per Student	\$ 12,897	\$ 15,686	\$ 17,172	\$ 16,769	\$ 12,965
TEACH and Other Federal Grants***	4,404	5,873	4,405	3,915	6,117
Special Education Teacher Tuition Waiver	3,321	3,320	4,435	3,117	-
GRAD Merit & Need Tuition Scholarships	3,469	3,790	2,874	3,407	2,682
GRAD Assistantships	-	-	3,261	2,872	4,166
Federal Direct Loans	1,703	2,703	2,197	3,458	-
Net Price or (Refund) at Current FY26 Tuition and Fee Rates	\$ (1,215)	\$ (4,004)	\$ (5,490)	\$ (5,087)	\$ (1,283)
<i>Net Price (FY26) - Percent Average Paid</i>	<i>-10%</i>	<i>-34%</i>	<i>-47%</i>	<i>-44%</i>	<i>-11%</i>
Net Price or (Refund) at Proposed FY27 Tuition and Fee Rates	\$ (468)	\$ (3,257)	\$ (4,743)	\$ (4,340)	\$ (536)
<i>Net Price (FY27) - Percent Estimated Out of Pocket</i>	<i>-4%</i>	<i>-26%</i>	<i>-38%</i>	<i>-35%</i>	<i>-4%</i>
* Federal Tax Income data from US Dept. of Education					
** Percent of GR Students based on the Fall 2024 census					
*** Source of Federal Grants Institutional Sponsored Programs (refundable)					
**** Excludes U-PASS and Parking fees.					

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Tuition & Fee History

TUITION (per credit hour)												Average Increase
	FY2017	FY2018	FY2019	FY2020	FY2021	FY2022	FY2023	FY2024	FY2025	FY2026	FY2027	
Undergraduate (resident)	\$ 349.37	\$ 377.33	\$ 396.19	\$ 404.11	\$ 412.20	\$ 420.44	\$ 420.95	\$ 430.95	\$ 430.95	\$ 435.26		
\$ Change	\$ 27.37	\$ 27.96	\$ 18.66	\$ 7.92	\$ 8.09	\$ 8.24	\$ -	\$ 10.51	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4.31	\$ 10.30
% Change	9%	8%	5%	2%	2%	2%	0%	2%	0%	0%	1%	2.8%
Graduate (resident)	\$ 356.36	\$ 384.88	\$ 404.13	\$ 412.19	\$ 432.80	\$ 441.46	\$ 450.29	\$ 463.53	\$ 463.53	\$ 477.40	\$ 491.72	
\$ Change	\$ 28.36	\$ 28.62	\$ 19.25	\$ 8.08	\$ 20.67	\$ 8.66	\$ 8.83	\$ 13.24	\$ -	\$ 13.87	\$ 14.32	\$ 14.89
% Change	9%	8%	5%	2%	5%	2%	3%	3%	0%	3%	3%	3.8%
MANDATORY FEES (per credit hour)												Average Increase
General Student Fee	\$ 65.25	\$ 69.80	\$ 73.25	\$ 73.25	\$ 80.35	\$ 81.95	\$ 83.50	\$ 85.00	\$ 85.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 125.00	
\$ Change	\$ 8.55	\$ 4.55	\$ 3.45	\$ -	\$ 7.10	\$ 1.60	\$ 1.55	\$ 1.50	\$ -	\$ 15.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 6.21
% Change	15%	7%	5%	0%	10%	2%	2%	2%	0%	18%	25%	7.7%

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Appendix

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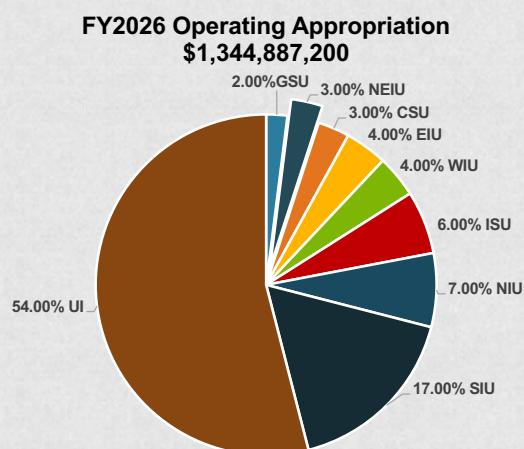
Tuition & Fee History

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Undergraduate (resident)		\$ 412.20	\$ 420.44	\$ 420.44	\$ 430.95	\$ 430.95	\$ 430.95	\$ 435.26	
\$ Change		\$ 8.09	\$ 8.24	\$ -	\$ 10.51	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4.31	\$ 4.45
% Change		2%	2%	0%	2%	0%	0%	1%	1.1%
Graduate (resident)		\$ 432.80	\$ 441.46	\$ 450.29	\$ 463.53	\$ 463.53	\$ 477.40	\$ 491.72	
\$ Change		\$ 20.61	\$ 8.66	\$ 8.83	\$ 13.24	\$ -	\$ 13.87	\$ 14.32	\$ 11.36
% Change		5%	2%	2%	3%	0%	3%	3%	2.6%
MANDATORY FEES (per credit hour)		FY2021	FY2022	FY2023	FY2024	FY2025	FY2026	FY2027	Average Increase
General Student Fee		\$ 80.35	\$ 81.95	\$ 83.50	\$ 85.00	\$ 85.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 125.00	
\$ Change		\$ 7.10	\$ 1.60	\$ 1.55	\$ 1.50	\$ -	\$ 15.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 7.39
% Change		10%	2%	2%	2%	0%	18%	25%	8.3%
Activity Fee		\$ 7.00	\$ 7.00	\$ 7.10	\$ 7.25	\$ 7.07	\$ 8.24		
Student Union Fee		\$ 9.25	\$ 9.25	\$ 9.80	\$ 10.00	\$ 9.75	\$ 11.36		
Campus Recreation Fee		\$ 5.70	\$ 5.70	\$ 5.80	\$ 6.00	\$ 5.85	\$ 6.82		
Performing Arts Fee		\$ 1.90	\$ 2.00	\$ 2.05	\$ 2.10	\$ 2.12	\$ 2.47		
Student Health and Wellness Fee		\$ 5.50	\$ 5.50	\$ 5.60	\$ 6.00	\$ 5.85	\$ 6.82		
Computer Resources Fee		\$ 21.75	\$ 22.25	\$ 22.80	\$ 32.00	\$ 31.21	\$ 36.71		
Academic Enhancement Fee		\$ 9.25	\$ 9.25	\$ 9.25	\$ 9.50	\$ 9.26	\$ 10.80		
Campus Improvement Fee		\$ 5.00	\$ 6.00	\$ 6.00	\$ 6.50	\$ 8.38	\$ 10.36		
Library Fee		\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.10	\$ 5.25	\$ 5.12	\$ 5.97		
Green Fee		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 0.40	\$ 0.39	\$ 0.45		
Parking Fee		\$ 10.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 10.00	Opt-in	Opt-in	Opt-in	Free	
Green Fee - rate per semester		\$ 3.00	\$ 3.00	\$ 3.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
U-PASS (Full-time Students Only)		\$ 155.00	\$ 155.00	\$ 155.00	\$ 155.00	\$ 155.00	\$ 155.00	\$ 155.00	

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State of Illinois FY2026 Appropriation



FY2026 General Funds % of Total		
Governor State University	GSU	\$26,845,093.00
Northeastern Illinois University	NEIU	\$41,166,287.00
Chicago State University	CSU	\$43,839,007.00
Eastern Illinois University	EIU	\$48,452,811.00
Western Illinois University	WIU	\$57,404,765.00
Illinois State University	ISU	\$80,609,618.00
Northern Illinois University	NIU	\$101,649,513.00
Southern Illinois University	SIU	\$228,863,531.00
University of Illinois	UI	\$726,610,504.00
State Total Appropriations		\$1,355,441,129.00

Source: <https://www.ibhe.org/hesb.html#content5-al>

Despite the State's budget issues, we remain hopeful that the State will provide an increase in appropriations for FY 2027.

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Adequacy Gaps in State Appropriations for IL Publics: Report of the Illinois State Commission on Equitable Public University Funding (2024)

NEIU has the largest adequacy gap in state funding among **all** Illinois Public Universities, and receives less funding than its urban peers, i.e. we've been doing more with less, year after year.

Table 9: Output of Model Using Preliminary Data – Institutional Adequacy Targets, Resource Profiles, and Adequacy Gaps

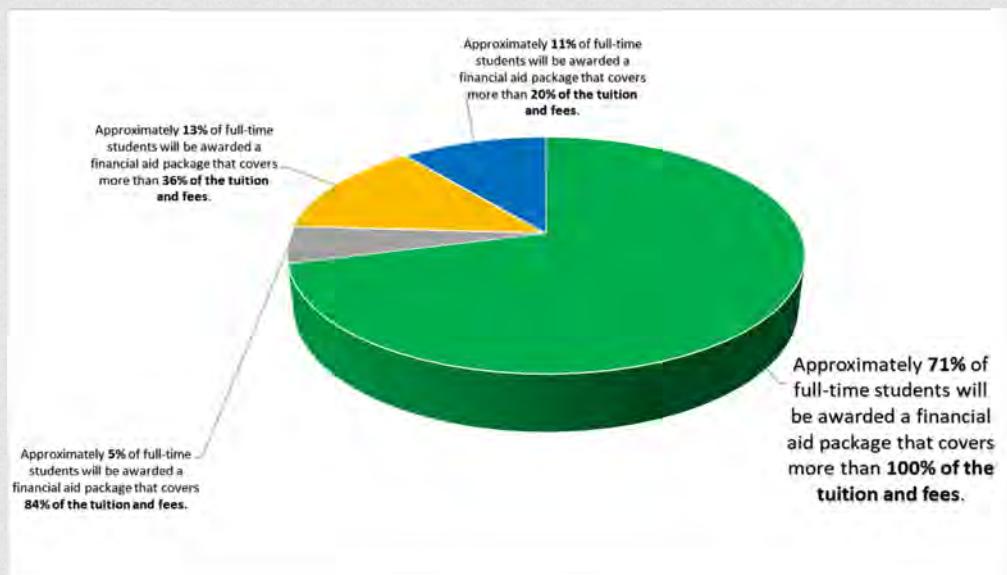
Institution	Degree-Seeking Enrollment	Adequacy Target	–	Resource Profile	=	Adequacy Gap	Percent of Adequacy Target Funded
CSU	2,322	\$73,946,649	–	\$51,438,569	=	\$22,508,080	69.6%
EIU	6,339	\$160,407,847	–	\$97,935,521	=	\$62,472,325	61.1%
GSU	4,412	\$111,172,532	–	\$49,525,882	=	\$61,646,650	44.5%
ISU	20,425	\$453,992,211	–	\$254,010,543	=	\$199,981,667	56.0%
NEIU	5,943	\$163,265,538	–	\$64,126,329	=	\$99,139,209	39.3%
NIU	15,856	\$388,784,729	–	\$215,983,232	=	\$172,801,497	55.6%
SIUC	10,657	\$266,135,262	–	\$217,501,218	=	\$48,634,044	81.7%
<i>SIU-SOM</i>	<i>406</i>	<i>TBD</i>	–	<i>TBD</i>	=	<i>TBD</i>	<i>TBD</i>
SIUE	12,660	\$314,140,274	–	\$195,929,158	=	\$118,211,115	62.4%
UIC	31,498	\$823,257,774	–	\$507,297,056	=	\$315,960,718	61.6%
<i>UIC-SOM</i>	<i>1,528</i>	<i>TBD</i>	–	<i>TBD</i>	=	<i>TBD</i>	<i>TBD</i>
UIS	3,937	\$88,395,275	–	\$63,419,909	=	\$24,975,365	71.7%
UIUC	53,491	\$1,178,179,841	–	\$1,081,201,494	=	\$96,978,347	91.8%
<i>UIUC-SOM</i>	<i>149</i>	<i>TBD</i>	–	<i>TBD</i>	=	<i>TBD</i>	<i>TBD</i>
WIU	7,370	\$189,057,837	–	\$118,547,564	=	\$70,510,272	62.7%
Illinois	176,991	\$4,465,740,432	–	\$3,057,682,563	=	\$1,408,057,869	68.5%

Note: The data used in the formula to generate these estimates is current through Fiscal Year 2023 and Academic Year 2021-2022, and will need to be updated going forward, which will change some of the output estimates.

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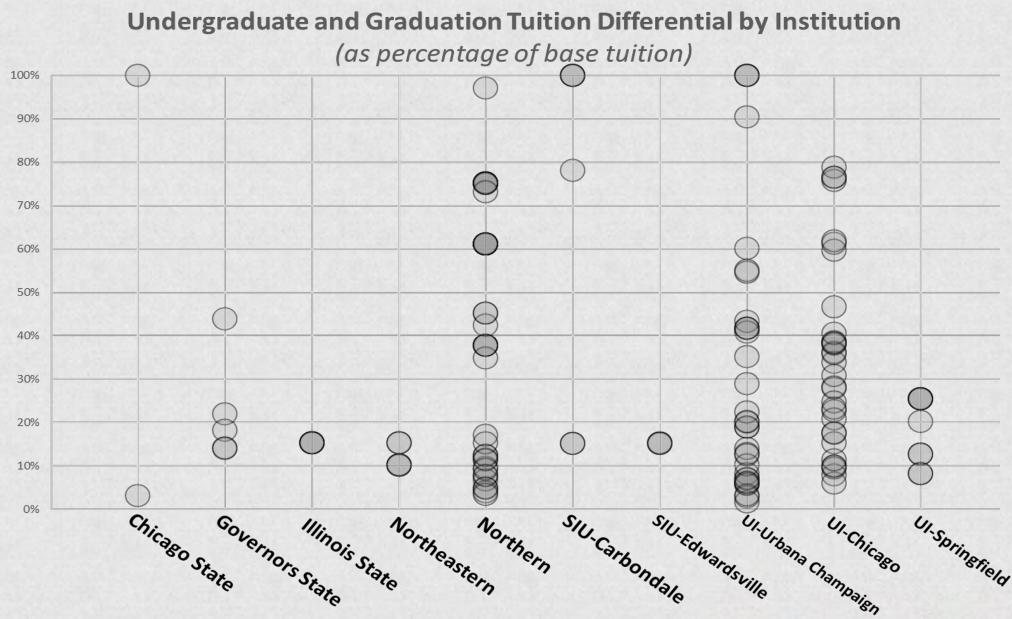
Students Impacted By Tuition & Fee Increase (financial aid packages) - Undergraduates



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Tuition Differential

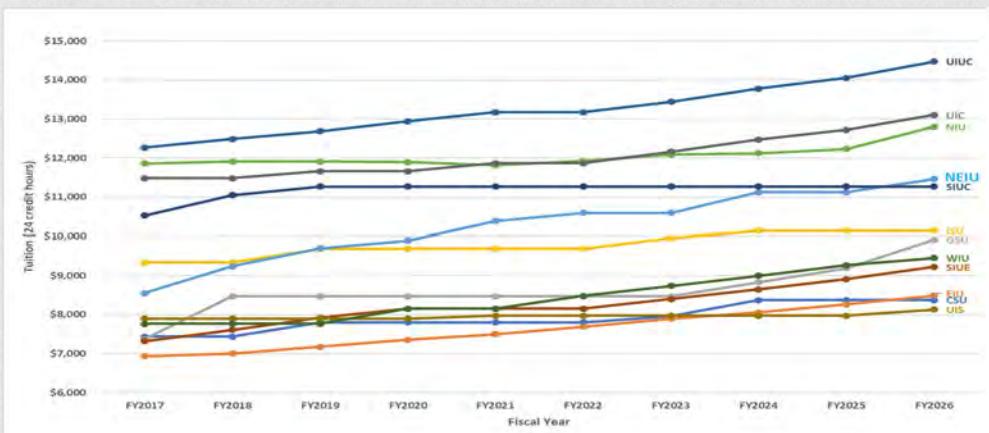


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Graduate Base Tuition - FY2027

- Proposal: 3% increase in the per credit hour graduate tuition rate.
 - IL Resident: \$477.40 to \$491.72
 - Out-of-State: \$954.80 to \$983.44
- NEIU currently ranks 4/12 for IL Public Universities for graduate base tuition rates.



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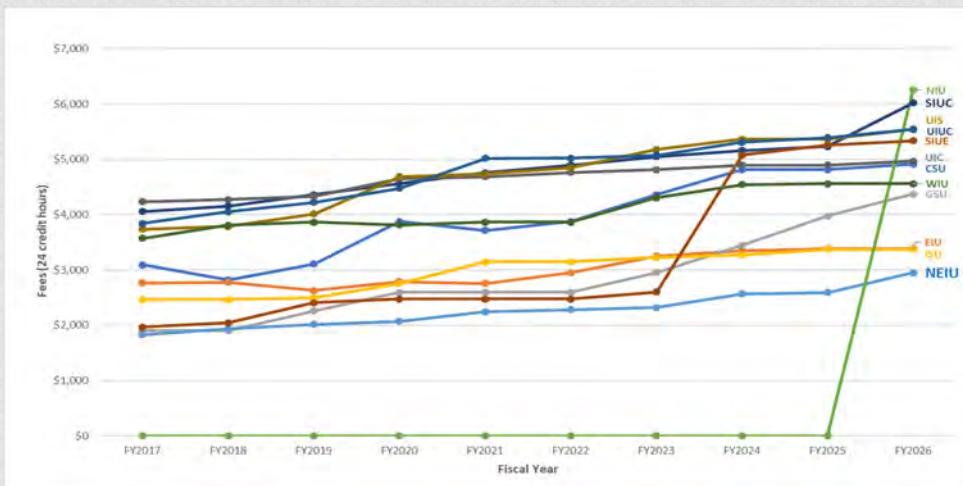
Source: IBHE (<https://www.ibhe.org/tuitionfees.html#>)



GRADUATE FEES

IL Public Universities

- NEIU currently ranks 12/12 for IL Public Universities for graduate fees.



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Note: Starting Fall 2025, NIU began assessing a per-credit-hour general fee for graduate students; previously, this fee was included within institutional charges as part of overall tuition.

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