

NEIGHBORING STATE TUITION \$1,000,000

Iowa has more job openings than people to fill them, and the state’s slow population growth is not keeping pace with retirements. Our state’s main economic growth challenge is our population; we must attract people from other states. As an access institution of higher education with a proven track record of keeping graduates in the state, UNI is uniquely positioned to play a critical role in attracting talent from other states and boosting Iowa’s economic growth.

Employed in IA after graduation	1yr	5yrs	10yrs
% of employed graduates	76.9%	70.6%	67.8%

Source: Post Secondary Employment Outcomes (PSEO), 2024

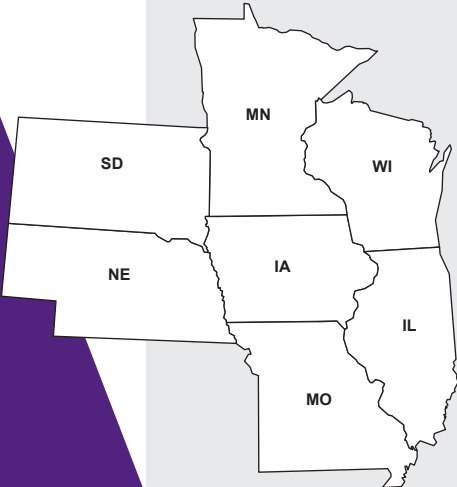
UNI is requesting \$1 million in FY 2027 state appropriations to support our initiative offering new undergraduate students from states contiguous to Iowa the same rate of tuition and mandatory fees that are charged to resident students. Effective this academic year, UNI is offering to new non-resident students from six states bordering Iowa (IL, MN, MO, NE, SD, WI) tuition rates equivalent to those for Iowa residents. Nearly half of UNI graduates from the states contiguous to Iowa stay in the state after graduation, joining Iowa’s workforce and adding value to Iowa’s economic development. Not only will this funding open access to our programs for students from the states contiguous to Iowa, it will also increase enrollment of undergraduates ready to join the Iowa workforce upon graduation.

78% of UNI graduates from Iowa stay in the state

78% of UNI transfer student graduates stay in Iowa to live and work after degree completion

48% of UNI graduates from outside of Iowa stay in the state

94% of graduates enter the workforce with experience in their field from UNI’s robust internship program, field experiences and pre-professional part time jobs



UNI expects to at least triple the number of students from contiguous states. This table provides potential estimated impacts vs. enrollment prior to implementation

	Non-resident enrollment, contiguous states	# degrees	# workers
Current	443	130	52
3x	1,329	390	156
7x	3,101	910	364

Estimates based on enrollment projections from Minnesota Tuition Reciprocity Annual Report, Academic Year 2020-2021