



FY2010 Legislative Priorities

Towson University By the Numbers

- Founded in 1866
- 21,111 Total Enrollment
17,272 Undergraduate
3,893 Graduate
- 79.7% of students are Marylanders
- 41% of full-time students receive financial aid
- 18.4% of students are minority
- 18:1 Student/Faculty ratio
- \$93.7 million general fund operating budget request for FY10
 - State funds per FTE student: \$5,427
 - Annual in-state tuition and fees: \$7,418
- TU offers 63 undergraduate majors, 38 master's programs and 4 doctoral degrees directed toward the workforce needs of the State.
- TU is home to a public radio station, WTMD, 20 Division I athletic teams (13 in women's sports, 7 in men's sports) and 199 student organizations and clubs.
- The state of Maryland is home to over 70,000 Towson alumni.
- 75% of TU's seniors indicated they plan to live/work in Maryland after graduation.
- Towson University was ranked one of the Top 50 Best Values in Public Universities by the *Princeton Review*.
- We continue to rank in the top 10 in the Public Universities-Master's (North) category for the *U.S. News and World Report* 2009 America's Best Colleges issue.



FY2010 Operating Budget

Quality, Access, Affordability, Workforce and Economic Development & Accountability

Towson University is proud to be Maryland's Metropolitan University and is committed to serving the higher education needs of a broad cross section of society by providing academic programs that are accessible, affordable and of the highest quality.

The Governor's FY10 budget provides **\$93.7M** in operating funds. A 2.5% increase of which \$2.6M is tuition replacement allowing \$300K to go towards mandatory cost increases. The tuition freeze continues to make a Towson University education affordable and accessible. The freeze has also made great strides toward balancing the portion of tuition compared to state support for our students. This fall Towson University will continue address the state's demand by enrolling approximately 4500 new freshmen, transfer and graduate students.

An Investment in Towson University is an investment in the State's Future

Towson University graduates over 4500 students each year at the bachelors, masters and doctoral levels. Over 80% of these graduates enter Maryland's workforce as our teachers, nurses, occupational therapists, writers, accountants, business executives, IT professionals and scientists.

Collaboration has been key to addressing demand and using our resources efficiently and effectively. Harford Community College and Towson University have been partners for many years. This year TU launched a full program on the HCC campus. The relationship is expanding with the construction of an academic building on the HCC campus, allowing students in the region to receive their 2-year, 4-year and select masters and doctoral degrees in Harford County.



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FY2010 Capital Budget

Implementing Towson University's Master Plan is a top priority and ensures that campus growth occurs in an efficient and effective manner. Implementation will result in new facilities and infrastructure to accommodate a substantial increase in enrollment to assist the University System of Maryland and the State in providing greater access to higher education and in meeting greater demand.

Towson University's capital funding priority for FY2010 is:

College of Liberal Arts Complex

Maintain **\$35M** budgeted for construction funds with preauthorization for \$42M in FY2011 to complete construction and purchase equipment for the College of Liberal Arts Complex.

Completion of the College of Liberal Arts Complex will result in an academic building with 253,000 gross square feet that will provide classroom, research, laboratory, student study, and office space. In addition to accommodating planned enrollment growth, completion of the project will consolidate ten departments of the College into one facility. Currently, departments within the College of Liberal Arts are housed in four separate buildings. Bringing the Liberal Arts faculty, staff, and students together in one building will improve instructional delivery and operational efficiency. Space vacated as a result of this move will also provide expanded space for the College of Education which continues to grow and has substantive space needs.

Phase I is on schedule and will deliver approximately 100,000 gross square feet by fall 2009. FY2010 funding is needed to complete phase II, scheduled to begin in July 2009. We have added a temporary wall between Phase I and Phase II of the building, allowing us to occupy Phase I in fall 2009. This will help to alleviate some space constraints on campus; however, failure to complete Phase II will lead to serious space deficits as our enrollment continues to grow.

Towson University – Our Campus

Towson University is an urban campus covering 328-acres in the county seat. Our campus is surrounded by strong neighborhoods, divided by major county and state roads and intertwined with 3 local hospitals. The TU campus includes 44 structures, including 24 academic/support, 12 university residence halls, 2 dining halls, and 3 parking garages. Our academic buildings date from 1914 with most of the campus built in the 1960s and 70s.

Towson University's Master Plan presents a plan to guide current and future growth of the institution as well as renovating and refurbishing our older structures to meet the space and technological needs of the campus.

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