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**Student Aid – Department of Education**

**Pell Grants**: NYU urges Congress to support a Pell Grant maximum award of $6,230. We also urge Congress to protect the future of the Pell Grant program by ensuring that any of the carryover funding remains in the program. The Pell Grant program is the single most important tool to enable low-income students to afford college. The Congressional Budget Office (CBO) estimates over 7.5 million students will use Pell Grants in the coming academic year to finance education.

**Federal Work Study (FWS) and Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants (SEOG)**: NYU urges Congress to increase support for other federal student aid programs that provide grants and work-study to low- and middle-income students. Specifically, NYU supports increasing the Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants (SEOG) to $896 million and Federal Work-Study to $1.206 billion.

**Federal Research Agencies**

**National Institutes of Health (NIH)**: For FY19, NYU urges Congress to provide at least $39.3 billion for NIH. This level of funding would take another crucial step on the path to restoring the purchasing power NIH lost over the past decade. It would create jobs, improve the lives—and quality of life—of millions of current and future patients, and support U.S. economic and national security.

**National Science Foundation (NSF)**: For FY19, NYU recommends $8.45 billion for the National Science Foundation (NSF), which would provide four-percent real growth (adjusted for inflation) in funding over FY18. The Coalition for National Science Funding (CNSF) is requesting the same funding level. This level of funding is consistent with the federal research investment recommendation in the “Innovation: An American Imperative” call to action, which over 500 business leaders, national organizations, universities, and scientific societies have endorsed.

**Department of Defense (DOD) Research and DARPA**: For FY19, NYU recommends $2.436 billion overall for 6.1 basic research, $3.438 billion for DARPA, and $15.457 billion for Defense S&T. This would constitute a four percent increase of Defense 6.1 and Science and Technology (S&T) using the FY18 6.1 and S&T funding levels as a base. These levels of funding are consistent with the federal research investment recommendation in the “Innovation: An American Imperative” call to action, which over 500 business leaders, national organizations, universities, and scientific societies have endorsed.

**Department of Energy (DOE) Research**: NYU recommends $6.6 billion for the Department of Energy’s Office of Science for FY19. This would provide four percent in real growth over FY18. This level of funding is consistent with the federal research investment recommendation in the “Innovation: An American Imperative” call to action, which over 500 business leaders, national organizations, universities, and scientific societies have endorsed. For ARPA-E, NYU recommends $375 million. Stable and sustainable funding for ARPA-E is essential for the advancement of high-risk, high-reward energy research that is unlikely to be supported by industry.

**National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH)**: NYU urges Congress to provide $155 million for the NEH in FY19, the same as the FY18 request. This level of funding would allow the agency to continue to rebuild its capacity to support peer-reviewed humanities research and education programs. NYU is particularly committed to restoring funding to the competitive grant programs.
**Institute for Education Sciences (IES)** at the Department of Education: NYU supports $670 million for the Institute of Education Sciences to advance rigorous education research. IES supports high-quality education research that results in teaching and learning innovations that offer tremendous returns for our society.

**Health Professions Workforce Training**

**Title VII and Title VIII, Health Professions Programs (HHS):** NYU and the higher education community urge Congress to provide $690 million for the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) Title VII Health Professions Programs and Title VIII nursing workforce development programs in FY19. Through these programs, the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) provides grants to medical and other health professions schools to improve the diversity, distribution, and supply of the health professions workforce with an emphasis on primary care and interdisciplinary education and training.

**International Education**

**Title VI International Education and Foreign Language Programs** at the Dept of Education: For FY19, NYU urges Congress to support at least $76 million for the Department of Education’s Title VI International Education and Foreign Language programs.

**Graduate Education**

**Graduate Assistance in Areas of National Need (GAANN) Program at the Dept of Education:** For FY19, NYU urges Congress to provide at least $41 million for the Graduate Assistance in Areas of National Need (GAANN) program. This level of funding would restore the program to its FY10 level and provide support for additional students in disciplines critical to our nation’s continuing security and prosperity.

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**Background Information on NYU’s FY19 Funding Recommendations**

The FY19 funding recommendations outlined in this document were developed in consultation and coordination with the other higher education, research and student associations/coalitions.

In general, NYU’s FY19 preliminary funding recommendations are informed by AAU’s FY18 recommendations and final FY18 funding levels, as well as the Bipartisan Budget Agreement of 2018, which raised discretionary spending caps by approximately $300 billion in FY18 and FY19. For FY18, the nondefense discretionary cap was increased by approximately 12 percent above FY17 and the defense discretionary cap was increase by approximately 14.5 percent.

For research agencies and programs, NYU’s recommendations also reflect the Innovation: An American Imperative call-to-action to provide steady and sustained real investment growth of at least four percent for scientific research. This call-to-action draws upon the American Academy of Arts and Sciences’ 2014 report Restoring the Foundation: The Vital Role of Research in Preserving the American Dream. For student aid and other higher education programs, in general, NYU’s recommendations seek to restore programs to at least the highest funding level prior to sequestration cuts.