



BIENNIAL BUDGET REQUEST

2018-19

Invest in Student Success

Background

- Timely graduation increases college affordability
 - Students save on tuition, fees, and housing costs
 - Students with a bachelor’s degree are more likely to be employed
- Student support services improve retention and graduation rates
- More than 20 percent of Minnesota high school graduates are students of color
- To meet Minnesota’s future workforce needs, we must ensure that U of M graduates represent the growing diversity of our state
- The U of M needs additional resources to meet the growing student and industry demand for STEM education, especially in computer science



Proposal

Provide \$22 million to improve students’ long-term success by enhancing support services and expanding programs at all U of M campuses

- Create a Student Success Center dedicated to undergraduate support services
- Create and expand programs for underrepresented students across the state
- Expand and promote STEM education to support Minnesota’s workforce needs

Benefits

- Improved graduation rates
- Reduced undergraduate debt
- Improved academic experiences
- Increased enrollment and retention of students of color
- More computer science and STEM degree graduates

Request

FY18: \$8.5 million

FY19: \$13.5 million

Total: \$22 million