



The University has a long tradition of academic excellence

- Founded in 1867, U of I is the state's best and most comprehensive public university.
- U of I serves the people of Illinois through its missions of excellence in teaching, research, public service and economic development.
- The University is currently educating 69,678 students on its three campuses (Urbana-Champaign, Chicago and Springfield, with branches of the Chicago-based College of Medicine in Peoria, Rockford and Urbana).
- The University boasts over 600,000 living alumni – the most alumni of any university in the world.
- In the 2008-2009 academic year, the University's internationally renowned faculty won \$645 million in research funding.
- 23 Nobel Prizes have been awarded to U of I alumni and faculty to date.
- Through its Extension program in the College of ACES, the University provides education and service to Illinois citizens in all of the state's 102 counties.

Investing in the University of Illinois

Funding the University offers the state of Illinois a great return on its investment. According to a recent study by the UI Institute for Government and Public Affairs:

- The University of Illinois system has a \$13 billion economic impact on Illinois.
- For every dollar the state of Illinois spends on the University, the University pumps more than \$17 back into the state's economy.
- College graduates earn an average of 57 percent more than high school graduates; therefore the increased earning power of hundreds of thousands of UI alumni living in Illinois adds substantially to tax revenues for our state.

Please continue to increase the University's operating budget

- Despite private giving and federal research dollars, U of I still depends greatly on funding from the state.
- More funds from the state mean less pressure to raise tuition and fees.
- We appreciate Governor Quinn's recommended operating budget increase of 1.1%.

Please pass a capital construction bill

- Without a capital bill since 2003, many of the University's buildings are in disrepair.
- Capital funding will help fuel the economy during this economic recession.
- Please pass a capital construction bill and include funding for the University's capital priorities.