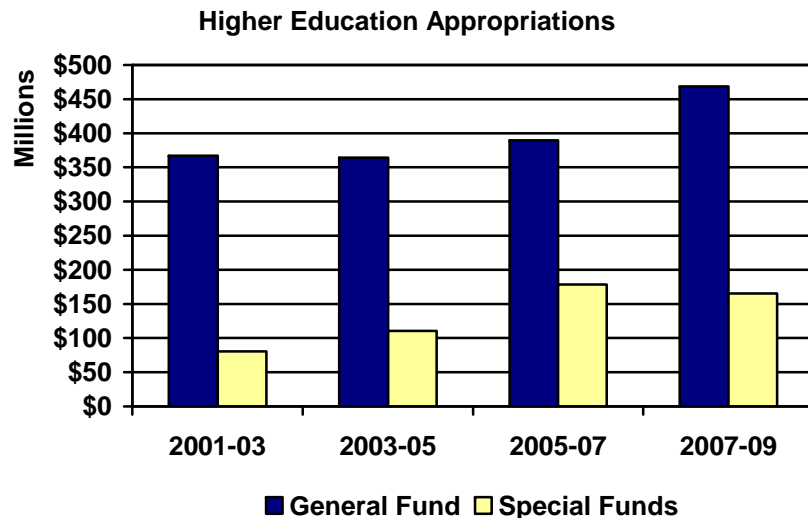


## HIGHER EDUCATION - OVERVIEW

The 2007 Legislative Assembly made the following 2007-09 biennium funding changes compared to 2005-07 legislative appropriations for higher education:

- Increased **general fund** support by \$79,077,412, or 20.3 percent, including approximately \$28.4 million of one-time funding from the general fund. The increase in funding is due in part to increasing funding for campus operations and extraordinary repairs by approximately \$53.5 million, increasing funding for major capital projects by approximately \$13.1 million, and increasing funding for student financial assistance by approximately \$4.1 million.
- Decreased support from **special funds** by \$13,132,407, or 7.4 percent, due to decreasing major capital projects funding from special funds by approximately \$16.9 million.
- Adjusted the authorized number of **full-time equivalent (FTE) positions** from 2,194.42 to 2,136.59 to reflect the number of FTE positions supported by the general fund.



Biennium	General Fund	Special Funds	Total
2001-03	\$366,953,836	\$80,367,201	\$447,321,037
2003-05	\$364,029,938	\$110,546,775	\$474,576,713
2005-07	\$389,572,212	\$178,552,108	\$568,124,320
2007-09	\$468,649,624	\$165,419,701	\$634,069,325

Major items include:

- One-time appropriations** - Provided funding of \$35,965,383, of which \$28,382,068 is from the general fund and \$7,583,315 is from the permanent oil tax trust fund:

Northern Tier Network infrastructure	\$2,773,800
ConnectND system support	2,300,000
Common information services parity funding	420,000
Deferred maintenance	10,893,033
Major capital projects	18,617,750
Campus initiatives	960,800
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$35,965,383</b>

- Campus parity** - Provided funding of \$33.8 million from the general fund as requested by the State Board of Higher Education for costs to continue the fiscal year 2007 legislatively authorized salary increases, 5 percent per year salary increases for the 2007-09 biennium, estimated health insurance increases, and 2.4 percent per year operating inflation. This level of funding represents 99 percent of the general fund portion of parity costs. The remaining funding of approximately \$223,450 will need to be funded with special funds or reallocation.
- Campus equity** - Provided funding of \$10 million from the general fund.
- Operating reduction** - Provided a .25 percent general fund reduction for higher education institutions totaling \$924,769.
- Student financial assistance grant program** - Provided funding of \$5,987,497, of which \$5,823,497 is from the general fund and \$164,000 is from federal funds, for the **student financial assistance grant program**. This level represents a total funds increase of \$2,483,095 from the 2005-07 legislative appropriation of \$3,504,402.
- Professional student exchange program** - Provided funding of \$2,722,946, of which \$2,199,566 is from the general fund and \$523,380 is from the student loan trust fund, for the **professional student exchange program**. The funding includes \$100,000 from the general fund for a new loan forgiveness program for veterinarians and \$523,380 from the student loan trust fund for funding five new students per year for the Kansas State University veterinary medicine program. This level represents a total funds increase of \$595,666 from the 2005-07 legislative appropriation of \$2,127,280.
- Scholars program** - Provided funding of \$1,478,566 from the general fund for the **scholars program**. The funding includes \$250,785 to increase the number of new freshmen awards from 35 to 50 per year

for fiscal years 2008 and 2009 and \$200,000 for a one-time \$2,000 stipend to all new freshmen in fiscal years 2008 and 2009. This level represents a general fund increase of \$616,489 from the 2005-07 legislative appropriation of \$862,077.

8. **Competitive research** - Provided funding of \$5,650,000 from the general fund for matching funding. This represents an increase in funding of \$460,000 from the 2005-07 legislative appropriation of \$5,190,000.
9. **Board initiatives** - Provided funding of \$398,500 from the general fund, including \$300,000 for a grant to the Space Grant Consortium and \$98,500 for a recruiting initiative for Minot State University - Bottineau. This level of funding represents a decrease of \$1,326,500 from the 2005-07 adjusted appropriation of \$1,725,000.
10. **Common information services pool** - Provided funding of \$31,477,093, of which \$28,703,293 is from the general fund and \$2,773,800 is from the permanent oil tax trust fund, for support of the Higher Education Computer Network, the Interactive Video Network, the On-line Dakota Information Network, and other related technology

initiatives. The funding includes \$5,493,800 of one-time funding, including \$420,000 for parity, \$2.3 million for support of the ConnectND system, and \$2,773,800 for Northern Tier Network infrastructure. This level of funding represents an increase of \$10,870,000 from the 2005-07 adjusted appropriation of \$20,607,093.

11. **Capital assets** - Provided funding of \$205,274,118, including:

	General Fund	Special Funds	Total
Capital construction lease payments	\$14,724,362	\$1,029,750	\$15,754,112
Campus extraordinary repairs	17,607,086	0	17,607,086
Major capital projects	13,808,235	158,104,685	171,912,920
Total	\$46,139,683	\$159,134,435	\$205,274,118

Of the \$17,607,086 for campus extraordinary repairs, \$10,893,032 is one-time funding. The funding of \$13,808,235 from the general fund for major capital projects is also one-time funding. Please refer to the schedules under the **Capital Construction** section for additional information regarding capital improvements.