



STATE OF MINNESOTA
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Comparing Proposals: Higher Education

Category	Governor's Higher Education Proposal	House GOP Higher Education Proposal
Total New Investment	\$283.2 million	\$56.798 million
MnSCU Operations	Governor Dayton has proposed a \$142 million investment to freeze tuitions at all MnSCU campuses statewide for the next two years, benefitting an estimated 264,000 students. A four-year MnSCU student would save up to \$205 per year – reducing their total loan burden by \$2,050 over four years.	The House GOP proposal includes \$105 million for MnSCU (\$53 million repurposed from State Grant funding). The proposal would allow MnSCU to raise tuition at state universities in the 2015-16 school year by 3 percent and freeze tuition, at that 3 percent increase, in the 2016-2017 school year. This also includes a freeze in tuition at the state colleges in year one and a 1 percent decrease in tuition in year 2
U of M Operations	Governor Dayton has proposed a \$65.2 million investment to freeze tuitions at the University of Minnesota for approximately 53,000 students. U of M students would save up to \$730 per year – reducing their total costs by up to \$2,500 over four years.	The House GOP proposal includes \$0 for tuition freezes, but directs \$1.5 million to the Crookston campus to support the agricultural education program and enhance the health science program and \$1.4 million to the Morris campus for classroom renovations, technology advancements and a college athletics and recreation facilities.

U of M Medical School	Governor Dayton has proposed a \$30 million investment in the Medical School to return the school to national prominence, and train the next generation of world-class medical professionals. The proposal would allow the University to hire 50 more medical researchers over the next eight years, address Minnesota’s looming shortage of doctors, secure new grants, and support medical innovation and job creation.	\$0
Minnesota State Grant Program	Governor Dayton has proposed investing \$45 million in the State Grant Program, allowing an additional 7,500 students to receive grants, and increasing the amount of financial assistance received by an additional 93,000 students. Eligible students would receive an average State Grant increase of \$352, with some getting up to \$1,800 more.	The House GOP proposal would CUT funding for the State Grant program by \$53 million . This would make higher education more expensive for an estimated 80,000 to 85,000 students each year. Students would see their tuition burdens increase by an average \$250 to \$659 each year.
American Indian Scholarships	Governor Dayton has proposed investing \$800,000 in scholarships to help an additional 250 American Indian students pursue higher educations.	\$0