



Missouri State
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August 1, 2014

Missouri Department of Higher Education
c/o Dr. David Russell
Commissioner of Higher Education
Missouri Department of Higher Education
205 Jefferson Street
Jefferson City, MO 65102

Dear Commissioner Russell:

Missouri State University is pleased to submit its Form 5 – Fiscal Year 2016 Appropriations Request for Operations. The request includes core funding and new funding decision items. We are providing this request in compliance with the policies and practice of the Coordinating Board of Higher Education. The total request of \$97,299,546 is comprised of the following:

Funding for Core Operations

1. Operating Appropriation Base (Fiscal Year 2015 Core with Performance Funding)	\$85,218,506
2. Health Initiatives/Occupational Therapy Base (Fiscal Year 2015 Core)	<u>1,325,000</u>
Funding for Core Operations-Total	86,543,506

New Funding Decision Item Requests

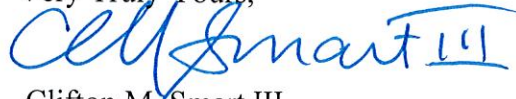
1. Performance Funding for Core Operating Support	3,156,555
2. STEM Funding	2,556,555
3. Caring for Missourians - Mental Health	1,667,930
4. Educational Facilities Renovations and Repairs	<u>3,375,000</u>
New Funding Decision Item Requests-Total	<u>10,756,040</u>

Total Core and New Funding Decision Item Requests **\$97,299,546**

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The justification for each of our requests follows. We believe our request is reasonable and reflects a commitment necessary to improve and advance the State of Missouri by developing educated persons.

Very Truly Yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Clifton M. Smart III". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underlining the name.

Clifton M. Smart III
President

Missouri State University Fiscal Year 2016 Form 5 Appropriations Request for Operations

Funding for Core Operations

\$86,543,506

The University's first priority for the fiscal year 2016 appropriation request is to maintain its base level of support. This support is critical to the University's mission of a public, comprehensive metropolitan system with a statewide mission in public affairs, whose purpose is to develop educated persons. This funding supports the University's Operating Fund for core student education and the mission of the University as well as administrative operations. The funding for core operations is comprised of two items: \$85,218,506 which represents the fiscal year 2015 operating base and includes the core with performance funding and \$1,325,000 for the fiscal year 2015 health initiatives/occupational therapy core. The health initiatives were approved for fiscal year 2014 as an ongoing core appropriation based upon the critical community needs for educated, skilled health care providers. The health initiatives appropriation of \$1,325,000 was approved to fund a Master of Occupational Therapy degree program at the Springfield campus and to provide funds to enhance the current nursing and respiratory care programs and initiate a new Associate of Applied Science in Allied Health-Certified Nursing Assistant program located at the West Plains campus. We respectively request for fiscal year 2016 and in future years that these two core funding items be combined into one appropriation amount.

New Funding Decision Item Requests

\$10,756,040

In addition to core funding requirements, the University's appropriations request for operations focuses on new investments which will better position the University to contribute to the future economy of Missouri and the welfare of its citizens. These new initiatives would support attracting and retaining outstanding faculty, increasing the number of college graduates qualified to meet workforce needs in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM), and supporting upgrades, expansion and maintenance of laboratory and classroom facilities and technology. The decision items are in priority funding order.

Decision Item 01: Performance Funding

\$3,156,555

The Performance Funding initiative was developed by the CBHE Performance Funding Task Force (2012) as a way to advocate for increased state appropriations to the base funding for institutions of higher education. Recent legislation (Senate Bill 492) has formalized the performance funding process and the University is waiting for further information regarding the model to be used. Senate Bill 492 provides up to a 10% of appropriations to address inequitable state funding.

The University is requesting an increase in core operating appropriations of 3% of its fiscal year state appropriations as a placeholder for performance funding. This amounts to \$2,556,555. In addition, the University is requesting \$600,000 in core operating

appropriations related to inequitable state funding as determined by the allocation model provided for in Senate Bill 492.

Decision Item 02: STEM Funding

\$2,556,555

We are requesting an increase of 3% (\$2,556,555) in our appropriation from the State of Missouri for STEM initiatives. For the last several years the University has experienced a steady, modest increase in STEM students. Improved funding would significantly enhance the number of undergraduate and graduate students completing degrees in these disciplines. Funds would be used to keep pace with the demands for STEM graduates by expanding degree programs and attracting and hiring faculty needed to support program expansion.

Decision Item 03: Caring for Missourians – Mental Health

\$1,667,930

Missouri State is pleased to be part of the statewide initiative “Caring for Missourians – Mental Health” to address a severe need in the state. The following are elements of this request:

Master of Science in Applied Behavior Analysis - \$285,150. The Applied Behavior Analysis program will be a joint effort of the Psychology Department and the Special Education Program at Missouri State University with the primary goal to provide comprehensive scientist-practitioner training in behavior analysis, out of which more specialized applied, theoretical and/or experimental behavioral analysis interest may be developed.

Master of Science in Speech Language Pathology - \$147,168. A Mental Health Scholars program for Speech Language Pathology (SLP) students will be created to increase the number of graduates who are interested in working in a mental health setting.

Nursing - \$646,940. Funds would enhance the mental health workforce of Missouri by improving the mental health knowledge and skills of students enrolled in the four-year Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) and the new three-year BSN to Doctor of Nurse Practice (DNP) programs. Both the BSN and DNP programs are community-based with an emphasis on underserved populations.

Master of Occupational Therapy - \$220,752. Funds would enhance the preparation of all students in the Master of Occupational Therapy program and increase the number of occupational therapy graduates.

Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) - \$367,920. Funds would support 10 additional DPT graduates and strengthen the training of all DPT students in the area of mental health.

Decision Item 04: Educational Facilities Renovations and Repairs

\$3,375,000

The University's backlog of maintenance and repairs continues to grow faster than the available resources. At the end of fiscal year 2014, the backlog in maintenance and repair stood at \$109 million. The accepted industry standard for annual maintenance and repair expenditures is 2 to 4 percent of the base construction replacement value (BCRV). Based upon 1.5%, the amount recommended by the Missouri Department of Higher Education, \$10,125,000 of annual maintenance and repair funding would be required. The University is requesting \$3,375,000 (1/3 of the recommended amount) to provide for upgrades, expansion and maintenance of laboratory and classroom facilities and technology.