University of Delaware

Operating and Capital Appropriation Requests – FY28

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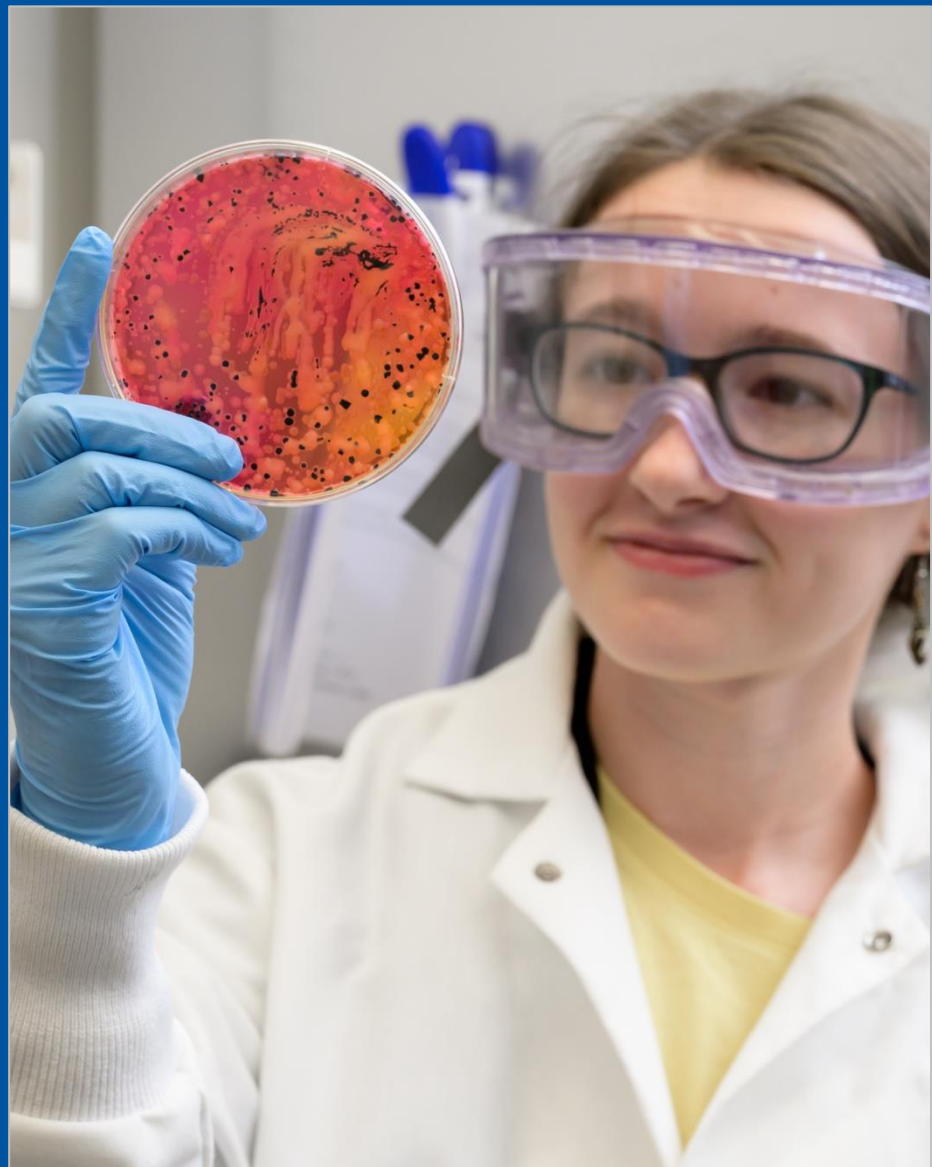



Committing to Delawareans' health and quality of life









Partnering to diversify Delaware's economy





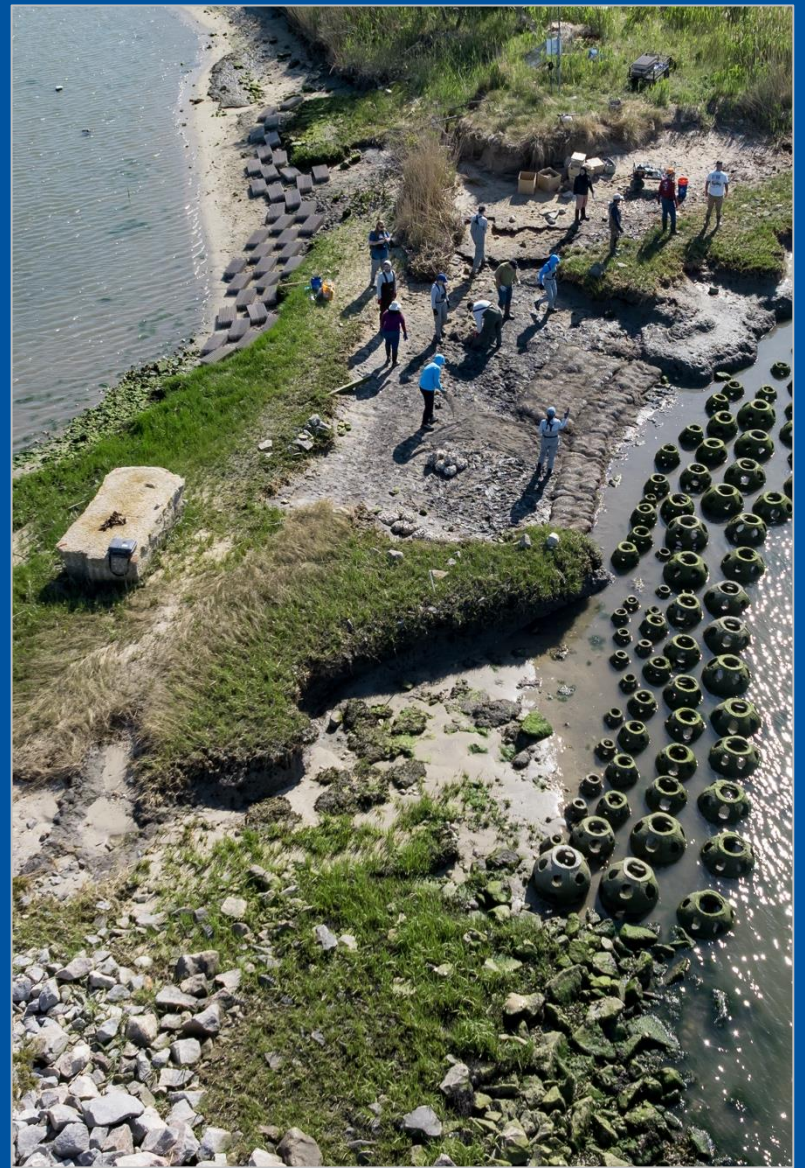
$2.48B
impact on Delaware's economy

15,000+
jobs supported statewide

$1.1B
additional annual earnings for UD alumni

A land-, sea-, and space-grant institution







Delaware's priorities shape UD's requests



Ensuring access to education



Investing in our campus



Training more teachers



Growing the healthcare workforce



Investing in Delaware agriculture

Operating Requests

First State Promise



Requesting $2.5M increase

~1,700 Delawareans supported annually

Financial need has grown $8M since 2022

UD currently contributes $25.5M

Every dollar helps keep Delaware students home, educated and in the workforce.

Supporting Southern Delaware





Requesting $1.5M to grow the healthcare workforce and train more teachers

Southern Delaware: Growing the healthcare workforce



Delaware faces a critical shortage of nurses in rural Kent and Sussex counties

Scholarships for up to 8 full-time and 8 part-time MSN students
(Family NP, Midwifery, Psychiatry NP)

Clinical placement support in Southern Delaware

Train here, work here.

Southern Delaware: Training more teachers



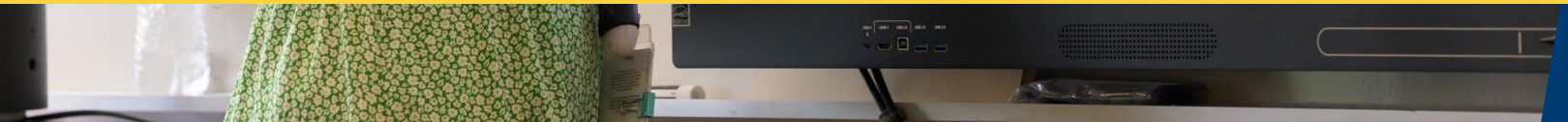
Delaware has more teaching positions than candidates to fill them

Two-year associate program leading to a BS in elementary and special education

Five dedicated faculty lines

19 scholarships for teacher education students

Train here, work here.



Capital Requests

Investing in our campus



420+ buildings averaging 50+ years old

Requesting $20M to update critical systems and modernize academic spaces as part of a deliberate optimization strategy.

Commitment to agriculture



As Delaware's land-grant institution we have a deep commitment and obligation to Delaware's farmers and agricultural industry.

New dairy facility



Current dairy facility is 60+ years old — with some portions even older — making renovation impossible Requesting $10M

Improves safety and welfare of animals

Promotes hands-on teaching and learning

Helps maintain the UDairy Creamery

Supports partnerships with veterinary programs

$15M gift in-hand + potential to unlock federal funding

Carvel Research and Education Center



The Center currently lacks a dedicated greenhouse Requesting $5M

Modern greenhouse for year-round teaching and research

Supports vegetable crops, weed science, plant pathology, soil fertility and entomology

Expands Extension outreach

Serving growers across Delaware



Summary of our FY28 request



OPERATING REQUEST

First State Promise



Southern Delaware workforce development



Nursing and Teacher Training Programs

CAPITAL REQUEST



Campus Improvements



Newark Dairy Facility



Carvel Greenhouse

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