



Welcome

TOWN HALL
APRIL 28, 2026



UNIVERSITY of
LOUISIANA
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WHY WE ARE HERE TODAY

Students

Graduate
Assistantships

Mental Health
Resources Update

Financial
Update

Faculty
& Staff

Vision 2035
& Retention

and

HOW YOU CAN HELP.



GRADUATE ASSISTANTSHIPS

Grad Council + Faculty Senate

Passed resolution urging
funding decisions

ACTION

funding released for

new offers
for doctoral
students

current graduate
students with continuing
assistantship and
fellowship offers



COLLEGE OF ARTS STUDENT COURSE FEES

Established a Review Process

Academic
Affairs

Administration
& Finance

College
Leadership

ACTION

funding requests approved

MOVING FORWARD

continued dialogue to address needs



MENTAL HEALTH MATTERS

THE UNIVERSITY IS COMMITTED TO STUDENT MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLNESS.

ACTIONS TO DATE

Enhanced mental health resources during finals



Excused student absence policy for mental health



Renewed UWill through June 2026 for 24-hour free counseling for students



Mental health space within Eckerd's building



FISCAL UPDATE

WHEN WE LAST MET

\$25M

Structural Deficit

\$25M

Prior-year payables

Projected FY 26 Ending Deficit

\$12M

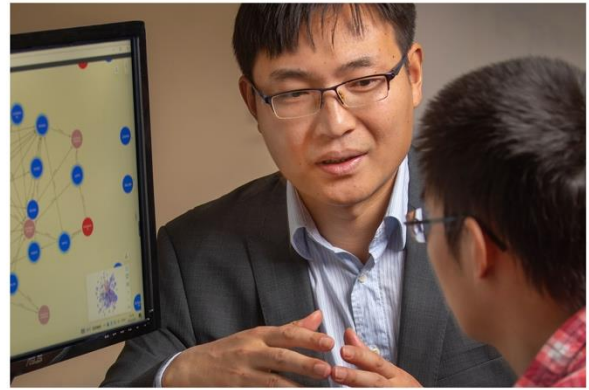
FACULTY

ACTIONS TO DATE

Start-ups

Travel

Salary Study



FACULTY ARE OUR GREATEST ASSET.

RETENTION

WE LOSE 26% OF STUDENTS FROM FRESHMAN TO SOPHOMORE YEAR.

26% = 830 STUDENTS = \$8.3 MILLION



Registration Day 12

Student Level	Fall 2025 (Apr 18)	Fall 2026 (Apr 25)	Previous Year Difference	Previous Year % Difference
Total	8071	8496	425	5.27%

RETENTION IS EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY.

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ACTION PLAN

Timely feedback and grade
entering into Moodle



Individual advising and
engagements with students



"Enrollment through
employment"



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2035

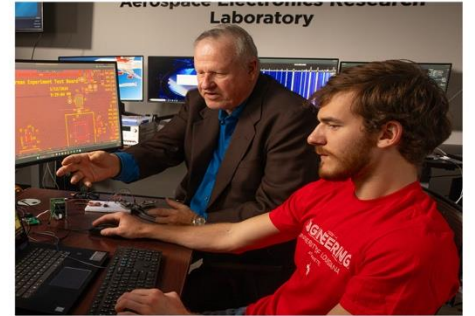
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WE'RE ASKING FOR A STRATEGIC INVESTMENT IN OUR FUTURE SUCCESS.



\$15M to support student success, including graduate assistantships as part of our R1 engine.



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1 FACULTY & STAFF EXCELLENCE

RESEARCH GROWTH

\$254M → **\$325M** → **\$500M**
TODAY 2030 2035

DOCTORAL GRADUATES (PER YEAR)

73 → **110** → **150**
TODAY 2030 2035

FACULTY & STAFF COMPENSATION & RETENTION

NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

REMOVE BARRIERS UNLEASH EXCELLENCE

2 STUDENT SUCCESS & WHOLE STUDENT FOCUS

ENROLLMENT GROWTH

16,100 → **22,500** → **27,500**
TODAY 2030 2035

CAREER READINESS & PLACEMENT

Internships Research Clinicals Co-ops

→ CLEAR PATH TO EMPLOYMENT

WHOLE STUDENT EXPERIENCE

Wellness Leadership Academics Athletics
Research Engagement Service



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3 FINANCIAL STRENGTH & STEWARDSHIP

ENDOWMENT GROWTH

\$250M → **\$350M** → **\$500M**
TODAY 2030 2035

FACULTY DEVELOPMENT
& STUDENT SUCCESS RESOURCES

LOUISIANA VISION 2035 CAMPAIGN

SUSTAINABLE DIVISION I
ATHLETICS EXCELLENCE

STRENGTHENING ENROLLMENT
ENGAGEMENT • REPUTATION

4 LOUISIANA IMPACT & NATIONAL POSITION

STRENGTHEN
CARNEGIE R1 STATUS

TOP PUBLIC
UNIVERSITY TRAJECTORY

TOP 100 → **TOP 75**
TODAY 2035

**SREB
CLASSIFICATION**

INDUSTRY • WORKFORCE
INNOVATION • ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT



Thank You!





Questions?

