

# UW System Federal Priorities for 2017

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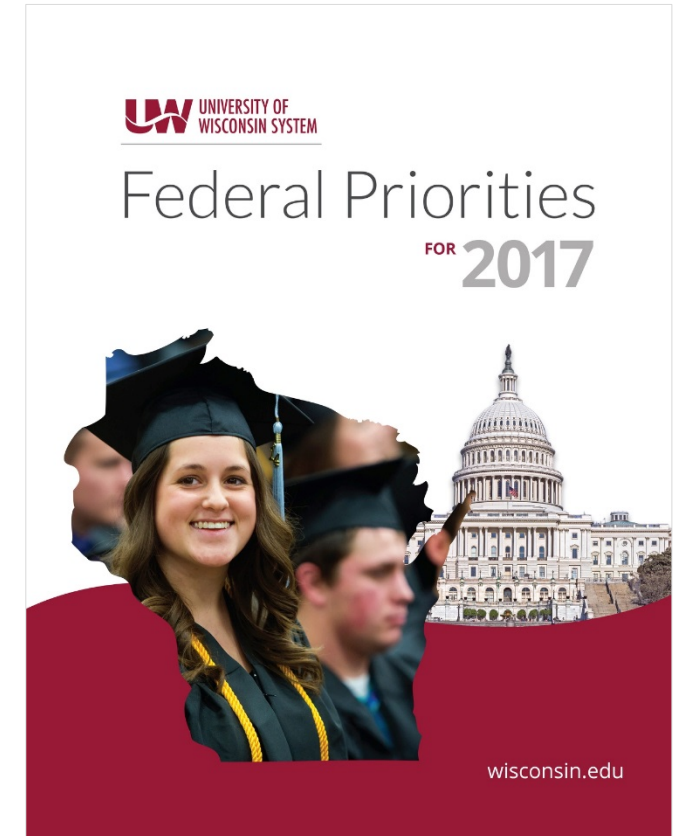
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UW System's annual report outlines the agenda of federal priorities for the coming year:

- Articulates UW System's strategies and positions on key issues facing higher education
- Provides a roadmap for proactive, issue-driven, effective advocacy
- Fosters collaboration between Wisconsin's federal delegation and UW System and its institutions



# UW System's Activity in 2016 Priority Areas

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- Supporting the Federal Pell Grant and other student financial aid programs
- Protecting research and development funding
- Enacting legislation that bolsters the workforce, including:
  - Undergraduate research in STEM fields
  - Entrepreneurial activity
  - Advanced manufacturing
- Reducing regulatory barriers



# Looking ahead at the federal landscape

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Anticipated federal priorities may compete for attention and funding:

- Health care reform
- Tax reform
- Defense spending
- Infrastructure
- Federal budget and national debt



# UW System's 2017 Priorities

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- Prioritizing funding of federal financial aid for students
- Sustained federal funding for research and development
- Relief from burdensome regulations on higher education



# Federal Financial Aid

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## UW SYSTEM RECOMMENDS:

### **Sustained funding for Federal Pell Grant program**

- In 2015-16, almost 37,000 Wisconsin resident undergraduates received a Pell Grant with an average award of \$3,800
- UW System supports year-round Pell Grants

### **Extension of Federal Perkins Loan program**

- Current program expires in September 2017
- More than 13,500 UW System students benefit from current Perkins Loan program annually





# Federal Funding for Research and Development

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## UW SYSTEM RECOMMENDS:

### **Protecting and prioritizing research and development**

- UW System faculty engages in ground-breaking, life-changing research
- UW System students are better prepared for the workforce by participating in hands-on research endeavors
- University research and development gives Wisconsin and the nation a competitive edge in the global economy
- UW System's federal expenditures, including direct student loans, were \$1.68 billion in 2015-16
- In 2016, UW System ranked #13 among the world's most innovative universities by Reuters

# Regulatory Reform

## UW SYSTEM RECOMMENDS:

### **Streamlining, consolidating, and/or eliminating federal reporting and regulatory requirements**

- UW System has reviewed and provided a comprehensive series of recommendations for regulatory reforms
- Burdensome and costly regulatory requirements hinder innovation in higher education and hurt the bottom line





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