



2015 FEDERAL PRIORITIES

UW Board of Regents Meeting

UW-Waukesha

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Topics

- Federal Student Financial Aid
 - Federal Perkins Loan Program
 - Federal Pell Grant
- Federal Research and Development
 - National Institutes of Health
 - Department of Energy, Office of Science
 - Department of Agriculture
 - National Science Foundation
 - Undergraduate Research
- 2015 Higher Education Policy Agenda

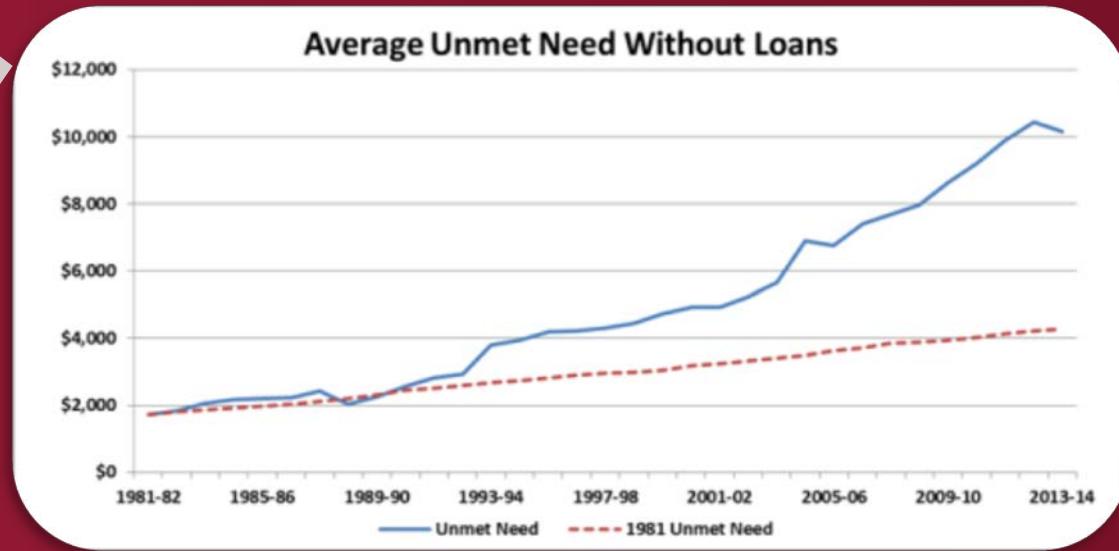


A Growing Need for Financial Aid

More and more Wisconsin students and their families are in need of financial aid to help make the possibility of obtaining a UW System college degree a reality.

The number of students with need and amount of need is growing

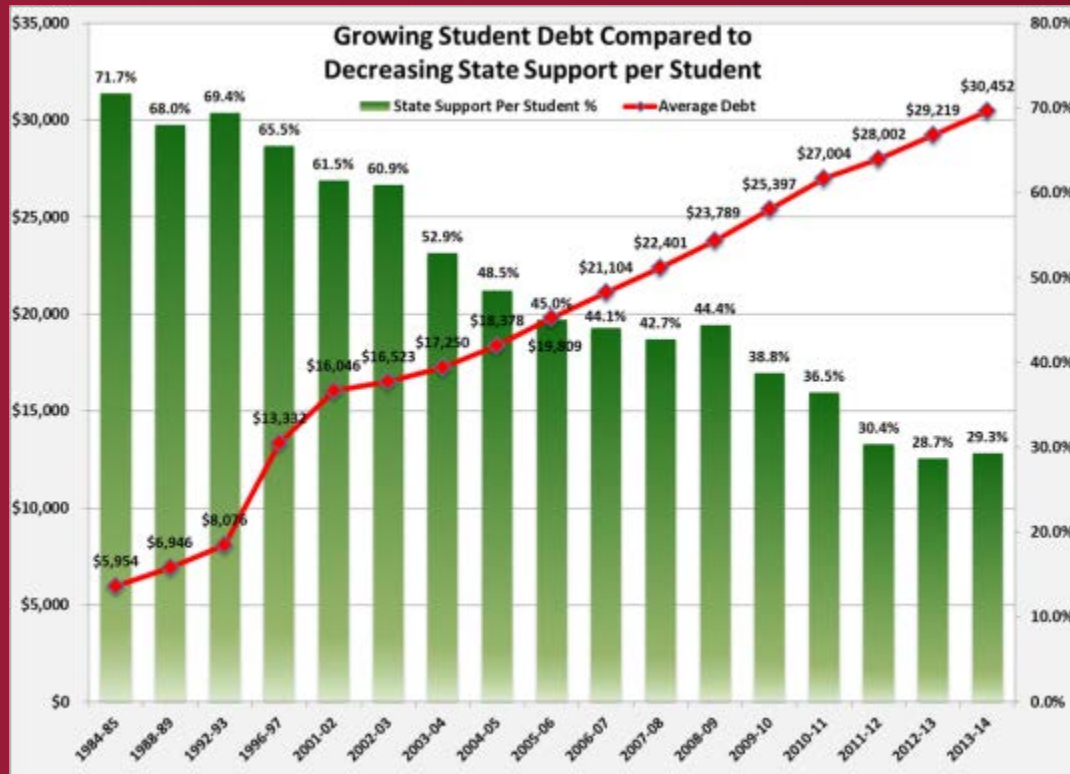
As a result, students have more loans and more unmet need.





State Aid & Student Debt

Decreasing state support per student has led to increased tuition to supply a greater share of the cost to educate a student. These tuition increases have led to higher levels of unmet need and loan debt for students.



Perkins At Risk

- Highest priority is continuation of the Federal Perkins Loan program
- Perkins offers low-interest, subsidized loans
- Perkins disbursed \$29M to 15,800 students in 2013-14
- Program expires in September



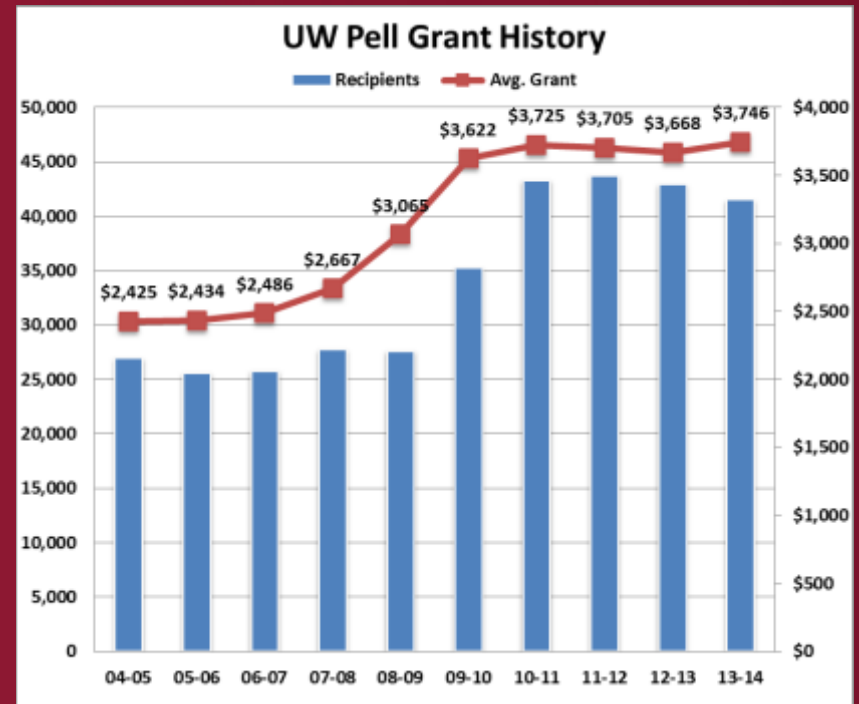
Pell Grants

Largest grant program provides need-based financial aid

Pell Grants make it possible for tens of thousands of UW students to attend our institutions.

In 2013-14, 41,506 UW students received a Pell Grant.

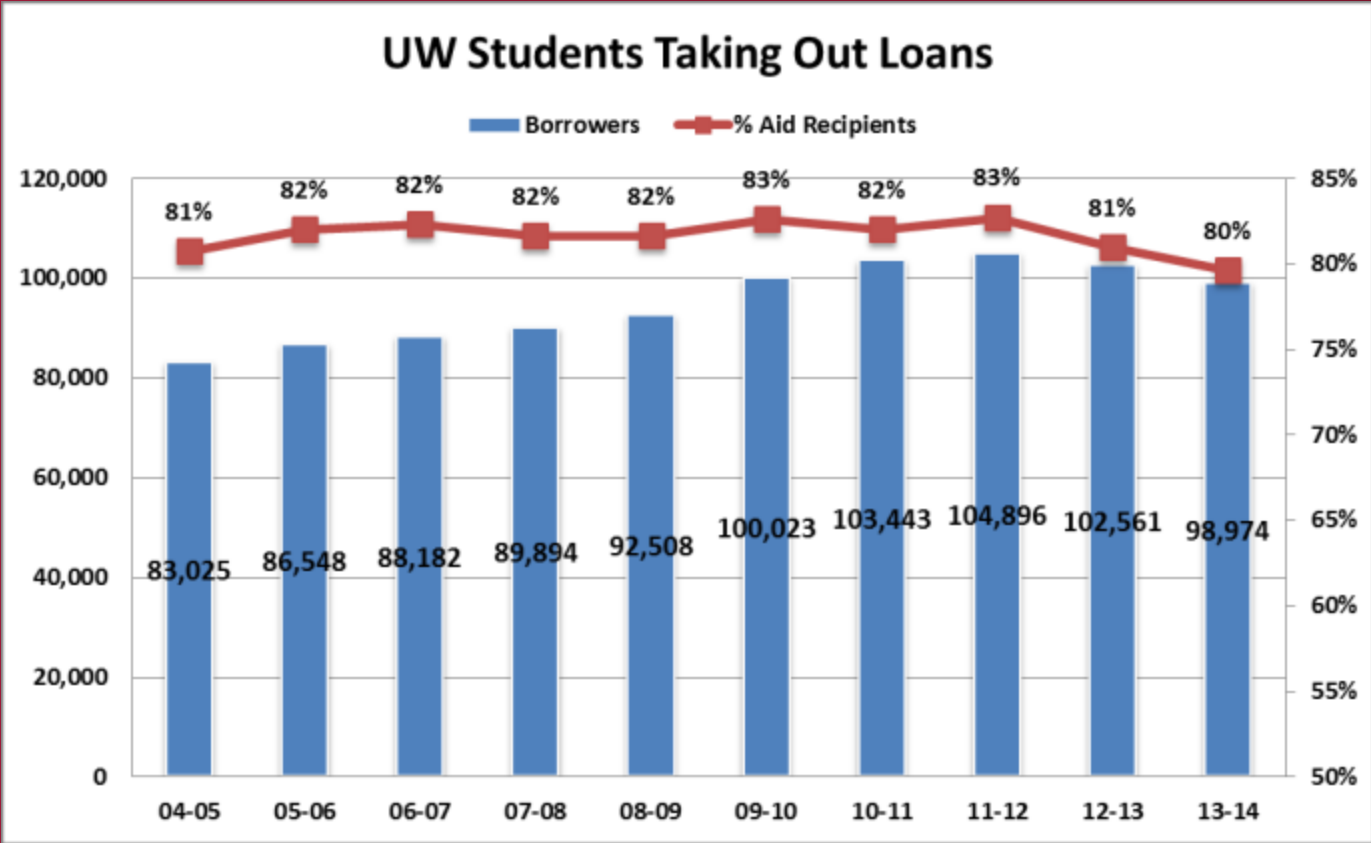
The 2013-14 avg. Pell Grant was \$3,746.





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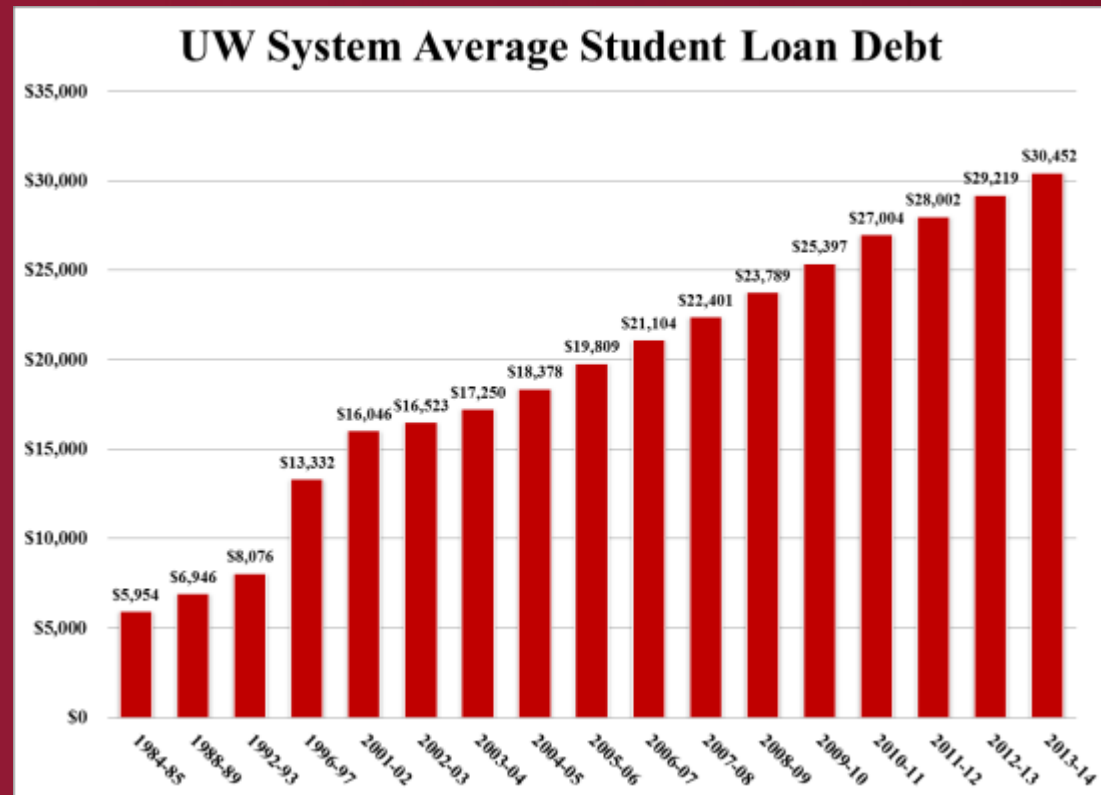
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- Student unmet need after grants and scholarships is \$10,159, nearly doubling in the last decade.
- In 2013-14, 74% of Wisconsin students who graduated had outstanding student loan debt, averaging \$30,452.





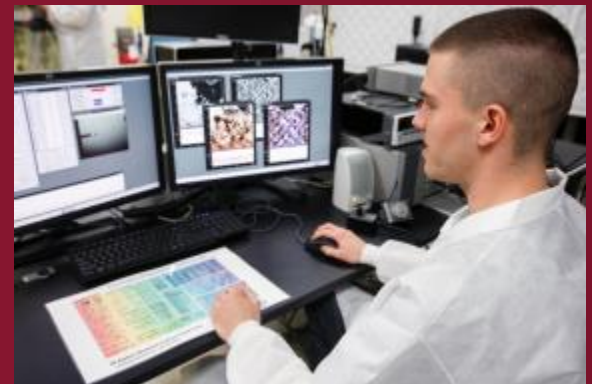
Loan Defaults

UW students are below the national average

- Although the percentage of students graduating with loan debt has increased in the past several years, the three-year student loan default rate of 5% for UW students remains low compared to the national average of 13%.
- The great majority of student loan borrowers remain committed to making their loan payments.
- Income-based repayment plans and loan forgiveness programs make it easier to deal with student debt.

Federal Research

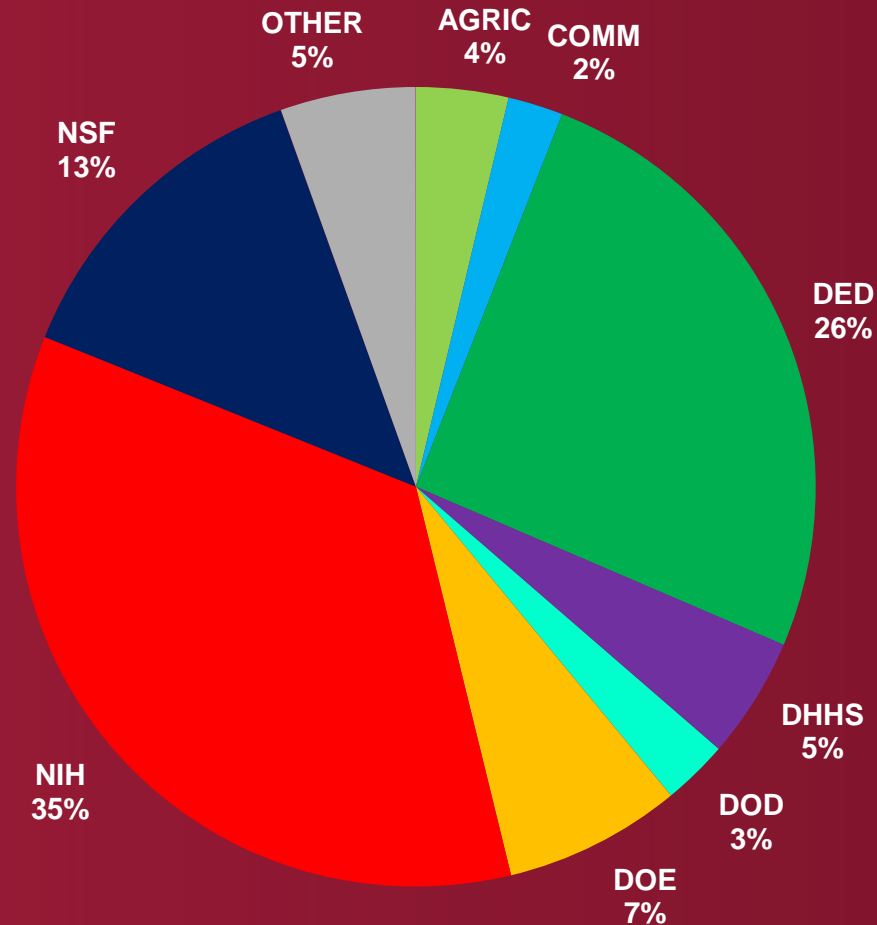
- For the better part of 100 years, Wisconsin's academic research and development infrastructure has been strong, thanks in large part to federal investments.
- This university, like so many others, is at risk if federal academic research and development funding stagnates or declines.





FY 2014 Federal Awards

Total: \$911,343,857



Undergraduate Research

- Thanks to the leadership of this Board, there has been intentional, sustained undergraduate research and economic development activity in Wisconsin.



Issues on the Horizon

- Higher Education Act reauthorization
 - Simplification of student aid programs and processes
 - Deregulation of higher education
 - Campus sexual assault legislation
- Obama Administration active regulatory agenda





The Federal government remains an important source of support for UW System students and it's an engine that drives innovation on all our campuses.