

Northern Arizona University, in partnership with the state, is committed to addressing critical healthcare workforce needs, increasing educational attainment and prosperity, and preparing exceptional teachers to serve in Arizona’s classrooms. Together, these efforts will contribute to Arizona’s economic vitality and contribute to the wellbeing of people and communities throughout the state.

FY 2025 Budget Request

<p>NAU Health</p>	<p>As part of ABOR’s AZ Healthy Tomorrow initiative to address ongoing healthcare workforce needs throughout Arizona, NAU proposes NAU Health. In addition to designing a new College of Medicine to prepare physicians for primary care practice in rural, underserved, and indigenous communities in Arizona, NAU Health will also expand on past success with the evolution of our new College of Nursing and continue to enrich mental and physical health professions offerings throughout the state.</p> <p>Total Executive Budget Request: \$46 M in repurposed funding from the New Economy Initiative</p> <p>NAU portion: \$ 10.1 M</p> <p>Impact: The number of degrees awarded by NAU for health-related fields will double by 2030, providing qualified medical professionals trained and ready for practice in Arizona. Repurposing the funding from the New Economy Initiative allows the state to target the growing healthcare workforce needs.</p>
<p>Arizona Promise Program</p>	<p>NAU’s mission, as charged by ABOR, is to broaden access to higher education and increase attainment of postsecondary credentials for Arizona residents. The growth of the Arizona Promise Program is essential to this mission.</p> <p>Total Executive Budget Request: \$20 M in one time funding</p> <p>NAU portion: \$8.66 M</p> <p>Impact: The proposed investment maintains the same level of funding so that no student loses a scholarship. The Promise Program provides Arizona residents graduating from high school with at least a 2.5 GPA that meet Pell Grant eligibility with free tuition and fees after other financial aid has been awarded. This program ensures that Arizona’s youth can achieve their full academic potential regardless of income.</p>
<p>Arizona Teachers Academy</p>	<p>NAU is a leader in providing highly-qualified educators for Arizona’s classrooms. The Arizona Teachers Academy offers a tuition free degree to students who commit to teach in Arizona’s public schools and provides them with support during and after the completion of their degree.</p> <p>Total Executive Budget Request: \$ 15 M in one time funding</p> <p>NAU portion: \$7.3 M</p> <p>Impact: Leveraging our Flagstaff campus, 20 statewide sites, and Grow Your Own partnerships with school districts across Arizona, the ATA at NAU has shown consistent growth year over year, expanding from 59 students to over 1,100 students since FY18. Demand for the ATA continues to outpace funding.</p>
<p>SPEED Bonding Capacity</p>	<p>The Executive proposes a one-time \$325M increase to the university bonding authority for FY25. The debt service for these bonds are paid with 80% lottery revenues and 20% university revenues. In 2008, previous SPEED bonding authority was divided among the universities, and allowed NAU to make necessary capital improvements that equipped NAU to address workforce needs through quality educational services, and stimulated job creation in the construction industry.</p> <p>Total Executive Budget Request: \$1.125 B in bonding authority</p>