



NORTH CAROLINA AGRICULTURAL
AND TECHNICAL STATE UNIVERSITY

2018 BUDGETARY & LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

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Protect and increase doctoral research funding: \$7.5 million

The North Carolina General Assembly awarded North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University \$2.5 Million recurring dollars for its transition to doctoral research university status in the 2017-19 Budget. This funding is critical to North Carolina A&T's mission of focusing on STEM undergraduate and graduate education and research. The university seeks additional recurring funding for investments in faculty, student support and infrastructure.

Cheatham-White Scholarship Increase: 50 Scholarships

The first Cheatham-White Scholars will be welcomed at N.C. A&T in the Fall 2018 semester. This new merit scholarship program, exclusive to N.C. A&T and North Carolina Central University, will provide an outstanding educational experience for students who are exceptional scholars, as well as versatile and well-rounded individuals. N.C. A&T supports an increase in the number of Cheatham-White Scholarships to 50 as authorized through the initial legislation creating the program.

State funding to match federal funding for College of Agriculture and Environmental Sciences research and Extension programs: \$2 million

As one of the state's two land-grant institutions, N.C. A&T seeks continued investment in agriculture and extension services to ensure support for research that will produce measurable, high-impact outcomes for our local, state and federal economies.

CERT Funding: \$400,000

The Center for Energy Research and Technology (CERT) at N.C. A&T is an interdisciplinary center created to foster collaborative research, development of new technologies and STEM education outreach. N.C. A&T seeks state funding to continue the center's focus on technologies that support North Carolina goals in environmental quality and promote STEM education.

Land Acquisition: \$2 million

N.C. A&T continues to drive tremendous growth in enrollment, record levels of sponsored research and expansion of its economic impact on the region and the state of North Carolina. In 2017, the university enrolled the largest freshman class in N.C. A&T history, expanding our student body to a record size: 11,877. N.C. A&T also achieved a record year for sponsored research funding, bringing in 62.5 million in contracts and grants. The university seeks funding for land acquisition that will expand our campus and help us build substantially on our mission of being a top-tier research institution.

Renovate Carver Hall: \$15 million

N.C. A&T seeks funding to renovate Carver Hall to accommodate continued growth in our College of Agriculture and Environmental Sciences. As the university strives to elevate its category from “higher research” doctoral institution to “highest research activity,” it is imperative that faculty be supported in generating the research proposals and research funding to help A&T evolve to that level of impact. That includes a research environment appropriate to the requirements of that level of scientific inquiry.

Faculty and Staff Recruitment and Retention Fund

We encourage the General Assembly to create legislation that allows for the creation of efficient and effective human resource policies and practices to attract and retain top faculty and staff, including granting authority to establish performance incentives, recruitment and retention compensation policies for SHRA employees and expansion of an EHRA exemption for financial and IT positions to keep pace with competitive employment markets.