

UCI BUDGET PRINCIPLES

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- **Prioritize [Mission](#) and Goals** – Allocate resources to support instruction, research, and public service in the context of UCI's strategic priorities and goals, including fostering academic excellence, student success, and advancing research.
- **Align Budget with Strategy** – Align budgeting and resource allocation efforts with campus strategic planning to achieve outcomes that maximize impact. Develop and maintain sustainable operating budgets that are informed by data-driven multi-year financial models.
- **Emphasize Transparency** – Establish a budgeting culture at UCI that is transparent and produces a clear picture of all campus sources and uses.
- **Implement a Clear Allocation Model** – Establish a budgeting and allocation methodology that is rational, fair, predictable, data-driven, and incentivizes financial responsibility, operational efficiencies, research productivity, and student success. The metrics used should be clear but not administratively burdensome to manage.
- **Value our Workforce** – Ensure faculty, staff, and student employees are supported appropriately to achieve UCI's highest priorities and recognize the key contributions of staff and support areas to our academic mission.
- **Support Infrastructure** – Develop multi-year capital and infrastructure investment plans that support UCI's long-term strategic plans, reduce operating costs by addressing deferred maintenance needs, and incorporate ongoing operations and maintenance costs, sustainability, and business transformation opportunities.

