

University of Tennessee, Knoxville
Proposed Increases to 2019-20 In-State Undergraduate Tuition and Mandatory Fees

The University of Tennessee Board of Trustees will consider a proposal to increase undergraduate in-state tuition and mandatory fees at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville (UTK) during the Board’s annual meeting on June 21, 2019. Tennessee law (Tennessee Code Annotated § 49-7-1603) requires boards of public universities to give public notice of proposed increases to tuition and mandatory fees charged to in-state undergraduate students at least fifteen (15) days prior to holding a public meeting to adopt the increases. Individuals are permitted to provide comments during the fifteen-day period at the following website:

<https://trustees.tennessee.edu/tuition-and-fee-proposal/>

Proposed Tuition & Mandatory Fees	2018-19	2019-20	Change	
In-State Undergraduates	\$13,006	\$13,264	\$258	2.0%

Explanation for the Proposed Tuition and Mandatory Fee Increases

The proposed change includes increases of \$222 to the maintenance fee (tuition), \$26 to the Student Programs and Services Fee (SPSF), and \$10 to the library fee. These increases are needed to provide revenue to cover growth in the costs of providing the undergraduate curricula and to maintain the quality and effectiveness of these programs in the future. It will also help support costs related to the university’s five-year student enrollment goal.

Purposes for Which the Revenue Derived from the Tuition and Mandatory Fee Increases Will be Used

More specifically, the tuition revenue will be used for: e-learning initiatives and infrastructure development; student success initiatives pertaining to retention, graduation, and recruitment; and faculty hiring, promotions, and support.

The revenue from the SPSF increase will be used for future student amenities. The library fee revenue will provide funding for databases, electronic journals, and other collection resources that have projected annual inflation rates of 4% to 6%. The library fee increase will cover approximately half of the FY 2019-20 projected cost increase, and the remaining cost will be covered through stewardship, internal reallocations, and vendor negotiations.

Efforts to Mitigate the Effect of Tuition and Mandatory Fee Increases on Students

UTK makes every reasonable effort to mitigate the effect of the tuition and fee increases on students, and these increases have been modest in recent years. From FY17 through FY19, the average annual tuition and mandatory fee increases for in-state, undergraduate students was 1.5%. These increases are well below the limits allowed by Tennessee Higher Education Commission. During the same timeframe, the average annual Higher Education Price Index (HEPI) was 2.63%. Also, please be aware that 93% of entering freshmen receive financial aid and scholarships to offset the cost of attendance.