



University of Missouri System

## 2026 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

### CAPITAL PROJECTS BY UNIVERSITY



#### NextGen MURR

New, state-of-the-art research reactor ensuring Missouri continues to be the domestic source of critical cancer-fighting radioisotopes and a leader in groundbreaking neutron beam science.



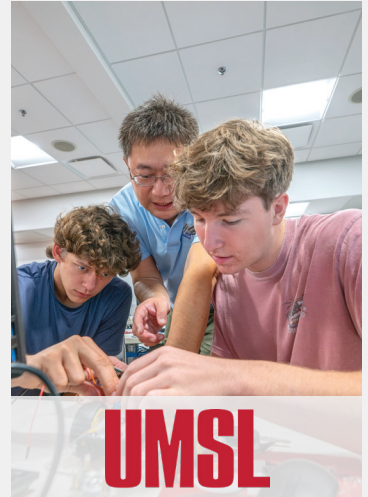
#### School of Dentistry Satellite Program in St. Joseph

Addresses critical shortage of dentists and dental hygienists in rural Missouri.



#### Bioplex

Provides high-demand workforce training and advanced research in biomedical engineering and science.



#### Science Complex

Expands access to STEM and advanced technology training — in engineering, geospatial science, chemistry, biotechnology, and related fields — to build a skilled workforce and strengthen economic competitiveness.

### OPERATING FUNDING REQUEST

- Inflationary Increase to Core Budget
- Retirement Cost Funding

*The UM System contributes to Missouri's economy by providing a world-class education, conducting important research, delivering meaningful outreach and developing the workforce of the future. We could not make that impact without the incredible support of Gov. Mike Kehoe and members of the Missouri Senate and House."*

– President Mun Y. Choi, Ph.D.



*State funding for the UM System benefits every Missourian. We're grateful to Gov. Mike Kehoe and the state legislature for ensuring we can continue serving the people of our state and nation."*

– Board Chair Todd P. Graves



# UM SYSTEM MEETS MISSOURI'S NEEDS

UM EDUCATES  
**52%**  
OF ALL UNDERGRADUATES  
IN THE STATE.

MORE THAN  
**322,000 ALUMNI**  
IN MISSOURI  
MAKING AN IMPACT  
STATEWIDE

UM prepares doctors, nurses, dentists, veterinarians, engineers, pharmacists, attorneys, optometrists, teachers and other skilled professionals to return to their communities and make a difference.

**89%** OF INFORMED SURVEY RESPONDENTS BELIEVE THEY ARE BETTER OFF BECAUSE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI.



MORE THAN 297,000 FARMERS  
AND RELATED BUSINESSES  
SERVED THROUGH AG AND  
NATURAL RESOURCE PROGRAMS.



MU EXTENSION SUPPORTS MORE  
THAN 1.2M PARTICIPANTS  
EACH YEAR IN ALL 114 COUNTIES  
AND THE CITY OF ST. LOUIS.

## UNIVERSITY HIGHLIGHTS

**MIZZOU HAS THE HIGHEST RETENTION, GRADUATION AND JOB PLACEMENT RATES AMONG ALL PUBLIC UNIVERSITIES IN MISSOURI.**



**90%**  
RETENTION RATE



**77%**  
GRADUATION RATE



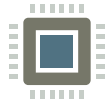
**95%**  
PLACEMENT RATE



**OVER \$714M**  
IN TOTAL RESEARCH  
EXPENDITURES  
ESTIMATED FOR FY25.

In 2025, UMKC and S&T joined Mizzou  
in receiving **Carnegie R1 status** -  
reflecting the highest level  
of research activity.

UM research creates innovative breakthroughs -  
from lifesaving cancer treatments to drought-resistant crops to  
cyber technologies for national security and beyond.



**MORE THAN 500,000 CANCER PATIENTS**  
treated last year with radioisotopes produced at the  
University of Missouri Research Reactor (MURR).

**156**

**U.S. PATENTS ISSUED FROM FY21 - FY26 IN KEY AREAS TO IMPROVE LIVES**

AGRICULTURE • CANCER THERAPY • CARDIOVASCULAR HEALTH • ENERGY INNOVATION • ENGINEERING  
GENE THERAPY • IMMUNOTHERAPY • METAMATERIALS • NURSING • ORTHOPAEDICS



MU ranked  
**#4 Best Value Flagship,**  
**#1 Best Value Flagship**  
**in the SEC**

(U.S. News & World Report)

UMKC ranked  
**#1 Social Mobility**  
**& Student Experience**  
**Among Public Universities**  
**in Missouri and Kansas**

(Wall Street Journal)

S&T ranked  
**#1 in Missouri,**  
**#8 in the Nation**  
**for Best Salaries**

(Wall Street Journal)

UMSL ranked  
**#1 Online Programs**  
**in Missouri**

(Forbes)