

The Agency

Public Higher Education

Agency Operations

The mission of the Rhode Island Board of Governors for Higher Education is to provide an excellent, efficient, accessible and affordable system of higher education designed to improve the overall educational attainment of Rhode Islanders and thereby enrich the intellectual, economic, social and cultural life of the State, its residents and its communities.

The board consists of 12 public members appointed by the Governor, the Chair of the Board of Regents for Elementary/Secondary Education, and Chairs of the Finance Committees of the House and the Senate. The board is staffed by the Office of Higher Education under the direction of the Commissioner who also serves as Chief Executive Officer of the board.

The Office of Higher Education is the policy development, research and monitoring arm of the Board of Governors. The office is organized into four units: Academic and Student Affairs, External Affairs, Legal and Labor Relations, and Finance and Management. Its principal responsibilities include the preparation of a public higher education budget and capital development program; and the development of policies in the pursuit of the primary goal of improving overall educational attainment in the State through a commitment to excellence, opportunity and access, diversity and responsiveness, coordination, and accountability in public higher education.

Statutory History

In 1981, The Rhode Island Legislature reorganized the governance of education in Rhode Island dividing the Board of Regents, then responsible for education from kindergarten through the graduate level, into two governing units: the Board of Regents, which retained responsibility for Elementary/Secondary Education, and the Board of Governors, which was given responsibility for Higher Education. The Rhode Island Legislature established the Board of Governors, not as a department of state government, but rather an independent public corporation which acts in concert and cooperation with the executive and legislative branches in the best interest of the higher education needs of Rhode Islanders. This legal independence applies not only to matters of educational policy, but also to fiscal and budgetary matters, personnel administration, and property ownership and control.

The Budget

Public Higher Education

	FY 2003 Actual	FY 2004 Actual	FY 2005 Revised	FY 2006 Recommended
Expenditures by Program				
Board of Governors/OHE	8,389,560	7,848,098	9,246,333	10,758,418
University of Rhode Island	383,587,100	407,097,723	430,245,334	446,116,313
Rhode Island College	99,699,674	109,090,464	113,004,004	113,533,061
Community College of Rhode Island	85,376,453	90,928,116	97,558,507	101,408,779
Total Expenditures	\$577,052,787	\$614,964,401	\$650,054,178	\$671,816,571
Expenditures By Object				
Personnel	336,649,037	353,469,830	373,828,193	400,007,902
Other State Operations	122,957,031	132,375,903	137,926,498	145,495,298
Aid To Local Units Of Government	-	-	-	-
Assistance, Grants and Benefits	103,067,670	116,274,916	118,927,697	122,871,141
Subtotal: Operating Expenditures	\$562,673,738	\$602,120,649	\$630,682,388	\$668,374,341
Capital Improvements	14,379,049	12,843,752	19,371,790	3,442,230
Capital Debt Service	-	-	-	-
Total Expenditures	\$577,052,787	\$614,964,401	\$650,054,178	\$671,816,571
Expenditures By Funds				
General Revenue	169,453,714	171,028,237	174,960,615	182,208,913
Federal Funds	2,829,217	1,790,817	3,351,931	3,085,532
Restricted Receipts	-	446,842	583,355	607,689
Other Funds	404,769,856	441,698,505	471,158,277	485,914,437
Total Expenditures	\$577,052,787	\$614,964,401	\$650,054,178	\$671,816,571
FTE Authorization	3,487.4	3,472.1	4,337.7	4,374.7
Agency Measures				
Minorities as a Percentage of the Workforce	11.0%	11.0%	10.6%	10.6%
Females as a Percentage of the Workforce	56.7%	56.7%	57.1%	57.1%
Persons with Disabilities as a Percentage of the Workforce	NA	NA	3.6%	3.6%

The Program

Public Higher Education Board of Governors/Office of Higher Education

Program Operations

The Board of Governors for Higher Education was established by the General Assembly in 1981.

Program Objective

- To ensure that public higher education remains economically and geographically accessible to all qualified residents in Rhode Island; deliver public higher education programs on a cost-effective basis; remain coordinated in program offerings, responsive in services and accountable in operations; and pursue the major goal of excellence in education.

Statutory History

The Board of Governors is established under the Rhode Island General Laws 16-59 and is successor to the authority previously exercised over public higher education by the Board of Regents for Education until 1981. At that time, the Board of Regents was abolished and its authority vested in three new entities: The Board of Governors for Higher Education; the Board of Regents for Elementary/Secondary Education as designated in R.I.G.L. 26-60; and the Rhode Island Public Telecommunications Authority as designated in Rhode Island General Laws 16-61.

The Budget

Public Higher Education Board of Governors/Office of Higher Education

	FY 2003 Actual	FY 2004 Actual	FY 2005 Revised	FY 2006 Recommended
Expenditures By Object				
Personnel	2,000,441	1,929,865	1,933,427	1,839,088
Other State Operations	1,781,858	1,843,176	1,741,559	3,837,880
Aid To Local Units Of Government	-	-	-	-
Assistance, Grants and Benefits	4,607,261	4,075,057	5,571,347	5,081,450
Subtotal: Operating Expenditures	\$8,389,560	\$7,848,098	\$9,246,333	\$10,758,418
Capital Improvements	-	-	-	-
Capital Debt Service	-	-	-	-
Total Expenditures	\$8,389,560	\$7,848,098	\$9,246,333	\$10,758,418
 Expenditures By Funds				
General Revenue	5,560,343	6,057,281	5,894,402	7,672,886
Federal Funds	2,829,217	1,790,817	3,351,931	3,085,532
Total Expenditures	\$8,389,560	\$7,848,098	\$9,246,333	\$10,758,418
 Program Measures				
Public Higher Education Enrollees Aged 18-24 as a Percentage of State Population Aged 18-24	21.7%	23.1%	23.1%	23.1%

The Program

Public Higher Education University of Rhode Island

Program Operations

The University of Rhode Island (URI) is the principal public research and graduate institution in the State of Rhode Island with responsibilities for expanding knowledge, for transmitting it, and for fostering its application. Its status as a land grant, sea grant, and urban grant institution highlights its traditions of natural resource, marine, and urban-related research. URI is committed to providing strong undergraduate programs to promote students' ethical development and capabilities as critical and independent thinkers. To meet student and societal needs, it offers undergraduate professional education programs in a wide range of disciplines. Graduate programs provide rigorous advanced study and research opportunities for personal and professional development. With undergraduate and graduate programs in the liberal arts and sciences and focus programs in the areas of marine and environmental studies, health, children, families, and communities, and enterprise and advanced technology, URI strives to meet the rapidly changing needs of the State, the country, and the world.

Program Objective

To fulfill the education mission of URI by providing traditional and non-traditional opportunities for education at the undergraduate and graduate levels, conduct research, and support other scholarly activities.

Statutory History

Rhode Island General Laws 16-31 and 32 relate to the University of Rhode Island.

The Budget

Public Higher Education University of Rhode Island

	FY 2003 Actual	FY 2004 Actual	FY 2005 Revised	FY 2006 Recommended
Expenditures By Object				
Personnel	204,576,493	215,161,294	228,234,983	242,725,582
Other State Operations	88,397,492	96,503,844	99,568,964	104,747,762
Aid To Local Units Of Government	-	-	-	-
Assistance, Grants and Benefits	78,732,991	90,749,255	91,735,075	95,200,739
Subtotal: Operating Expenditures	\$371,706,976	\$402,414,393	\$419,539,022	\$442,674,083
Capital Improvements	11,880,124	4,683,330	10,706,312	3,442,230
Capital Debt Service	-	-	-	-
Total Expenditures	\$383,587,100	\$407,097,723	\$430,245,334	\$446,116,313
Expenditures By Funds				
General Revenue	81,930,301	82,231,964	81,866,451	83,963,400
Other Funds	301,656,799	324,865,759	349,004,422	362,152,913
Total Expenditures	\$383,587,100	\$407,097,723	\$430,870,873	\$446,116,313
Program Measures				
Percentage Change in Tuition and Mandatory Fees (In-State) from Previous Year	8.7%	5.7%	8.9%	8.9%
Minority Enrollment - African Americans	3.9%	3.9%	3.9%	3.9%
Minority Enrollment - Hispanics	3.8%	3.8%	3.7%	3.7%
Minority Enrollment - Native Americans	0.4%	0.3%	0.3%	0.3%
Minority Enrollment - Asians	3.0%	3.0%	3.0%	3.0%
Percentage Nursing Students Passing State Licensing Exams	76.2%	85.0%	87.8%	87.8%

The Program

Public Higher Education Rhode Island College

Program Operations

Rhode Island College (RIC) is the State's comprehensive public institution of higher education. Its primary mission is to make its academic programs available to any qualified resident of Rhode Island who can benefit from its educational services. RIC offers programs of study in that array of disciplines traditionally considered as the liberal arts, including humanities, social sciences, sciences, and fine arts, and a broad array of professional offerings in the health and helping professions, education, management, and technology. Selected curricula are offered at the graduate level within the liberal arts and in applied and practitioner-oriented fields within the service sector. Liberal education refers to learning opportunities designed to ensure that students have a breadth of educational experiences, which foster the development of insights and multiple perspectives on ideas, issues, and events as well as an appreciation of the interconnectedness of fields of knowledge, and the value dimensions of the human condition.

Program Objective

Rhode Island College is dedicated to making a high quality education accessible to a diverse group of students. Through its educational, social and cultural programs and activities, RIC seeks to contribute to the professional mobility and advancement of its students and alumni, to the economic development of the State of Rhode Island, and to the enrichment of the larger community.

Statutory History

Rhode Island General Laws 16-31, 33 relate to Rhode Island College.

The Budget

Public Higher Education Rhode Island College

	FY 2003 Actual	FY 2004 Actual	FY 2005 Revised	FY 2006 Recommended
Expenditures By Object				
Personnel	70,258,284	73,172,493	76,364,341	80,927,121
Other State Operations	17,553,735	18,681,039	19,701,178	20,735,763
Aid To Local Units Of Government	-	-	-	-
Assistance, Grants and Benefits	10,360,024	10,169,619	11,720,177	11,870,177
Subtotal: Operating Expenditures	\$98,172,043	\$102,023,151	\$107,785,696	\$113,533,061
Capital Improvements	1,527,631	7,067,313	5,218,308	-
Capital Debt Service	-	-	-	-
Total Expenditures	\$99,699,674	\$109,090,464	\$113,004,004	\$113,533,061
Expenditures By Funds				
General Revenue	42,361,669	42,624,396	43,912,538	44,695,878
Other Funds	57,338,005	66,466,068	68,593,081	68,837,183
Total Expenditures	\$99,699,674	\$109,090,464	\$112,505,619	\$113,533,061
Program Measures				
Percentage Change in Tuition and Mandatory Fees (In-State) from Previous Year	6.8%	6.2%	8.6%	8.5%
Minority Enrollment - African Americans	3.7%	3.7%	3.6%	3.6%
Minority Enrollment - Hispanics	4.1%	4.1%	4.1%	4.1%
Minority Enrollment - Native Americans	0.3%	0.4%	0.4%	0.4%
Minority Enrollment - Asians	2.0%	1.9%	1.9%	1.9%
Percentage Nursing Students Passing State Licensing Exams	93.1%	93.6%	85.7%	85.7%

The Program

Public Higher Education Community College of Rhode Island

Program Operations

The Community College of Rhode Island (CCRI) is the largest public, two-year degree-granting college in New England. The CCRI provides a variety of vocational, technical and academic programs at campuses in Warwick, Lincoln and Providence.

As a community-based college, CCRI is also committed to providing a wide range of programs, workshops and seminars to benefit area students, businesses and governmental agencies. In every sense, the Community College of Rhode Island strives to meet the educational needs of the commuters and the people of the State.

Program Objective

To fulfill the education mission of the Community College of Rhode Island by providing academic transfer and career-oriented training of the highest caliber giving special attention to the quality of offerings and effectiveness of instruction and offering students support services necessary to achieve their educational goals.

Statutory History

Rhode Island General Laws 16-31, 33.1, and 44 relate to the Community College of Rhode Island.

The Budget

Public Higher Education Community College of Rhode Island

	FY 2003 Actual	FY 2004 Actual	FY 2005 Revised	FY 2006 Recommended
Expenditures By Object				
Personnel	59,813,819	63,206,178	67,295,442	74,516,111
Other State Operations	15,223,946	15,347,844	16,914,797	16,173,893
Aid To Local Units Of Government	-	-	-	-
Assistance, Grants and Benefits	9,367,394	11,280,985	9,901,098	10,718,775
Subtotal: Operating Expenditures	\$84,405,159	\$89,835,007	\$94,111,337	\$101,408,779
Capital Improvements	971,294	1,093,109	3,447,170	-
Capital Debt Service	-	-	-	-
Total Expenditures	\$85,376,453	\$90,928,116	\$97,558,507	\$101,408,779
Expenditures By Funds				
General Revenue	39,601,401	40,114,596	43,287,224	45,876,749
Restricted Receipts	-	446,842	583,355	607,689
Other Funds	45,775,052	50,366,678	53,560,774	54,924,341
Total Expenditures	\$85,376,453	\$90,928,116	\$97,431,353	\$101,408,779
Program Measures				
Percentage Change in Tuition and Mandatory Fees (In-State) from Previous Year	8.6%	5.3%	9.0%	8.8%
Minority Enrollment - African Americans	6.4%	6.4%	6.4%	6.4%
Minority Enrollment - Hispanics	8.5%	8.9%	8.9%	8.9%
Minority Enrollment - Native Americans	0.6%	0.5%	0.5%	0.5%
Minority Enrollment - Asians	2.3%	2.0%	2.0%	2.0%
Percentage Nursing Students Passing State Licensing Exams (RN)	87.9%	84.8%	80.2%	80.2%
Percentage Nursing Students Passing State Licensing Exams (LPN)	84.0%	91.7%	76.4%	76.4%