



**BUDGET PRIORITIES**  
**LSU HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER IN NEW ORLEANS**  
**2015-16 OPERATING BUDGET**

The Fiscal Year 2015-16 appropriation for the LSU Health Sciences Center in New Orleans Campus is \$150.7 million. This represents a decrease of \$20.2 million in comparison to our final budget of \$170.9 million for Fiscal Year 2014-2015. There was a technical adjustment reducing the Fees and Self-Generated means of financing by \$28.5 million to reflect that revenue and expenses related to our graduate medical education contracts with the private hospital partners are recorded in restricted rather than appropriated funds. Accounting for that adjustment, our appropriation increased \$8.3 million in absolute dollars.

We have set the following priorities for increases in spending:

- An investment of \$1.7 million in our strategic initiative in genomics research and personalized medicine.
- A line item of \$0.5 million was appropriated for the Louisiana Tumor Registry. This replaces funds formerly received via a contract with Interim LSU Hospital.
- A line item of \$0.5 million was appropriated as a pass through to the Louisiana Cancer Research Consortium (LCRC) from the Higher Education Initiatives Fund. This is above and beyond the funds that are passed through to the LCRC from tobacco tax collections.
- We are retaining \$4.6 million as a buffer against a mid-year state general fund budget reduction. The revenue measures enacted by the legislature during the 2015 session have a number of uncertainties related to projected income and legal challenges.

Our campus continues our emphasis on creating and enhancing alternative sources of funding:

- LSUHSC-NO continues to seek new and/or expanded relationships with private and not-for-profit health care entities. We anticipate increases in revenue from clinical contracts this fiscal year.
- Using a capital outlay appropriation and WISE funds, we are renovating space in the Dental School to modernize the educational process and accommodate an increase in enrollment. This will lead to additional tuition and student clinic revenue in the future.