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NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH (NIH)

APLU Request: \$32 billion

(FY13 PBR = \$30.7B; FY12 = \$30.6B; FY2011 = \$30.7B)

- APLU supports \$32 billion for NIH, the minimum investment necessary to avoid further loss of promising research while allowing NIH's budget to keep pace with biomedical inflation. NIH, the world's premier biomedical research funding agency, competitively awards grants to scientists at APLU universities in all 50 states as well as many other institutions across the country and world. Funding of \$32 billion would allow the NIH to continue to educate the next generation of scientists and fund leading-edge research with the goals of saving lives and improving health through medical discovery and scientific leadership.
- Taking into account biomedical research inflation, NIH's funding is nearly 20% lower today than in 2003. Even in challenging budget times, funding scientific and medical research should be a priority. Scientific and medical advances supported by the NIH bolster the health of our economy as well as our citizens and people the world over.

**DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION STUDENT AID
PROGRAMS**

PELL GRANT PROGRAM

APLU Request: \$5,635 for the maximum award

(FY13 PBR = \$5,635; FY2012 = \$5,550; FY2011 = \$5,550)

APLU strongly supports the request of \$5,635 for the maximum Pell award. The Federal Pell Grant Program provides need-based grants to financially disadvantaged students. The grants are the foundation of low-income students' aid packages, to which other forms of aid are added. The Pell program is the largest federal source of college aid to students. An expected 9.7 million students will participate in the program in FY2013.

**SUPPLEMENTAL EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY GRANT
(SEOG)**

APLU FY2013 Request: \$735 million

(FY13 PBR = \$735M; FY2012 = \$735M; FY2011 = \$737M)

The Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant program provides up to an additional \$4000 in grant assistance to Pell Grant recipients with unmet need. Institutions must match one-to-three the federal SEOG funds. APLU urges Congress to maintain funding of \$735 million for this important piece of the federal financial aid portfolio.

APLU FY2013 APPROPRIATIONS PRIORITIES (con't)

FEDERAL WORK STUDY

APLU FY2013 Request: \$1.13 billion

(FY13 PBR = \$1.13 B; FY2012 = \$977M; FY2011 = \$980M)

Work Study awards are increasingly significant for high-need students as enrollments increase reflecting a growing trend toward those returning to college seeking new skills to become more employable in the depressed job market. While APLU supports funding the program at the requested \$1.13 billion, we do have concerns about Administration's proposed policy changes to the program.

GRADUATE ASSISTANCE IN AREAS OF NATIONAL NEED (GAANN)

APLU Request: \$30.9 million

(FY13 PBR = \$30.9M; FY2012 = \$30.8M; FY2011 = \$31M)

The FY2012 appropriation folded the Jacob Javits Fellowship Program into GAANN but unfortunately, GAANN only received level funding at what they had received in previous years. Through traineeships, the GAANN program strengthens U.S. economic competitiveness by graduate students in critical fields of study. APLU urges Congress to fund GAANN at least at current level of \$31 million, but adequately support the Javits disciplines, the arts, the humanities and social sciences, as eligible for future grants.

TRIO PROGRAMS

APLU FY2013 Request: \$840 million

(FY13 PBR = \$840M; FY2012 = \$840M; FY2011 = \$895M)

The TRIO program helps low-income, first generation students prepare for, enter, and graduate from college. Two-thirds of TRIO students come from families with incomes of less than \$34,000 for a family of four, where neither parent graduated from college. TRIO programs currently serve 840,000 students in all 50 states. APLU recommends sustained funding at \$840 million for TRIO programs.

GAINING EARLY AWARENESS & READINESS FOR UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS (GEAR UP)

APLU FY2013 Request: \$302 million

(FY12 PBR = \$302M; FY2012 = \$301M; FY2011 = \$303M)

APLU urges Congress to at least maintain funding for the GEAR UP program at the current and requested level of \$302 million in FY2013. The GEAR UP grant program is designed to increase the number of low-income students who are prepared to enter and succeed in postsecondary education. GEAR UP provides six-year grants to states and partnerships to provide services at high-poverty middle and high schools.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS

APLU FY2013 Request: at least \$75.7 million

(FY13 PBR = \$75.7M; FY2012 = \$74.2M; FY2011 = \$75M)

For International Education and Foreign Languages Studies, APLU supports funding of at least the Administration's request of \$75.7 million. These programs play a critical role in expanding our next generation's skills of global competency that will support our long-term security, global leadership, and economic competitiveness.