

University of Tennessee at Chattanooga

Proposed Increases to 2025-26 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 for undergraduate programs of the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga (UTC) during the Board's annual meeting on July 1, 2025. 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://tennessee.edu/about/leadership/board-of-trustees/tuition-and-fee-proposal/>

Proposed In-State Tuition & Fees	2024-25	2025-26	Change	
Tuition	\$8,458	\$8,712	\$254	3.0%
Mandatory Fees	\$1,990	\$2,050	\$60	3.0%
Tuition & Mandatory Fees	\$10,448	\$10,762	\$314	3.0%

Explanation for the Proposed Tuition and Mandatory Fee Increases

UTC received appropriations to partially fund its FY26 salary pool. The proposed tuition increase will be used to fully fund the remainder of the salary pool. In addition to the salary pool, the proposed increase is needed to cover academic program growth as approved by the Tennessee Higher Education Commission (THEC) and other unavoidable costs described below.

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

The majority of this new revenue will be used for costs of new programs or expanding programs that were previously approved by THEC. These costs include faculty and operations, student programming, scholarships, and graduate assistantships. Additional funding is being allocated for student recruitment and retention efforts.

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

Tuition and fee increases have been modest in recent years, including no increases in FY21 and FY23. Over the previous five fiscal years and inclusive of this upcoming fiscal year 2025-26, the average tuition and fee increase is 1.8%. Around 80% of UTC in-state undergraduate students receive some form of scholarship, grant, discount, or waiver to offset part or all the costs of attendance.