

University of Tennessee, Knoxville
Proposed Increases to 2026-27 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 at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville (UTK) during the Board’s annual meeting on June 30, 2026. 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://trustees.tennessee.edu/tuition-and-fee-proposal/>

Proposed Tuition & Mandatory Fees	2025-26	2026-27	Change	
Tuition	\$11,560	\$11,560	\$-	0.0%
Mandatory Fees	\$2,316	\$2,464	\$148	6.4%
Tuition and Mandatory Fees	\$13,876	\$14,024	\$148	1.1%

Explanation for the Proposed Tuition and Mandatory Fee Increases

The proposed change includes increases of \$18 to the In-State Facilities Fee, \$30 to the Transportation Fee, and \$100 to the Student Program and Services Fee (SPSF).

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

The In-State Facilities and Transportation fees last increased in FY26, and SPSF fees last increased in FY20. These increases are needed to provide revenue to support the rapid growth in the undergraduate student population – an increase of 20.0% in the last five years - through the funding of: (1) increased deferred maintenance costs in line with inflation increases for existing campus buildings and support the operating cost of new buildings; (2) the additional cost to address ongoing transit operating costs at current service levels and for new routes and buses needed as the UTK expands service to support perimeter parking, off campus building and alternatives to driving on campus; and (3) increased cost for student programming, student activities and other resources utilized by students and designed to promote the intellectual, physical, emotional, social, cultural and leadership development of students.

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

UTK makes every reasonable effort to mitigate the effect of tuition and fee increases on students, and these increases have been modest in recent years. From FY22 through FY26, the average annual tuition and mandatory fee increase for in-state undergraduate students was 1.2%; well below the limits allowed by Tennessee Higher Education Commission. The most recent average annual Higher Education Price Index (HEPI) was 3.6%. Finally, 93% of entering first-year students receive financial aid and scholarships to offset the cost of attendance.