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SENATE BILL 43

5 By: Joint Budget Committee
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PERSONAL SERVICES
10 AND OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS
11 - DIVISION OF AGRICULTURE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING
12 JUNE 30, 2027; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

15 AN ACT FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS -
16 DIVISION OF AGRICULTURE APPROPRIATION
17 FOR THE 2026-2027 FISCAL YEAR.
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21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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23 SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES - OPERATIONS. There is hereby established
24 for the University of Arkansas - Division of Agriculture for the 2026-2027
25 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.
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Item		Maximum	Maximum Annual
No.	Title	No. of	Salary Rate
		Employees	Fiscal Year
			2026-2027
	<u>DIVISION OF AGRICULTURE</u>		
	<u>TWELVE MONTH EDUCATIONAL AND GENERAL</u>		
	<u>ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS</u>		
(1)	Vice-Pres. for Agriculture/Chance.	1	\$290,156
(2)	Senior Associate Vice President	2	\$255,607
(3)	Associate VP	6	\$249,780



1	(4)	District Director	3	\$231,053
2	(5)	Assistant VP	6	\$218,562
3	(6)	Project/Program Administrator	170	
4		Executive Project/Program Director		\$213,928
5		Exec. Project/Program Manager		\$186,892
6		Sr. Project/Program Director		\$172,738
7		Project/Program Director		\$140,094
8		Project/Program Manager		\$126,956
9		Executive Assistant		\$118,680
10		Project/Program Specialist		\$109,536
11	(7)	IT Pool	20	
12		Network Engineer		\$207,404
13		Information Systems Manager		\$133,122
14		Computer Network Coordinator		\$132,901
15		Technical Support Staff		\$126,956
16		Coordinator, Academic Computing		\$125,461
17		Coord., Administrative Computing		\$125,461
18		Coordinator of Information Tech		\$123,806
19		Website Developer/Programmer		\$123,806
20		System Programmer/Web Developer		\$122,387
21		Computer Systems Mgr.		\$112,475
22		Database Administrator		\$110,019
23		Systems Administrator		\$108,925
24		Information Systems Security Spec		\$106,894
25		Institution Information Tech Coord		\$104,736
26		Assistant Database Administrator		\$100,790
27		Computer Support Manager		\$100,708
28		Information Systems Coordinator		\$100,708
29		Senior Software Support Specialist		\$100,708
30		Systems Specialist		\$100,708
31		Information Technology Manager		\$99,493
32		Network Support Specialist		\$96,834
33		Senior Software Support Analyst		\$96,834
34		Tech Support/Systems Admin.		\$95,330
35		Tech Support/Applications Support		\$95,330
36		Information Systems Business Mgr.		\$93,110

1	Security Analyst		\$93,110
2	Systems Analyst		\$93,110
3	Information Technology Specialist		\$91,166
4	Computer Support Coordinator		\$89,529
5	Software Support Analyst		\$89,529
6	Systems Applications Supervisor		\$89,529
7	Computer Operations Coordinator		\$86,085
8	Systems Coordination Analyst		\$86,085
9	PC Support Specialist		\$84,480
10	Computer Support Specialist		\$82,775
11	Database Analyst		\$82,775
12	Digital Broadcast Specialist		\$79,590
13	Network Support Analyst		\$79,590
14	Website Developer		\$79,590
15	Information Systems Analyst		\$76,530
16	Info Systems Security Analyst		\$76,530
17	Computer Support Analyst		\$76,530
18	Software Support Specialist		\$73,587
19	Telecommunications Supervisor		\$73,587
20	Media Specialist		\$72,215
21	Computer Support Technician		\$70,756
22	Help Desk Specialist		\$70,756
23	Computer Operator		\$68,035
24	Network Analyst		\$68,035
25	Telecommunications Specialist		\$68,035
26	Multimedia Specialist		\$64,199
27	Information Technology Assistant		\$60,483
28	Computer Lab Technician		\$58,156
29	Multimedia Technician		\$52,766
30	Audiovisual Laboratory Assistant		\$48,785
31	(8) County Ext. Agent	210	
32	County Ext. Agent IV		\$206,172
33	County Ext. Agent III		\$199,299
34	County Ext. Agent II		\$139,030
35	County Ext. Agent I		\$128,870
36	(9) Resident Director in Charge	6	\$162,387

1	(10)	Associate for Administration	4	\$109,536
2	(11)	Fiscal Support Pool	28	
3		Fiscal Support Manager		\$95,029
4		Fiscal Support Supervisor		\$78,106
5		Accountant II		\$75,103
6		Accountant I		\$72,215
7		Fiscal Support Analyst		\$69,437
8		Fiscal Support Specialist		\$61,729
9		Accounting Technician		\$57,071
10		Fiscal Support Technician		\$52,766
11	(12)	Procurement Coordinator	1	\$84,480
12	(13)	Research Technologist	9	\$84,480
13	(14)	Skilled Trades Pool	5	
14		Skilled Trades Foreman		\$76,530
15		Skilled Trades Supervisor		\$73,587
16		Skilled Tradesman		\$70,756
17		Skilled Trades Helper		\$53,769
18		Apprentice Tradesman		\$47,801
19	(15)	Human Resources Analyst	1	\$75,103
20	(16)	Maintenance Coordinator	3	\$75,103
21	(17)	Assistant Director of Farming	1	\$72,215
22	(18)	Buyer	2	\$72,215
23	(19)	HEI Program Coordinator	3	\$72,215
24	(20)	Administrative Support Pool	143	
25		Administrative Assistant		\$69,437
26		Administrative Analyst		\$69,437
27		Administrative Support Supervisor		\$64,199
28		Administrative Specialist III		\$61,729
29		Administration Support Specialist		\$61,729
30		Administrative Specialist II		\$54,877
31		Administrative Support Specialist		\$54,877
32		Administrative Specialist I		\$48,785
33		Extra Help Assistant		\$40,098
34	(21)	Benefits Analyst	1	\$69,437
35	(22)	Maintenance Supervisor	3	\$69,437
36	(23)	Payroll Services Specialist	2	\$69,437

1	(24)	Print Shop Supervisor	1	\$69,437
2	(25)	Institutional Printer	2	\$66,767
3	(26)	Inventory Control Manager	1	\$66,767
4	(27)	Human Resources Specialist	3	\$64,199
5	(28)	Farm Foreman - Inst.	6	\$61,729
6	(29)	Maintenance Specialist	8	\$61,729
7	(30)	Research Assistant	1	\$61,729
8	(31)	Special Events Coordinator	1	\$61,729
9	(32)	Coordinator of Housekeeping	1	\$59,355
10	(33)	Equipment Mechanic	2	\$57,071
11	(34)	Farm Maintenance Mechanic	2	\$57,071
12	(35)	Laboratory Technician	11	\$57,071
13	(36)	Landscape Specialist	1	\$57,071
14	(37)	Special Events Supervisor	1	\$57,071
15	(38)	Warehouse Specialist	1	\$57,071
16	(39)	Greenhouse Technician	1	\$54,877
17	(40)	Heavy Equipment Operator	1	\$54,877
18	(41)	Research Technician	10	\$54,877
19	(42)	CES Program Assistant	36	\$52,766
20	(43)	Maintenance Assistant	2	\$52,766
21	(44)	Research Field Technician	9	\$52,766
22	(45)	Agriculture Farm Technician	6	\$48,785
23	(46)	Agriculture Lab Technician	16	\$48,785
24	(47)	Institutional Services Supervisor	1	\$45,105
25	(48)	Institutional Services Assistant	6	\$43,370
26		<u>TWELVE MONTH EDUCATIONAL AND GENERAL</u>		
27		<u>ACADEMIC POSITIONS</u>		
28	(49)	Faculty	190	
29		Distinguished Professor		\$282,450
30		University Professor		\$261,661
31		Professor		\$241,688
32		Associate Professor		\$206,172
33		Assistant Professor		\$195,073
34		Curator		\$164,641
35		Instructor		\$139,030
36	(50)	Department Chairperson	11	\$246,873

1	(51)	Research Scientist	10	\$179,858
2	(52)	Program Associate	165	\$164,641
3	(53)	Senior Graduate Assistant	60	\$130,370
4	(54)	Post Doctoral Fellow	45	\$130,080
5	(55)	Program Technician	120	\$109,532
6	(56)	Program Assistant	8	\$104,137
7	(57)	Graduate Assistant	77	\$71,864
8		<u>NINE MONTH EDUCATIONAL AND GENERAL</u>		
9		<u>ACADEMIC POSITIONS</u>		
10	(58)	Faculty	25	
11		Distinguished Professor		\$243,172
12		University Professor		\$237,622
13		Professor		\$228,368
14		Associate Professor		\$195,073
15		Assistant Professor		\$189,097
16		Instructor		\$125,703
17		MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	1,471	

19 SECTION 2. EXTRA HELP - OPERATIONS. There is hereby authorized, for
 20 the University of Arkansas - Division of Agriculture for the 2026-2027 fiscal
 21 year, the following maximum number of part-time or temporary employees, to be
 22 known as "Extra Help", payable from funds appropriated herein for such
 23 purposes: seven hundred (700) temporary or part-time employees, when needed,
 24 at rates of pay not to exceed those provided in the Uniform Classification
 25 and Compensation Act, or its successor, or this act for the appropriate
 26 classification.

28 SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - STATE OPERATIONS. There is hereby
 29 appropriated, to the University of Arkansas, to be payable from the
 30 University of Arkansas Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of
 31 the University of Arkansas - Division of Agriculture for the fiscal year
 32 ending June 30, 2027, the following:

34	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
35	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
36	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$50,177,071

1	(02)	EXTRA HELP	350,000
2	(03)	OVERTIME	5,000
3	(04)	PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	14,069,994
4	(05)	MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
5	(A)	OPER. EXPENSE	18,433,330
6	(B)	CONF. & TRAVEL	0
7	(C)	PROF. FEES	0
8	(D)	CAP. OUTLAY	250,000
9	(E)	DATA PROC.	0
10		TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$83,285,395</u>

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12 SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION - CASH FUNDS. There is hereby appropriated,

13 to the University of Arkansas, to be payable from cash funds as defined by

14 Arkansas Code 19-4-801, for personal services and operating expenses of the

15 University of Arkansas - Division of Agriculture for the fiscal year ending

16 June 30, 2027, the following:

18	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
19	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
20	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$21,145,000
21	(02) EXTRA HELP	4,425,000
22	(03) OVERTIME	60,000
23	(04) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	6,220,000
24	(05) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
25	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	27,250,000
26	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	2,150,000
27	(C) PROF. FEES	2,150,000
28	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	10,000,000
29	(E) DATA PROC.	0
30	(06) CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	76,000,000
31	(07) DEBT SERVICE	60,000
32	(08) FUND TRANSFERS, REFUNDS AND	
33	INVESTMENTS	15,000
34	(09) PROMOTIONAL ITEMS	<u>65,000</u>
35	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$149,540,000</u>

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1 SECTION 5. APPROPRIATION - CASH FUNDS - SOIL TESTING AND RESEARCH.
 2 There is hereby appropriated, to the University of Arkansas, to be payable
 3 from cash funds as defined by Arkansas Code 19-4-801, for personal services
 4 and operating expenses of the University of Arkansas - Soil Testing and
 5 Research Program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

7 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
8 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
9 (01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$991,000
10 (02) EXTRA HELP	90,000
11 (03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	280,000
12 (04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
13 (A) OPER. EXPENSE	675,000
14 (B) CONF. & TRAVEL	25,000
15 (C) PROF. FEES	17,000
16 (D) CAP. OUTLAY	495,000
17 (E) DATA PROC.	0
18 (05) CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	<u>540,000</u>
19 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$3,113,000</u></u>

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 21 SECTION 6. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
 22 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. PINE TREE
 23 RESEARCH STATION.

24 (a) The Board of Trustees of the University of Arkansas shall not sell
 25 the property commonly known as the Pine Tree Research Station, located in St.
 26 Francis County, Arkansas, which was acquired by the Board of Trustees of the
 27 University of Arkansas from the United States of America acting through the
 28 Forest Service in 1978, to a private entity or individual.

29 (b) The Board of Trustees of the University of Arkansas may sell the
 30 property commonly known as the Pine Tree Research Station, located in St.
 31 Francis County, Arkansas, which was acquired by the Board of Trustees of the
 32 University of Arkansas from the United States of America acting through the
 33 Forest Service in 1978, to:

- 34 (1) A non-profit corporation organized with the primary mission
- 35 to keep the land open to the public and available for public use; and
- 36 (2) Organized and operated for a minimum of five (5) years.

1 (c) The property commonly known as the Pine Tree Research Station,
2 located in St. Francis County, Arkansas, which was acquired by the Board of
3 Trustees of the University of Arkansas from the United States of America
4 acting through the Forest Service in 1978, shall remain open to the public
5 for public use, including without limitation:

- 6 (1) Public fishing;
- 7 (2) Public hunting;
- 8 (3) Biking;
- 9 (4) Bird watching; and
- 10 (5) Hiking.

11 (d) All property commonly known as the Pine Tree Research Station,
12 located in St. Francis County, Arkansas, which was acquired by the Board of
13 Trustees of the University of Arkansas from the United States of America
14 acting through the Forest Service in 1978, in row crop cultivation in the
15 year 2020 is exempt from subsection (c) of this section.

16 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2025~~
17 2026 through June 30, ~~2026~~ 2027.

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19 SECTION 7. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds
20 authorized by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency
21 and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and
22 the restrictions of the State Procurement Law, the General Accounting and
23 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary
24 Procedures and Restrictions Act, the Higher Education Expenditure Restriction
25 Act, or their successors, and other fiscal control laws of this State, where
26 applicable, and regulations promulgated by the Department of Finance and
27 Administration, as authorized by law, shall be strictly complied with in
28 disbursement of said funds.

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30 SECTION 8. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General
31 Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations
32 contained in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for
33 which this act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive
34 Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget
35 manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or
36 summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative

1 Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

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3 SECTION 9. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General
4 Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the
5 appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the
6 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2026 is essential to the operation of
7 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in
8 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the
9 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2026 could work irreparable harm
10 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental
11 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act
12 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health
13 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2026.