

UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA ALUMNI
QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS
WITH DR. GOLD

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Q: Can you explain how the budget is impacted by the state's budget?

A: As a public, state-funded institution, the University of Nebraska relies heavily on state budget allocations. While federal, philanthropic, and other sources support research and scholarships, about two-thirds of our operating funds come from state dollars, with the remaining third from tuition. We recently testified to the Appropriations Committee on behalf of our budget ask, which you can read [here](#). Our partnership with the

Q: What do you see as the biggest challenge ahead of us in facing the University of Nebraska today?

A: The biggest opportunity that we have is to be laser focused on our strategic planning at a time of significant policy, fiscal and ideologic challenges. Multiple external forces facing the University of Nebraska today include financial pressures, shifting public perceptions of higher education, and a rapidly changing policy environment. We are also working to address future enrollment challenges and ensure that our academic programs meet and exceed the evolving needs of students and employers.

