

# Budget Accountability

## ***Funding Sources — Accountability Requirements***

For each funding source, there is an accountability or set of agreements or restrictions associated with the use of the funds. Some requirements are coded into law or policy, others are agreements, but no matter the form there is an fiduciary obligation on the part of the campus to make good on the trust to carry out certain agreed upon activities.

Some form of accountability is mandated by the funding agency and become part of a general accounting or audit of expenditures. Certain funds cannot be used for support of capital projects or funds received for specific research projects cannot be used for support of other projects.

With respect to certain student fees, like tuition, it is necessary to set aside 33% of undergraduate revenue and 50% of graduate revenue for financial aid. Finally, there can be funds that come to the campus as part of a block allocation from the state that pass directly to the appropriate departments for faculty and staff salary increases or benefit costs.

## ***Who is accountable for the funding decisions made at UCR?***

While the Chancellor/EVC has the responsibility for funding decisions on campus, the availability of funds and certain decisions are made by others (such as the Regents or Deans or Vice Chancellors) and all could be influenced by Federal or State regulations or UC or UCR policy. Following is a list of decision-makers that affect the UC Riverside Budget.

**California Legislature:** Finalizes the budget allocation or reduction to the University of California

**UC Regents:** Approve the UC Budget Request to the State of California, the final budget allocations or reductions to the campus, and the student fee levels

**Office of the President:** Determines the budget allocations or reductions of state funding to the campus and the financing model for system-wide programs

**Deans & Vice Chancellors:** Manage the budget allocations or reductions

**Faculty & Managers:** Monitor and adjust the departmental or programmatic activities in relation to the budget