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## OU gets 9.2 percent increase in state appropriations

The higher education conference committee voted today to give Oakland University a 9.2 percent increase in funding over last year's appropriation. The vote still must receive approval in the state House and Senate and Governor John Engler's signature when the legislature reconvenes next September. The legislature already approved a 3 percent supplemental increase for Oakland.

"We're obviously very pleased that the conference committee reached an agreement on the higher education bill," said Gary D. Russi, president of Oakland University. "We are gratified that the legislature once again recognized and rewarded Oakland University's growth and commitment to providing a quality education to our students. The increase will enable us to maintain the standard of excellence we've set for this institution in terms of quality academic programs, infrastructure and student life."

Oakland University is a comprehensive state-supported institution of higher education located in suburban Oakland County, Michigan. OU offers undergraduate programs in 109 areas and graduate programs in 63 areas. Dedicated to preparing learners for the 21st-century workplace and society, the university is organized in the College of Arts and Sciences and the Schools of Business Administration, Education and Human Services, Engineering and Computer Science, Health Science, Nursing, and the Honors College.

### SUMMARY

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