

2024-2027

The University of Hawai'i (UH) Student Basic Needs Master Plan (SBNMP) is intended to serve as a “living document”- responding to measured changes in student basic needs insecurity and resource availability- and direct UH Student Basic Needs Committee priorities, goals and programming. Each UH campus was asked to provide specific campus-level priorities and goals to account for campus environment, culture, and resourcing. This document will serve as the UH System strategic plan for student basic needs from 2024-2027.

As “Hawai'i's University for Today and Tomorrow,” UH adopted a new Strategic Plan 2023-2029 to fulfill its mission and responsibility to the people of Hawai'i. The emerging strategic imperatives are grounded in four main areas: (1) Fulfill kuleana (responsibility) to Native Hawaiians and Hawai'i; (2) Develop successful students for a better future; (3) Meet Hawai'i's workforce needs of today and tomorrow; and (4) Diversify Hawai'i's economy through innovation and research. Specifically, the imperative to Develop successful students for a better future aims to educate more students, empowering them to achieve their goals and contribute to a civil society. In recognizing the impacts of basic needs security on student academic achievement, well-being, and lifetime earnings, UH has developed objectives aimed at increasing access, opportunity, and addressing the basic needs of our diverse student body by:

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- Increasing participation in post-secondary education statewide;
- Providing necessary support for student success, including addressing barriers to access, basic needs (such as food and housing insecurity) and holistic health and wellness; and
- Improving campus infrastructure to develop successful students, and a vibrant, inclusive, and safe environment on campuses across the UH System.

The UH System Office of the Associate Vice President for Student Affairs in collaboration with the UH Student Basic Needs Committee (UHSBNC) consisting of representation from all ten campuses, guided by the UH Student Basic Needs Master Plan, and in alignment to the UH Strategic Plan has coordinated a student basic needs initiative that: (1) Ensures the underserved students enrolled in the University of Hawai'i system have consistent access to support programs that increase food and housing security; (2) Provides opportunities to increase the capacity of each campus to acquire extramural funds for individualized student basic needs initiatives such as emergency aid and child care scholarships; and (3) Coordinates UH System student internships in Social Services to support basic needs and increase campus capacity through non-clinical case management.