



# **Economic Support for New and Returning Students Affected by COVID-19**

A Discussion with the Wyoming's Tomorrow Task Force

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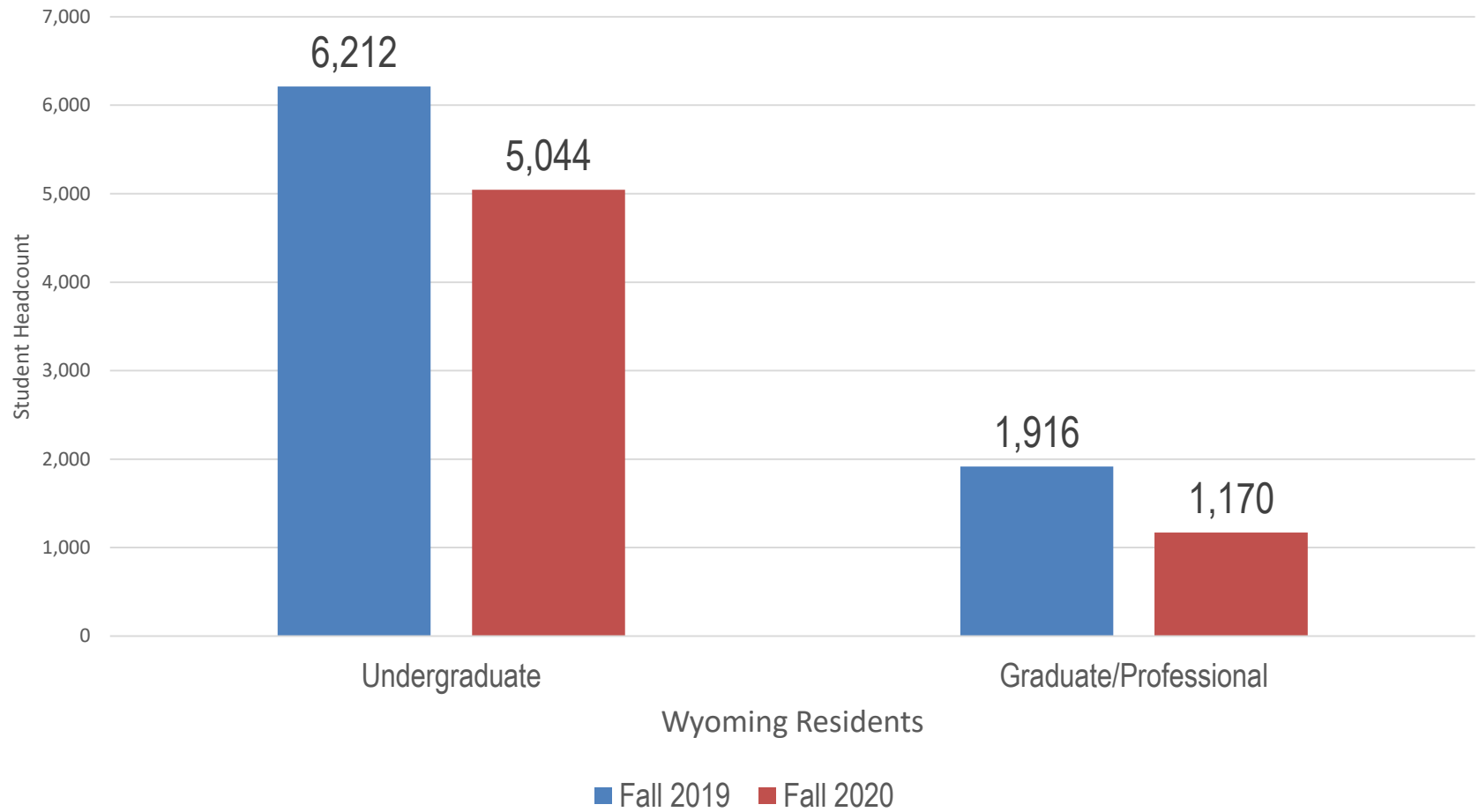
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# Projected UW Enrollment Down By 1,900 In-State Students

## Fall Comparisons Preliminary Student Headcounts, 2019 and 2020





# UW's Highest Priority for CARES Act Funding is Economic Support for New and Returning Students Affected by COVID-19

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- Purpose of request is to increase educational attainment in Wyoming higher education
- \$3,250 is provided to full-time students who certify that they are directly impacted by COVID-19 through employment interruption
- CARES Act funding can be used for room-and-board and is in addition to previously committed federal (e.g., Pell), state (e.g., Hathaway), private, and UW/WCC funding
- Part-time students receive pro-rated amount (e.g., half-time student receives \$1,625)



# Original versus Updated Proposal

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- Original request for \$40 million to pay tuition-and-fees for entire 2020-21 academic year
  
- Updated proposal \$20 million
  - Seeks to promote and create a college going culture that will enhance educational attainment, which is necessary for a robust and timely economic recovery
  - Updated proposal to pay room-and-board for Fall Semester 2020 only
  - In mid-May, Colorado allocated \$450 million to higher education institutions so UW are fighting “uphill battle” for enrollments against CSU



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