

# UTAH BOARD OF HIGHER EDUCATION

**MOUNTAINLAND TECHNICAL COLLEGE**

CLAY CHRISTENSEN, PRESIDENT

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**6,735 STUDENTS**

**'THANK YOU'**

# THE MTECH TEAM



**6,735**  
STUDENTS



**617**  
EMPLOYEES

**5,232** Square Miles

**3** Counties

**5** Campuses (Soon to be 6)

**39** Programs

**7** School Districts (soon to be 9)

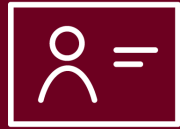
**27** High Schools

**31** Charter Schools

# OUTCOMES



Completion: **82%**



Licensure: **100%**



Placement: **89%**



Graduates: **2,360**



Annual Graduate ROI: **\$17.10**



# MTECH, AT-A-GLANCE

- MTECH's record-setting graduating classes report being 99.7% free of educational debt
- MTECH spends 51.5% of its appropriation on instruction; among the very highest in the system
- According to USHE data, MTECH is the most financially efficient technical college in Utah.
- Two new campuses, limited resources

# FY26 FUNDING

<b>FUNDED</b> \$480,500	
Apprenticeship	\$180,500
Welding	\$150,000
Automation	\$150,000

# 2026 Appropriations Needs

MTECH identified, and the Board of Trustees approved, a **\$6,965,000** ongoing appropriation request and **\$1,155,000** in one-time support

MTECH was funded at **\$2,227,100** ongoing

**We are grateful for the support**

## FY2026-2027 Budget Request

<u>By Campus</u>	<u>Ongoing Funding</u>	<u>One-time Funding</u>
Payson	\$ 1,390,000.00	\$ -
Heber	\$ 2,845,000.00	\$ -
Provo	\$ 1,150,000.00	\$ 205,000.00
Lehi	\$ 190,000.00	\$ -
Orem	\$ 15,000.00	\$ -
Not Campus Specific	\$ 1,375,000.00	\$ 950,000.00
Totals	\$ 6,965,000.00	\$ 1,155,000.00

<u>By Program Area</u>	<u>Ongoing Funding</u>	<u>One-time Funding</u>
Apprenticeship Program Expansion	\$ 540,000.00	
Healthcare Program Expansion	\$ 1,595,000.00	\$ 205,000.00
Service Program Expansion	\$ 800,000.00	
Technology Program Expansion	\$ 120,000.00	
Trades Program Expansion	\$ 1,215,000.00	
Student Affairs	\$ 1,165,000.00	
Admin and Support	\$ 1,530,000.00	\$ 950,000.00
Totals	\$ 6,965,000.00	\$ 1,155,000.00

# CURRENT WAITLIST

Number on Waitlist: **1,493**

Economic Impact: **\$226,355.77 per each student on the waitlist**

Total Missed Economic Impact: **\$359,704,044**

*Note.* Waitlist snapshot from December 2026; Economic Data Provided by Lightcast Labor Market Data Analysis <https://lightcast.io/>

# Overview of Request

	Current Tuition and Fees	\$ Tuition Adjustment	% Tuition Adjustment	\$ Student Fee Adjustments	% Student Fee Adjustments	Proposed Tuition and Fees	% Change
Undergraduate Resident	\$1,840	\$180	10%	(\$40)	(100%)	\$1,980	7.6%

*Note.* Undergraduate: academic year, 15 credit hours per semester; Technical colleges operate on a flat, linear rate.

# General Student Fees Moving to Tuition

- The College Board of Trustees proposes eliminating the registration fee of \$40 for all students. This follows the recommended updates to policy R510 .
- Impacts of this change
  - Overall, a \$40 decrease in student fees will result in a \$70 increase in tuition
  - The 100% decrease in student general fees will result in a 4.17% increase in tuition. Offset is due to high school tuition subsidy.
- The revenue from this tuition change will continue to be used for the support of all students by supporting all student affairs functions, including *academic counseling, career services advising, and mental health resources*.
- The College's Board of Trustees recommend that the Board of Higher Education approve the transition of the registration fee to tuition.

# INSTITUTIONAL REQUEST

The MTECH Board of Trustees request will address faculty shortages.

- 5.83% additional tuition request to address the waiting lists.
- This allows the College to serve an additional 150 students with three FTE faculty.
- All students will pay slightly higher tuition so that more students can be served.
- Students will pay an additional \$180 in tuition per 15 credits. A net increase of \$140 after the fee reduction.
- A public 'Truth-in-Tuition' Hearing was held at the College on March 12, 2026.
- The Board of Trustees approved the tuition increase on March 18, 2026.
- The College **continually** reviews budgets and program effectiveness through annual CPL reviews and reallocates resources as necessary.

# AFFORDABILITY & IMPACT

- Affordability is not a limiting factor for access to MTECH. Capacity is.
- 99.7% of MTECH graduates report no educational debt.
- Impact.

If approved, MTECH's tuition of \$132 per credit will remain the lowest among its national peers:

- TCAT-Memphis is **\$360 per credit hour** on top of **\$1,487 in per-semester fees**.
- BridgeValley Community and Technical College in West Virginia is **\$220 per credit hour** on top of **\$355 in per-course fees**.
- Northwest Technical College in Louisiana is **\$205 per credit hour** with **\$95 in per-course fees**.



**‘THANK YOU’!**