# 2025-2026 FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES



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# **RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT**

N.C. A&T requests continued support and funding from the U.S. Congress to sustain and enhance policies and practices that effectively support the infrastructure and resources needed to maintain a "high research activity" positioning and strive toward a "very high research activity" positioning for HBCUs and MSIs.

# SUPPORT FOR CENTERS OF EXCELLENCE

- Advanced Manufacturing
- Autonomous Vehicle Technology
- Cybersecurity, Research, Education and Outreach
- Energy Research and Technology
- Post-Harvest Technologies

# SUPPORT FOR AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH AND EXTENSION

N.C. A&T request continued support and funding to sustain and enhance 1890 Centers of Excellence (authorized in the 2018 Farm Bill) to address student success, agricultural workforce development, nutrition and food security, economic development, and emerging technologies.

- 2025 Farm Bill Title VII
  - Reauthorize and Protect Evans-Allen (Research/Education Programs)
  - Reauthorize and Protect the 1890 Extension Program
  - Reauthorize and Protect the 1890 Capacity Building Grants Program
  - Reauthorize and Protect the 1890 Facilities Improvement Program
  - Reauthorize and Protect the Centers of Excellence
  - Reauthorize and Protect the Scholarships for Students at 1890 Institutions
  - Reauthorize and Protect the Research Facilities Program

# PROTECT AND INCREASE ALL-YEAR PELL GRANT

#### **PROTECT TRIO PROGRAMS**

# PROTECT FEDERAL LOAN PROGRAMS AND GRADUATE WORK STUDY

#### **PROTECT TITLE III FUNDING**

Increase HBGI Funding, which supports graduate education.

#### **INCREASED COLLABORATION/SUPPORT FROM FEDERAL AGENCIES**

- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)
- U.S. Department of Defense (DOD)
- U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA)



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