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Arizona Teachers Academy (ATA) @ The University of Arizona

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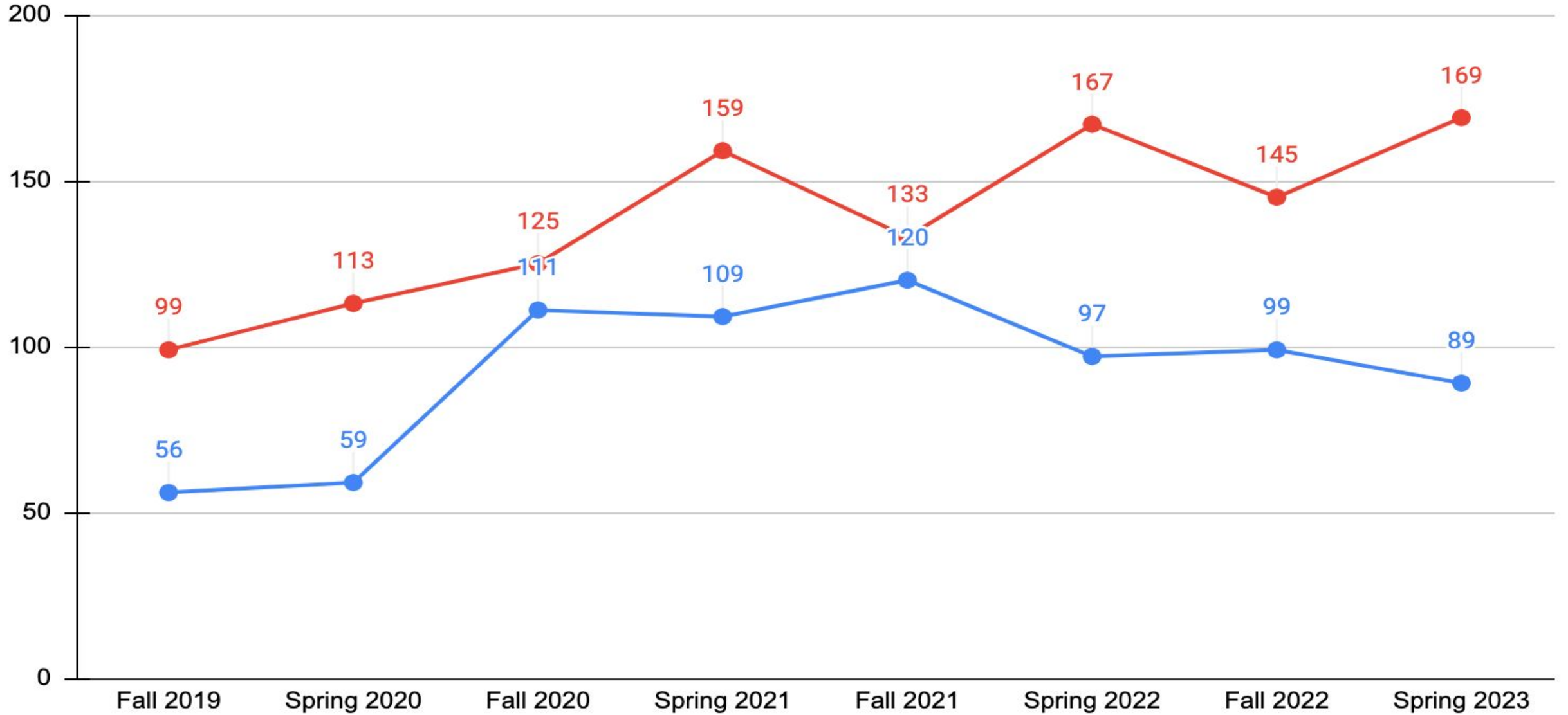
Background

- **Intended to provide (1) full tuition support and (2) post-graduation induction support**
- **2017-2018: first cohort of 15 master's students (MMD, Teach Arizona)**
- **Initially funded by the universities until Fall 2019**
 - **Partially funded by the state until 2021**
 - **Fully funded by the state from 2021 onwards**
 - **State funding is “last dollar”, i.e., most non-loan aid goes to tuition, with ATA covering the remaining balance**
 - **In addition to tuition and mandatory fees, ATA now also pays for exam fees, certification fees, and institutional recommendations**



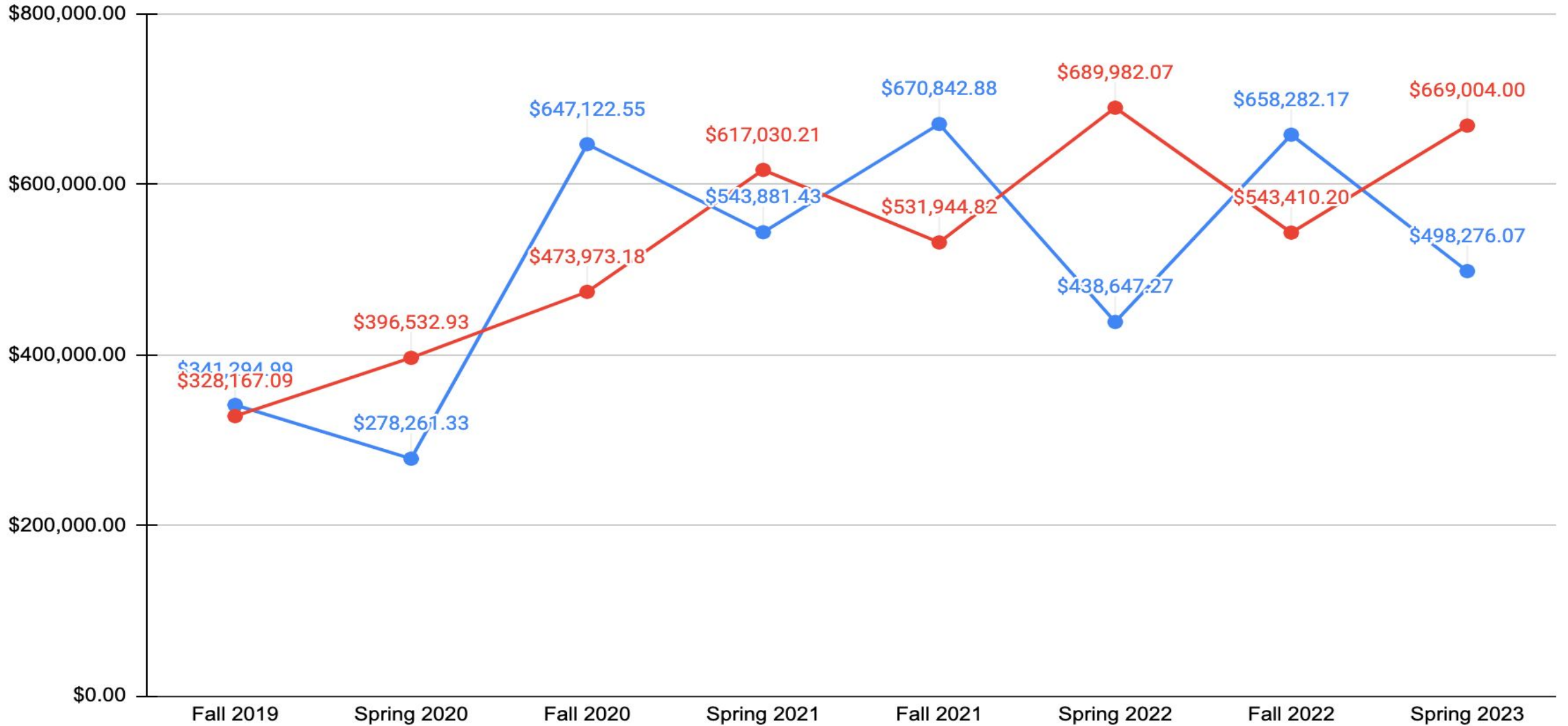
of ATA-funded UArizona Students (excludes Summers)

● Graduate ● Undergraduate



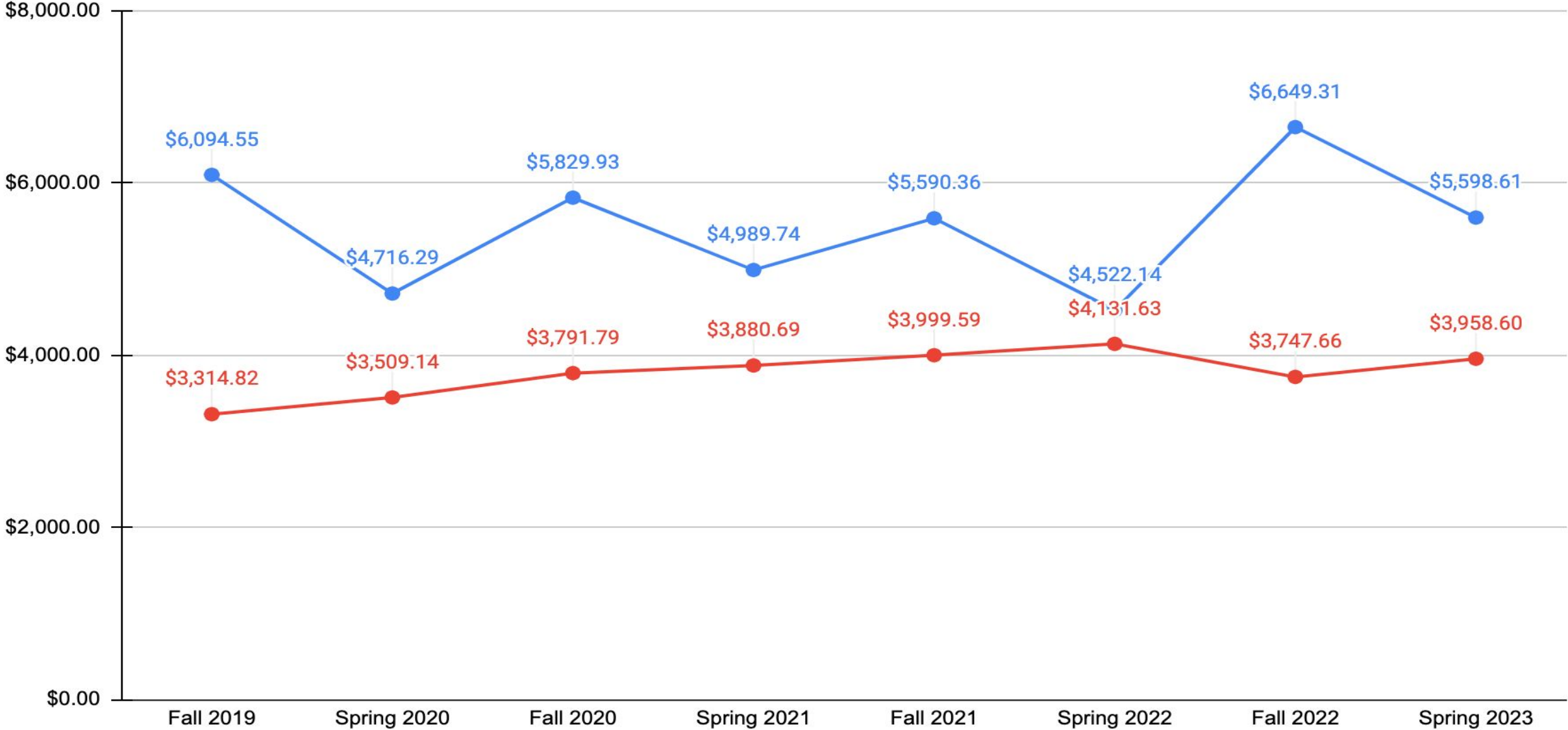
Total ATA @ UArizona Funding (excludes Summers)

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Average ATA Award (excludes Summers)

● Graduate ● Undergraduate



Current Enrollment

- Total ATA Students, 2021-2022: **368**
- Total ATA Students, 2022-2023 (excl. Summer 2023): **342**

Total ATA Students (funded/unfunded) for Spring 2023: **309**

Agriculture Education (Master's): 2	Agricultural Education (Bachelor's): 6	Art Education (Master's): 1	Art Education (Bachelor's): 5	Music Education (Bachelor's): 8
Secondary Math Education (Bachelors): 8	Mild-Moderate Disabilities (Master's): 10	Mild-Moderate Disabilities (Bachelor's): 12	Severe/Multiple Disabilities (Master's): 6	Deaf/Hard of Hearing (Master's): 11
Visual Impairment (Master's): 5	HCAT/Alt Path (Master's): 31	Teach Arizona (Master's): 33	Elementary (Bachelor's): 150	Early Childhood (Bachelor's): 21



Current Admissions Process

- **Graduate**
 - **Teach Arizona: selected through application**
 - **All others: selected by programs**
- **Undergraduate**
 - **Generally selected through application (directors, advisors, recruiters included in *ad hoc* selection committees)**
 - **Spots reserved for Pathways and Bilingual students, recruited transfer students, students recommended by advisors**



Current New Teacher Induction

- **Universities are required to provide induction to ATA alumni during their first year of teaching; alumni participation is voluntary**
- **Each induction program is overseen by its “parent” professional program**
 - **Programs have historically received \$1,500 per graduate from the state (this amount is dependent on funding availability)**
 - **Programs provide coaching services, professional development opportunities and stipends, access to resources, etc.**
 - **Induction limited by ABOR/UArizona policies re: “state” money**



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ATA Alumni Eligible for Induction	
2020-2021	93
2021-2022	143
2022-2023	162
2023-2024 (projected)	174



Current Leveraging of ATA Funding

- Scholarship funding can provide free tuition for GYO programs, e.g., Pathways and ITEP
- Induction funding can be used to supplement funding for external professional development opportunities, e.g., those available through TREC-affiliated partners — eligible ATA alumni must be included as PD participants

