Research awards climbed in FY15

The University of Oregon has more than doubled its research funding over the last twenty years to a total of $114.6 million in sponsored projects during the fiscal year ending on June 30, 2015. Buoyed by an uptick in federal awards, the university saw gains in its overall sponsored research funding and continued high proposal counts in 2014-2015.

RESEARCH FUNDING

• $114.6 million total sponsored grants and contracts
• $103.5 million in federal funding
• 514 awards to 253 principal investigators (PIs)

ECONOMIC IMPACT

• Expenditures on 1,130 active grants and contracts totaling $109 million.
• UO research generated over $8 million in licensing revenue during FY15.
• $7.2 million (90%) of licensing revenue was reinvested into academic units, innovators, and the state of Oregon.
• The UO is among the top performing universities in the nation for return on research through licensing income, which was 10.9% in FY15.
• 21 U.S. patent applications were filed over the last year.
• 16 startup companies graduated from the UO-sponsored RAIN Eugene Accelerator, and 8 started in fall 2015.

FACULTY HONORS

• 130 Fulbright Scholars
• 43 NEH Summer Stipend awards
• 41 Guggenheim Fellows
• 36 American Association for the Advancement of Science Fellows
• 34 American Council of Learned Society Fellows
• 15 Institute for Advanced Studies fellowships
• 13 American Academy of Arts and Sciences Fellows
• 8 NEH Fellows in the last decade
• 7 National Academy of Sciences members
• 2 Medal of Science recipients
• 1 HHMI Investigator

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RECENT MAJOR GRANTS

• $9.1 million from the Department of Education to Judith Newman for early childhood special education.
• $3.7 million from the National Science Foundation to Steven Huter for the Network Startup Resource Center.
• $3.4M from the National Institutes of Health to Beth Stormshak to study substance abuse prevention.
• $2.4M from the National Institutes of Health to John Postlethwait to develop models for disease screening.
• $2.3M from the National Science Foundation to Scott Bridgham to study strategies to address climate change.
• $2.2M from the Department of Defense to Michael Posner to develop a neural model of human learning.
RESEARCH CENTERS & INSTITUTES

Accounting for more than half of all sponsored research dollars at the university, the UO’s centers and institutes employ some of the most productive researchers in the country. With several hundred researchers, students, and supporting staff, the institutes make a major contribution to the university’s research and education missions as well as the Oregon economy.

- Center for High Energy Physics
- Center for the Study of Women in Society
- Center on Brain Injury Research and Training
- Center for Optical, Molecular and Quantum Science
- Center on Teaching and Learning
- Committee on the Advancement of Women Chemists
- Environmental Science Institute
- Institute for a Sustainable Environment
- Institute of Cognitive and Decision Sciences
- Institute of Ecology and Evolution
- Institute of Molecular Biology
- Institute of Neuroscience
- Institute of Theoretical Science
- Materials Science Institute
- Neuroinformatics Center
- Northwest Indian Language Institute
- Oregon Humanities Center
- Oregon Institute of Marine Biology
- Prevention Science Institute

CENTERS LAUNCHING 2015-2016

- Center for Cyber Security and Privacy
- Center for Translational Neuroscience

PROPOSAL ACTIVITY

In FY15, 1,018 proposals were submitted requesting a total of $160.2 million in first-year funding, a 4.8% decrease from the number of proposals submitted in FY14 (1,070). Of the 1,018 proposals, 78% of the submissions were for new funding for the university. Of the amount requested, federal proposals make up 78.5% either directly or via flow-through funding.

SOURCES OF RESEARCH AWARDS

Department of Health and Human Services — $35,415,801
Department of Education — $32,725,643
National Science Foundation — $20,998,885
Department of Energy — $5,507,433
Department of Defense — $2,036,756
Department of State — $1,848,518
Department of Transportation — $1,332,369
Other federal agencies — $3,586,916
State — $3,986,892
Foundations and Associations — $3,632,107
Industry — $578,045
Other sources — $2,985,392

FY2015 AWARDS BY SPONSOR TYPE