Sponsored Research
Robust, Awards Totals See Gains

Sponsored research expenditures at the University of Missouri remained healthy in FY 2014, totaling just under $118 million. Expenditures generated from federal sources again accounted for the bulk of sponsored research funding. Federal-sponsored research expenditures came in at $94.9 million, a decline from last year’s total. Award totals [not pictured] saw healthy gains, increasing 4 percent to $116.8 million.

As in previous years, faculty scientists and scholars working in medicine, arts and science, agriculture, and engineering accounted for more than half of all sponsored-research expenditures. The College of Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources, at just over $30 million, retained its place as MU’s expenditure leader.

For more detailed information, including expenditure and awards data for individual MU departments, please visit our recently updated “Annual Report Web Query Tool.” You’ll find it in the publications section of the Office of Research Web site: research.missouri.edu.
MU is Reimagining the 21st Century Research University

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D uring the past few years, MU research and its impact have been a dominant part of the University’s activities and achievements. As a research university, MU is on the leading edge of science and technology, and our researchers are working on some of the most important and challenging problems in the world. This edition of our Research University annual report will provide a comprehensive summary of MU’s research activities, including an in-depth look at the University’s strategic initiatives, progress and accomplishments in research and outreach.

Our research and outreach efforts are focused on four key areas:

1. Teaching,Discovery and Outreach (TD&O)
2. Economic Development
3. University-IP activity
4. Research centers

In 2014, MU had a record-breaking year in sponsored research funding with $164.8 million in total sponsored research awards. This is a 16 percent increase over last year’s $142.4 million and marks the highest ever, up significantly from its 2013 total of $89.9 million. Since fiscal year 2010, sponsored research funding has increased 86 percent. This significant rise in sponsored research funding is a testament to the hard work and dedication of our researchers, support staff, and University administrators.

In FY 2014, the University of Missouri System saw a 92 percent increase in the number of patents issued. This was due to the University’s efforts in promoting entrepreneurial activities among faculty, staff and students.

In FY 2014, MU’s technology license fee income increased to $4.5 million. This is a 105 percent increase over the 2013 fee income of $2.2 million. Research Centers also saw significant increases in fee income, with $6.8 million in revenue.

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