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& Creative Works

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Year In Review

This past year brought new challenges to the research enterprise at the University of Denver. Across higher education, changes in federal funding timelines, slower review processes, and delays in continuation awards contributed to a decline in research revenue and expenditures. While these shifts required thoughtful planning and patience, they also highlighted the resilience and determination of our research community.

What stands out most is how our faculty, staff, postdoctoral fellows, and students responded. Our research centers and institutes—the cornerstone of DU's research enterprise—remained strong, adapting to changing conditions while laying the groundwork for renewed momentum. Across our divisions, research groups demonstrated remarkable perseverance. The College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics continued submitting proposals at an extraordinary pace, while colleagues in the Department of Psychology worked tirelessly to revise proposals, secure funding, and keep research programs and personnel moving forward. Their commitment ensured that temporary challenges did not define the trajectory of their work.

This year also gave us much to celebrate. Faculty earned national recognition for achievements that reflect the breadth of excellence at DU, including Remy LeBoeuf's Grammy Award and Doug Clements' National Council of Teachers of Mathematics Lifetime Achievement Award. We launched our inaugural Research, Scholarship, and Creative Works Awards to recognize the extraordinary

accomplishments of our own community. We also celebrated Mark Siemens' congressionally directed funding for quantum research, with additional faculty opportunities still under consideration. These accomplishments remind us that impactful scholarship takes many forms and continues to elevate DU's reputation.

Looking ahead, we have every reason for optimism. Preliminary estimates indicate that DU has reached the doctoral degree threshold required for Carnegie R1 designation, and continued growth in both external and institutional research support positions as well to achieve this important milestone for a third time. More importantly, our future will be defined not by a single designation, but by the curiosity, collaboration, and determination that drive our work every day.

Thank you for your continued commitment to research, scholarship, and creative work at the University of Denver. Together, we will build on our momentum, expand the impact of our discoveries, and strengthen the foundation for the next generation of innovation and achievement.

Sincerely,



Corinne Lengsfeld

Senior Vice Provost for Research & Graduate Education



**Research
Expenditures**

\$36.7M



**New Award
Funding**

\$27M



**PIs and
Co-PIs**

240



ABOUT US

OUR MISSION

The Office of Research and Sponsored Programs will be a proactive partner for faculty, students, and staff to achieve sustainable transformation and growth of research, scholarship, and creative work by enabling them to focus on the discoveries, innovation, thought leadership, and commercialization of their passions.

OUR VISION

The mission of the Office of Research and Sponsored Programs is to provide best in class support services, thereby advancing the University of Denver's engagement in research, scholarship, and creative work, as well as the positive impact it has on the learning environment and the broader community.

OUR VALUES

- Respect
- Integrity
- Accountability
- Teamwork
- Growth Mindset

OUR TEAM

ORSP

CORINNE LENGSELD

SENIOR VICE PROVOST FOR
RESEARCH & GRADUATE EDUCATION

DIANE ANDERSON

DIRECTOR, RESEARCH &
FINANCIAL OPERATIONS

DAWN STANLEY

FINANCIAL ANALYST

CLAIRE LAND

BUSINESS COORDINATOR

AUDRY LACRONE

DIRECTOR,
COMMUNICATIONS & TRAINING

SUSAN PETERSEN

COMMUNICATIONS COORDINATOR,
EXTERNAL HONORIFICS

ORIE

TYLER RIDGEWAY

DIRECTOR, ORIE

PAULA BAKER

RESEARCH COMPLIANCE ANALYST

CASEY BARKER

ANIMAL CARE TECHNICIAN, VIVARIUM

JODY DAVIDSON

MANAGER, VIVARIUM

ARIEL JULIAN

REGULATORY AND RESEARCH
COMPLIANCE AFFAIRS OFFICER

MARK MCNAMARA

RESEARCH COMPLIANCE ANALYST

AMANDA MOSER

RESEARCH COMPLIANCE ANALYST

NOTE: THIS LIST INCLUDES ALL INDIVIDUALS
WHO SERVED ON THE TEAM AT ANY POINT
DURING THE FISCAL YEAR. SOME TEAM
MEMBERS HAVE SINCE DEPARTED AND ARE
NOT PART OF THE CURRENT TEAM.

SPA

HOLLY GARY

MANAGER OF RESEARCH
GRANTS AND CONTRACTS

MEGAN WHITMAN

MANAGER OF RESEARCH
FINANCIAL SERVICES

PAM ENCINAS

DIRECTOR,
RESEARCH GRANT DEVELOPMENT

JENNA GALUSKA

GRANT & CONTRACT
ADMINISTRATOR II

MEKENZIE GEAR

GRANT & CONTRACT
ADMINISTRATOR I

GRACE HARMON

GRANT & CONTRACT
ADMINISTRATOR I

DONNA MARSH

GRANT & CONTRACT
ADMINISTRATOR I

HELEN MCGRATH

FINANCIAL ANALYST

MEGHANN SCHROEDER

GRANT & CONTRACT
ADMINISTRATOR II

PETER STANSBERY

GRANT & CONTRACT
ADMINISTRATOR II

WINDSOR WALL

GRANT & CONTRACT
ADMINISTRATOR III

OIPTT

ANGELA DUGGAN

IP OPERATIONS SPECIALIST

ART SALTARELLI

RESEARCH AGREEMENTS
OFFICER

RESEARCH INVESTMENTS



Each year, the University of Denver invests in and supports our teacher-scholars across the University. These research investments, are designed to elevate our faculty, staff, and students as they pursue their research, scholarship, and creative work.

New Institutes & Centers

- Designation of 1 new institute and 3 new centers

External Honorifics

- Engaged faculty across 8 divisions to continue efforts in expanding recognition opportunities and visibility
- Utilized established tools and processes to maintain a pipeline of nominations through 2031
- Facilitated 85 faculty consultations focused on honorifics awareness and strategic planning
- Advised 53 faculty on Fulbright and international sabbatical ideas

PI Support

- Updated policies
- Created trainings, proposal templates and resources
- Hosted federal update conversations
- Research Relay training for all PIs
- Research development services for grant prospecting and proposal writing
- Engagement with Colorado delegates to advocate for research

General Support: \$142,688

- Bad debt: \$60,232
- Bridge funding: \$22,500
- Conference/event sponsorships: \$15,332
- Copyediting: \$4,860
- Public Impact Fellows: \$9,750
- Research infrastructure support: \$30,014

Internal Award Funding

- Funded 20 PROF proposals totaling \$544,404
- Funded 10 FRF proposals totaling \$28,550

Student-Focused Support

PhD Applicant Fee Waiver

Post-Doc Support

- 13 post-doc salary matching requests approved
- \$101,062 funded in FY26



SELECTED RESEARCH



What Do Coaches Miss? Comparing Neurodivergent and Neurotypical Athlete Experiences in Youth Sport

It is frequently said that youth sports are a universal experience. Team discussions, drills, competitions, and practices are often assumed to work the same way for every athlete. However, what if they don't? What if certain athletes gain more than others simply from the way sports are structured? More importantly, how can we, as coaches, better structure sports to ensure all athletes can thrive?



This article by recent DU graduate Michi Garay and assistant professor in the Graduate School of Professional Psychology Sara Campbell explores a better understanding of how neurodivergent and neurotypical athletes experience sport differently. It explores aspects of the athletic experience that coaches may not always see and examines how coaching environments might be purposefully constructed using Universal Design for Learning (UDL) principles to encourage inclusivity from the outset, rather than concentrating on deficits.

Harnessing Social Connections to Treat Disease

A dialysis clinic is rarely quiet. In open, fluorescent-lit rooms, patients sit side by side, connected to humming, rhythmic machines that fill the silence between them. For those living with end-stage kidney disease, these visits are more frequent, typically three times a week.

They spend hours in the same chair, surrounded by people. Still, many of them feel alone.

Tyrone Hamler, an assistant professor in the Graduate School of Social Work, is hoping to fix that. Recently, Hamler published a perspective article in the American Journal of Kidney Disease, recommending ways to advance social connectedness for people living with end-stage kidney disease.



Hope in Every Molecule

By 2050, as many as 13 million Americans could be living with Alzheimer's disease—nearly twice the number who cope with it today. The projection looms over researchers, clinicians, and families as neurodegenerative diseases tighten their grip on society. For many, 2050 feels like a lifetime away, but for Sunil Kumar, associate professor of chemistry and biochemistry in the College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics, it feels much closer—and therefore much more urgent.

In 2019, he launched the Kumar Lab at DU with an ambitious goal: to develop druglike molecules to treat neurodegenerative disorders such as Parkinson's disease, Alzheimer's disease, amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), and Huntington's disease. Six years later, with funding from the National Institutes of Health, the Department of Defense, the Parkinson's Foundation, the American Parkinson Disease Association, and others, Kumar and his team are closing in on a potential disease-modifying treatment.



Healing Invisible Wounds

For years, the world beyond veteran Ashleigh Williams' door felt like a war zone—unpredictable, overwhelming, and unsafe, a continuation of the real war she experienced. Williams lived it for four years in the Navy, deployed to Iraq shortly after September 11, 2001.

The sights and sounds of the war changed her. As a canine law enforcement officer, Williams walked step by step alongside a specially trained K-9 named Dexter. What was supposed to be a three-month deployment in a U.S. military prison turned into a much longer assignment.

For veterans like Ashleigh with PTSD, service dogs offer more than comfort. DU researchers at the Institute for Human Animal Connection are digging into the science of how these animals change lives.

Is Extreme Heat Fueling Teen Depression?

This past decade has brought an unmistakable trend: Each year, global temperatures climb higher than the last. And 2026 looks to continue that pattern, as winter temperatures across the western United States climbed to historic levels.

Nine states, including Colorado, experienced their hottest winter (December 2025-February 2026) on record, while five others recorded their second-warmest winter ever. In March 2026, the U.S. is experiencing historic heat, breaking all-time early-season records. Extreme temperatures can worsen our physical health, but what about the effect on our mental health?

Erika Manczak, associate professor of psychology in the College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences, is studying exactly that—looking for connections between extreme temperatures and mental health outcomes, especially for children.



How Are U.S. States Regulating AI?

It's 2026. Artificial intelligence is well ingrained into the business world. But things are moving fast and government officials, both locally and nationally, are reckoning with how to implement rules and regulations.

For the general public, it's hard to keep track of the rapidly changing environment and what decisions are being made. And, when decisions are being made in the dark, you can't advocate for your position or hold your lawmakers accountable.

Stefani Langehennig, an assistant professor of the practice at the Daniels College of Business, is trying to change that with her research, shining more light on AI policy changes to ensure accountability. Langehennig is approaching this from a distinctive angle. She's a trained political scientist, now working in the Daniels Department of Business Analytics.

What Americans Can Learn From Other Civil Activism Movements Against Authoritarian Regimes

This year, The Conversation hosted a webinar titled, "What Americans can learn from other nonviolent civil activism movements."

Executive editor and general manager Beth Daley interviewed John Shattuck, professor of practice at The Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University, and Oliver Kaplan, associate professor at Josef Korbel School of Global and Public Affairs at the University of Denver.

Shattuck is the former president of Central European University in Hungary, where he defended academic freedom against a rising authoritarian government. Kaplan is the author of "[Resisting War: How Communities Protect Themselves](#)." This interview has been condensed and edited for print.

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Protecting the Digital You

It's 7:00 a.m. Your daily alarm buzzes, reverberating on the bedside table. You reach for your phone, and your face unlocks the screen, even though you barely recognize yourself. By 7:30, Alexa has greeted you by name and delivered the weather. By 8:00, your phone has already predicted how long your commute will take.

These routines, along with your clicks, searches, and late-night scrolling, are quietly building something else: a digital version of you. And it's being increasingly used by companies for purposes you never agreed to. Zahra Takhshid, assistant professor at the University of Denver's Sturm College of Law believes the law needs to catch up with this new reality.

"Best for Me": Decision-Making and Medical System Interactions When Going Flat After Bilateral Mastectomy

A growing number of young breast cancer survivors are seeking information about surgical options after bilateral mastectomy. This study, with Trisha Raque, associate professor at the University of Denver's Morgridge College of Education, explores the factors influencing decision-making and interactions with the cancer care system among young breast cancer survivors who went "flat," or pursued aesthetic flat closure (AFC) post-bilateral mastectomy.



Student Selected Research



Assistant Professor Hilary Matfess (left) and Amirah Creighton (right) discussed their research at a recent Ignite Talk. (Credit: Dave Pavlina)

Learning—and Earning—Through Research at DU

At an Ignite Talk, DU students shared how paid research positions give them the chance to explore their academic passions while building resumes, earning income, and gaining hands-on experience in their fields.

DU Faculty Help Students Engage Across Difference

At the University of Denver, faculty members are taking different approaches to conversations about free expression with students.

Student Research Targets Fast Fashion Waste

DCB student Ashur Webster recognized an opportunity to apply his optimization modeling studies to a pressing global issue.

The Evolving Role of Librarians Research

Graduates of DU's MLIS program (MCE) bring their skills to archives, classrooms, creative industries, and corporate spaces, shaping information and making a real-world impact.

Want to learn more?

Find all the stories listed here.

FACULTY HONORS

These honors are fellowships, memberships, accolades, and/or prizes that are bestowed by associations external to the University to recognize excellence in teaching, research, and service.



Sean Friar
CAHSS (Lamont)

2025 Nu Works III Winner,
Nu Quintet



Noelle Lefforge
GSPP

Fellow, American Academy of
Group Psychology



Kateri McRae
CAHSS

Recipient, 2026 Inaugural
Service Award, Social and
Affective Neuroscience Society



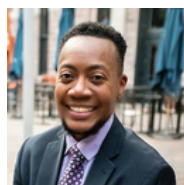
Heidi Vuletich
CAHSS

Rising Star, Association for
Psychological Science



Esteban Gomez
CAHSS

2025 Los Angeles Area Emmy
Award, Television Academy's
Los Angeles Chapter



Darin M. L. Stewart
MCE

Fellow, Association for the Study
of Higher Education



Deborah Avant
Korbel

Recipient, 2026 Distinguished
Scholar Award, International
Studies Association



Maria Riva
GSSW

2025 Lifetime Contribution to
Education and Training Award,
Council of Counseling
Psychology Training Programs



T. Carlis Roberts
CAHSS (Lamont)

2025 Performance Studies
International (PSI) Award



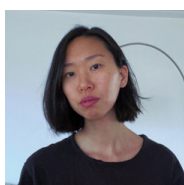
Marc J. Guerrero
MCE

Recipient, 2026 Nancy J. Evans
Voices of Inclusion Award,
American College Personnel
Association



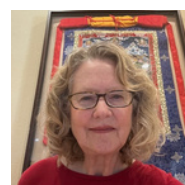
**Master of Arts in Sport and
Performance Psychology
Program**
GSPP

2025 Distinguished Contributions to
Education and Training Award, APA
Division 47



Jennifer Soong
CAHSS

Recipient, Gustave O. Arlt
Award, Council of Graduate
Schools



Jenny Cornish
MCE

Recipient, Connie Hercey APPIC
Distinguished Service Award,
Association of Psychology
Postdoctoral and Internship Centers



Doug Hesse
CAHSS

2025 Distinguished Service
Award, National Council of
Teachers of English



Erin Harrop
GSSW

Member,
Eating Disorders Research
Society



Daniel Storage
DCB

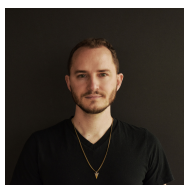
2026 Jane S. Halonen Excellence
in Teaching Award, Society for
the Teaching of Psychology



Menglu Gao
CAHSS

Visiting Research Fellow,
IU Indianapolis Arts & Humanities
Institute

Everett Helm Visting Fellowship



Remy LeBeouf
CAHSS (Lamont)

Best Instrumental Composition, 2026
Grammy Awards

2025 ISJAC/Jazz Music Peter
Herbolzheimer Composition Prize,
International Society of Jazz Arrangers
and Composers



Douglas Clements
MCE

Lifetime Achievement Award,
National Council of Teachers of
Mathematics



Christina Kreps
CAHSS

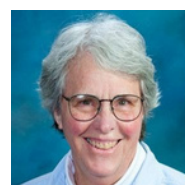
2025 Distinguished Service
Award, Council for Museum
Anthropology, American
Anthropological Association



Ramona Beltrán
GSSW

Recipient, 2026 Community-Research
Partnership Award, Society for Social
Work and Research

University of Washington School of
Social Work Established Impact Award



Lucy Marsh
SCOL

Award of Merit,
Colorado Bar Association

Stanford/Elsevier Top 2 % Scientists

Single Year

Melissa Akaka, DCB
Donald Bacon, DCB
Kimberly Bender, GSSW
Douglas Clements, MCE
Keren Dali, MCE
Gareth Eaton, NSM
Sandra Eaton, NSM
Kathryn Fox, CAHSS
Pilyoung Kim, CAHSS
Murat Kucukvar, DCB
Thomas Nail, CAHSS
Angela Narayan, CAHSS
Hanson Nyantakyi-Frimpong, NSM
Jesse Owen, MCE
Bruce Pennington, CAHSS
Govind Persad, SCOL
Galena Rhoades, CAHSS
Julie Sarama, MCE
Paul Sutton, UFS
Suisheng Zhao, Korbelt

Career

Donald Bacon, DCB
Kimberly Bender, GSSW
Lynn Schofield Clark, CAHSS
Douglas Clements, MCE
Jack Donnelly, Korbelt
Gareth Eaton, NSM
Sandra Eaton, NSM
Andrew Goetz, NSM
Stanley Gudder, NSM
Maciej Kumosa, RSECS
Andrei Kutateladze, NSM
Jesse Owen, MCE
Bruce Pennington, CAHSS
Galena Rhoades, CAHSS
Julie Sarama, MCE
Scott Stanley, CAHSS
Paul Sutton, UFS
Eugene Walls, GSSW
Suisheng Zhao, Korbelt

Top DU Principal Investigators

(By FY26 Expenditures)

\$2,000,000 +
Douglas Clements, MCE

\$1,000,000 +
Julie Sarama, MCE
Jonathan Moyer, Korbelt
Elysia Davis, CAHSS
Elysia Versen, CEAL
Galena Rhoades, CAHSS
Robyn Thomas Pitts, MCE
Meredith Silverstein, Butler
Ashley Brock-Baca, Butler
Sunil Kumar, NSM

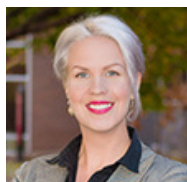
\$500,000 +
Whitney Leboeuf, CEAL
Alissa Rausch, MCE
Kristin Klopfenstein, CEAL
Erica Larson, NSM
Allegra Aron, NSM
Christa Doty, Butler
Kevin Morris, GSSW
Brian Michel, NSM
Diego Pons Ganddini, NSM
James Blankenship, NSM

\$300,000 +
Scott Nichols, NSM
Schuyler Van Engelenburg, NSM
Daniel Linseman, NSM
Jonathan Velotta, NSM
Lena Lundgren, GSSW
Anne DePrince, CAHSS
Naazneen Barma, Korbelt
Lauren McGrath, CAHSS
Brady Worrell, NSM
Scott Horowitz, RSECS
Gareth Eaton, NSM
Eric Chess, KIHA
Erich Kushner, NSM
Rachel Epstein, Korbelt
Jennifer McMahon, GSSP
Daniel Brisson, GSSW



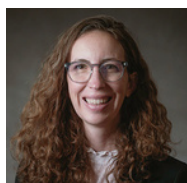
Keith Gehring
Korbelt

Fulbright Scholar,
Fulbright Program



Nina Ekholm Fry
GSSW (IHAC)

Fulbright Specialist,
Fulbright Program



Elizabeth Jordan
SCOL

Pro Bono Champion Award,
Colorado Chapter of the
American Immigration Lawyers
Association



Sunil Kumar
NSM

OEDIT AI POC, "Product
Development of Late-Stage
Diversified Synthetic Protein
Mimetics"



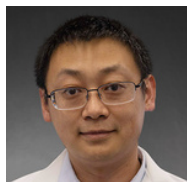
Allegra Aron
NSM

NSF CAREER Award,
Elucidating the Chemistry of
Biological Lanthanide Chelators
for Rare Earth Element Separation



Mandi Schaeffer Fry
NSM

NSF CAREER Award,
Local-Global Properties in the
Representation Theory of Finite
Groups



Xi Yang
NSM

NIH Early Investigator Award,
Molecular Mechanisms of
Lysosome Remodeling in
Response to Cellular Stress



Diane Kraft
SCOL

Spirit of ASP Award,
Council for Association of
Academic Support Educators



**Christopher Engle-
Newman**
SCOL

Impact Award,
Association of Academic
Support Educators



Sam Kamin
SCOL

Member,
American Law Institute
Bar Association

RESEARCH INSTITUTES & CENTERS

ESTABLISHED RESEARCH INSTITUTES & CENTERS

Institutes

- Butler Institute for Families (GSSW)
- Frederick S. Pardee Center for International Futures (Korbel)
- Institute for Human-Animal Connection (GSSW)
- Institute for Relationship Science (CAHSS)
- Knoebel Institute for Healthy Aging (RSECS)
- Marsico Institute for Early Learning (MCE)
- Scrivner Institute of Public Policy (Korbel)
- Stress, Early Experience and Development Institute (CAHSS)

Centers

- Center for Advanced Biosensing Engineering (RSECS)
- Center for Analytics and Innovation with Data (DCB)
- Center for Immigration Policy and Research (Korbel)
- Colorado Evaluation and Action Lab
- Consumer Insights and Business Innovation Center (DCB)
- Edward W. and Charlotte I. Estlow International Research Center for Journalism & New Media (CAHSS)



Research & Reform Institute

- Institute for the Advancement of the American Legal System (IAALS)

NEWLY-DESIGNATED RESEARCH INSTITUTES & CENTERS

Institutes

- Biodiversity Research Institute (NSM)

Centers

- Center for Housing and Homelessness Research (GSSW)
- Center for Housing Research and Innovative Solutions (Office of the Provost)
- Center for Rural School Health & Education (MCE)

[Learn more about DU's Institutes and Centers](#)

PUBLIC IMPACT FELLOWS

In FY 2019, in collaboration with University Relations and the Office of the Provost, DU created the Public Impact Fellows (PIFs) program. This program was designed to increase faculty reach and impact of the University's faculty thought leaders.



PIF FEATURES

in FY26, 28 individual PIFs were featured from all 7 cohorts, earning a total of 100 media hits.

PIFs account for 10% of all media appearances and 16% of all non-athletics media hits.

PIF ACTIVITY

Most hits: Ian Farrell (SCOL) & Phil Chen (CAHSS)



PIF APPEARANCES

PIFs appeared in: U.S. News, The New York Times, Newsweek, The Conversation, the Associated Press & DU's Radio Ed Podcast.



Daniel Baack
DCB



Christy Cobb
CAHSS



Debak Das
Korbel



Rinku Dewri
RSECS



Kelly Elliott
GSPP



Brette Garner
MCE



Andy Goetz
NSM



Kevin Morris
GSSW

Newsweek

Map Shows States Paying Most—and Least—for SNAP Under Trump Bill

The Guardian

Alex Honnold's made-for-Netflix free solo of Taipei
101 draws awe - and unease

CNBC

Disney+ price hike and new higher-cost streaming economics are here to stay

The New York Times

The Relationship
Advice Couples
Counselors Swear By

MEDIA IMPACT

THE HILL

What happens when the US population peaks?

Medium

Public Testimony to Pause Data Center Development in Denver

The Washington Post

Today Venezuela, tomorrow Iran

Perhaps no one outside of Venezuela should care more about the U.S. invasion and capture of President Nicolás Maduro than the Islamic Republic of Iran's supreme leader, Ali Khamenei.

HUFFPOST

How The New Fed Rate Cut Will Affect You — Whether You're Buying A House, Retiring Or Just Paying Bills

GQ

Men Are Using This 'Forbidden Pre-Workout' to Lift Heavier

FORTUNE

What it takes to be wealthy in America: \$2.3 million, Charles Schwab says

The New York Times

Historians Alarmed by White House Plan to Oversee Smithsonian Exhibits

The Trump administration's plan to, in effect, audit the content of Smithsonian museums drew criticism from groups that represent scholars and promote free speech.

THE DENVER POST

An apparent AI-generated Facebook post claimed a Broncos reporter died. He doesn't understand why.

Examining the explosion of Facebook accounts posting seemingly fake, AI-generated Broncos content, which trickled all the way down to Mile High Sports reporter Cody Roark

CBS NEWS

Iranians in Colorado support freedom, but express concern over military conflicts

abc NEWS

Tom Brady says pet dog is a "clone" of his dog that died in 2023

Colossal Biosciences – which Brady is an investor in – used a blood sample to replicate the pit bull mix.

SCRIPPS NEWS

Steep fuel prices are set to make Memorial Day travel costly this year

More than 39 million Americans will hit the roads this holiday weekend, according to AAA. They'll face the highest Memorial Day weekend gas prices in years.

The Guardian

She took chickens from a slaughterhouse. Was it a rescue or a crime?



REUTERS

Trump Political Base Sets Aside Isolationism to Cheer Maduro Capture

Top 10 National Media Outlets:

- The Conversation (41)
- Associated Press (22)
- New York Times (17)
- Washington Post (15)
- Forbes (15)
- Axios (9)
- U.S. News & World Report (8)
- The Guardian (8)
- Newsweek (7)
- CNN (7)
- Inside Higher Ed (6)

Top DU Faculty in the Media

- Seth Masket, CAHSS
- Francisco Rodriguez, Korbelt
- Jack Buffington, DCB
- Angela Narayan, CAHSS
- Galena Rhoades, CAHSS
- Ali Besharat, DCB

36%

of all media placements highlight DU Research

297

Elite & National Media Placements

757

Local Media Placements

PUBLICATIONS

Highly-Cited Papers

Allegra Aron, NSM

Widespread Presence of Anthropogenic Compounds in Marine Dissolved Organic Matter

A Universal Language for Finding Mass Spectrometry Data Patterns

David Gao, RSECS

Dynamic Modeling and Analysis for Electricity-Gas Systems With Electric-Driven Compressors



Op-Ed Authors

Elite:

Aaron Pilkington
Ali Besharat
Angela Narayan
Francisco Rodriguez
Oliver Kaplan

National:

Aaron Pilkington (2)
Adam Rovner
Adrian Kuenzler (3)
Alan Chen
Ali Besharat (3)
Andrew Urbaczewski (2)
Angela Narayan (2)
Anne DePrince (3)
Benji Xie

National (continued):

Christy Cobb (2)
Collin Meisel (2)
Debak Das
Jack Buffington
Jena Doom (3)
Jennifer Greenfield (2)
Justin Marceau (2)
Kaitlyn Sims (3)
Kevin Morris (4)
Michael Nalick
Oliver Kaplan (2)
Rafael Ioris (3)
Sarah Pessin (2)
Savanah Bray
Stefani Langehennig
Susan Daggett
Stefan Chavez-Norgaard
Timothy Holbrook

Local:

Ali Besharat (2)
Aaron Schneider
Alan Chen
Andrew Urbaczewski
Angela Narayan
Christopher Whitt
David Kopel
Elizabeth Lobo
Erin Harrop
Galena Rhoades
Jack Buffington
Jeremy Haefner (2)
Oliver Kaplan
Rachel Ray

Placement of OpEd articles are up 106% from FY25.

40,587
Faculty
Citations

406
Faculty
Authors

1,181
Archival
Publications

Faculty Authored Books

CAHSS

Scott Montgomery
The Art of Lee Conklin

Dakota Park-Ozee
Rhetorics of Fairness and the Politics of Trans Exclusion

Trishula Patel
Becoming Zimbabwean: A History of Indians in Rhodesia

Thomas Nail
The Philosophy of Virginia Woolf: Moments of Becoming

DCB

Libbi Levine Segev & Mark Levine
Real Estate Transactions, Tax Planning and Consequences

GSSW

Daniel Brisson
Designing for Dignity: Elements of Practice

Korbel

Haider Khan
21st Century African Development Strategies: Facing the Challenges with Innovative Approaches

Hilary Matfess
After Liberation: Women and the Politics of Expectations in Rebel-to-Party Transitions

Putting Women in Their Place: Gender, Power, and World Politics

MCE

Julia Roncoroni
Sazón & Liberation

Norma Hafenstein, Kristina Hesbol & Lindsey Reinert
Perspectives in Gifted Education: Rural Realities and Innovative Practices

NSM

Anna Sher
Ecology: Concepts and Applications: 2026 Release ISE

Andrew Goetz
Buy America Requirements for Federally Obligated Airports

Toshiya Ueta
Astrophysics for the Rest of Us: Fundamentals

Astrophysics for the Rest of Us: Physics of Galaxies

Astrophysics for the Rest of Us: Physics of Stars

SCOL

Maria Martinez
Torts and Retribution: The Case for Punitive Damages

Sarah Schindler
Green Buildings: Practice and Procedure

UAP

Rebekah Shultz Colby
Ludic Rhetoric: How Games Enhance Rhetorical Theory and Pedagogy

Faculty Edited Books

CAHSS

Madoka Hammine
Transcending Language Education in Japan: Borderland Accounts of Being, Becoming, and Belonging

JKSIS

Suisheng Zhao
The Making of China's Artificial Intelligence and Cyber Security Policy: Players, Governance, and Global Ambition

Faculty Edited Journals

CAHSS

W. Scott Howard
Denver Quarterly 60.2
Denver Quarterly 60.1
Denver Quarterly 59.4
Denver Quarterly 59.3

GSSW

Lisa Reyes Mason
Ethics and Social Welfare, Special Issue on Climate and Environmental Justice

Korbel

Marie Berry
Security Dialogue, Special Issue on Creative and Caring Resistance to Violence

MCE

Chris Nelson
Journal of Women and Gender in Higher Education

NSM

Nikolaos Galatos
Studia Logica, Special Issue in Honour of Constantine Tsinakis

Global Research Collaborations: Countries Most Represented in Faculty Co-Authorships

United Kingdom	43
China	25
Germany	24
Canada	24
Australia	17
Netherlands	16
Spain	16
Poland	15
Norway	14
Austria	12
Turkey	11
Ireland	11
Japan	9
France	8
Taiwan	7
Slovakia	7
South Korea	6
Brazil	6
Thailand	6
Denmark	6
Switzerland	5
Sweden	5
Portugal	5
Czechia	5
Hungary	4

Faculty published with scholars from 55 countries worldwide; the heat map highlights the most represented partner countries.

Faculty with International Co-Authors by Publication Type

- Journal articles: 90
- Book/Journal editors: 2
- Books: 1
- Book chapters, conference proceedings, expert reports, etc.: 13

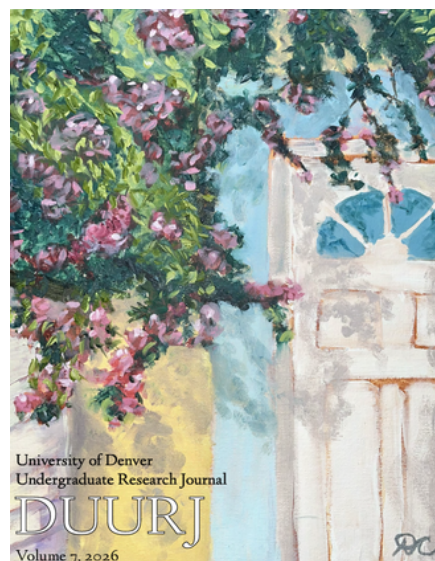


STUDENT RESEARCH & SCHOLARSHIP

461 Undergraduate Students
participated in research

132 Graduate Research Assistants
were paid through external
grants, totaling \$3 million

64 Students
received grants and awards
to pursue research through
the Signature Work Initiative



In its seventh year, the Undergraduate Research Journal published one issue, featuring 13 articles, biographies, and interviews, all authored and peer reviewed by DU undergraduate students. [Read more.](#)

STUDENT AWARDS & FELLOWSHIPS

Fulbright Recipients

Frankie Stroud, Korbel & CAHSS

Fulbright English Teaching Assistantship to Colombia

Beau Anderson, CAHSS

Fulbright English Teaching Assistantship to France

Haley Gilbert, CAHSS

Fulbright English Teaching Assistantship to Mauritius

Victoria Alarcón Macías, Korbel

Fulbright English Teaching Assistantship to Spain

Haley Graham, Korbel & CAHSS

Fulbright English Teaching Assistantship to Spain

Halle Fadil-Moore, Korbel

Fulbright-University of Sussex Award

Avery Becklenberg, Korbel & CAHSS

Fulbright-University of East Anglia Award

About: Fulbright provides grants to do research, pursue graduate study, or teach English in over 140 countries.

Goldwater Scholar

Luca Kaminski

About: Goldwater provides funding for future STEM researchers.

Critical Language Scholar

Zachary Bly, Korbel

Awarded to study Russian in Latvia

Anna Kubas, Korbel

Awarded to study Russian

Trevor Paulus, Korbel

Awarded to study Mandarin Chinese in Taiwan

2 additional students awarded, but declined

About: Critical Language Scholarships are immersive, fully-funded summer programs to learn a critical language.

Gilman Scholar

Allison Metzler, CAHSS

Awarded for Japan

Kaysha Westgard, DCB

Awarded for Austria

Sophia Wismar, NSM

Awarded for Spain

Faith Lanham, CAHSS & Korbel

Awarded for the United Kingdom

3 additional students awarded and accepted

About: Gilman Scholarships fund study abroad programs for Pell Grant-eligible students.

Hertog Fellow

Danielle Schmitz, Korbel

About: The Hertog Foundation provides and supports undergraduate and graduate students studying the theory and practice of politics in Washington, D.C.

Partners for Justice Recipient

Sophie Patten-Ostergard, Korbel & CAHSS

About: Partners for Justice advocates for criminal legal system reform and makes a difference in individuals' lives.

Udall Scholar (DU's First!)

Michela Schenk, CAHSS & NSM

About: Udall Scholarships fund future public service leaders in environmental advocacy, Native American healthcare, and Tribal public policy.

Boren Award (A DU record!)

Gillian Dunn, Korbel

Awarded to study Mandarin Chinese in Taiwan

Anna Hixson, Korbel & CAHSS

Awarded to study Vietnamese in Vietnam

Izzy Knaus, Korbel

Awarded to study Arabic in Oman

Zayra Saucedo, Korbel & CAHSS

Awarded to study Portuguese in Brazil

Madalyn Shircliff, Korbel

Awarded to study Korean in South Korea

Sammy Ventimiglia, Korbel

Awarded to study Arabic in Jordan

Ariana Vigil, Korbel

Awarded to study Swahili in Tanzania

Trinity Shaya

Awarded to study Uyghur in Türkiye

2 additional students awarded, but declined

About: Boren Awards provide funding for students to study abroad to learn a language critical to U.S. national security concerns.

TAPIF Recipients

Kailey Aponte, CAHSS

Beau Anderson, CAHSS

1 additional student awarded, but declined

About: The Teaching Assistant Program in France (TAPIF) allows U.S. recent college and university graduates to teach English in France.

Newman Civic Fellow

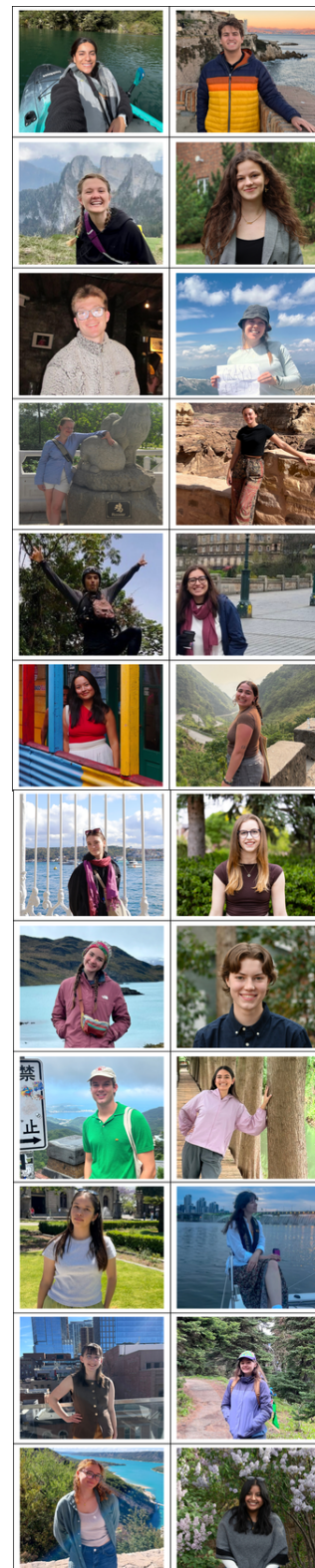
Gilkah Argueta, NSM & CAHSS

About: The Newman Civic Fellowship supports student public problem solvers. We work closely with the Center for Community Engagement to advance Scholarship and Learning (CCESL) to support DU's Newman Civic Fellows.

American College of the Mediterranean Full-Tuition Scholarship Recipient

Sylvana Bello, Korbel

About: This is a new opportunity for DU students and alumni to receive a full-tuition scholarship to pursue a Master's degree at the American College of the Mediterranean in Aix-en-Provence, France.



STUDENT SIGNATURE WORK SHOWCASE

From Science to the Arts

University of Denver undergraduates presented a diverse range of topics in their research to the DU and local community.

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106

students

participated in the 2026
Student Signature Work Showcase

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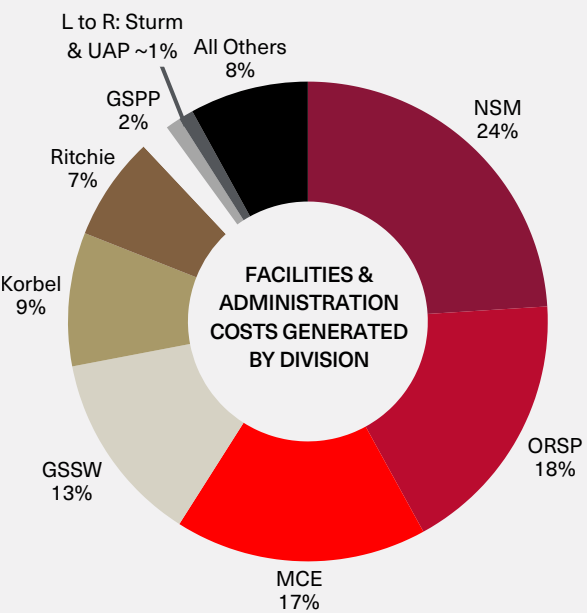
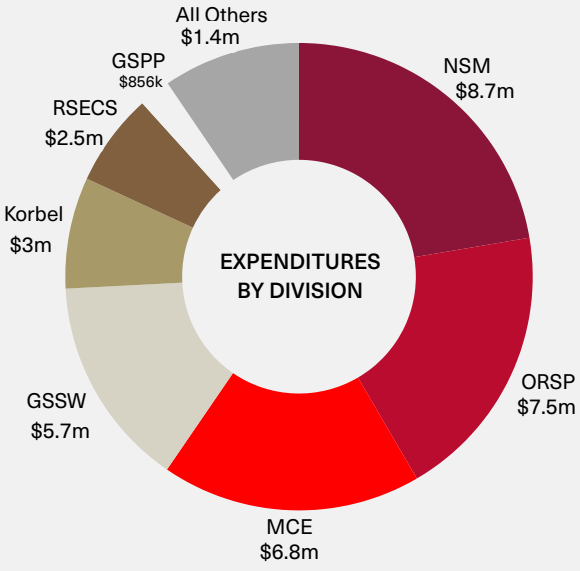
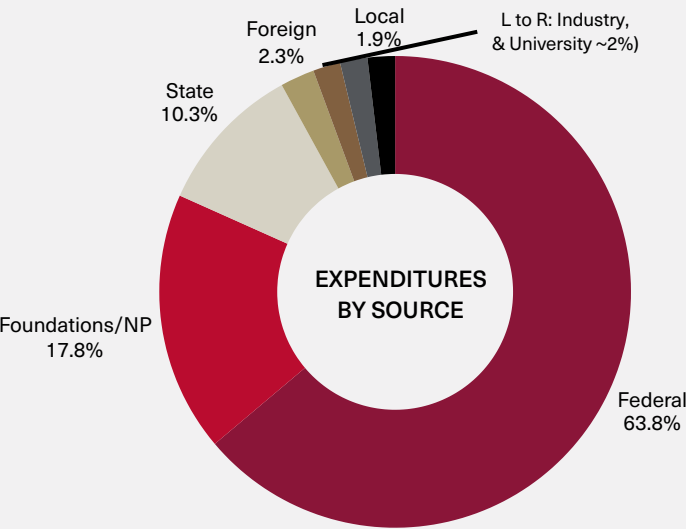
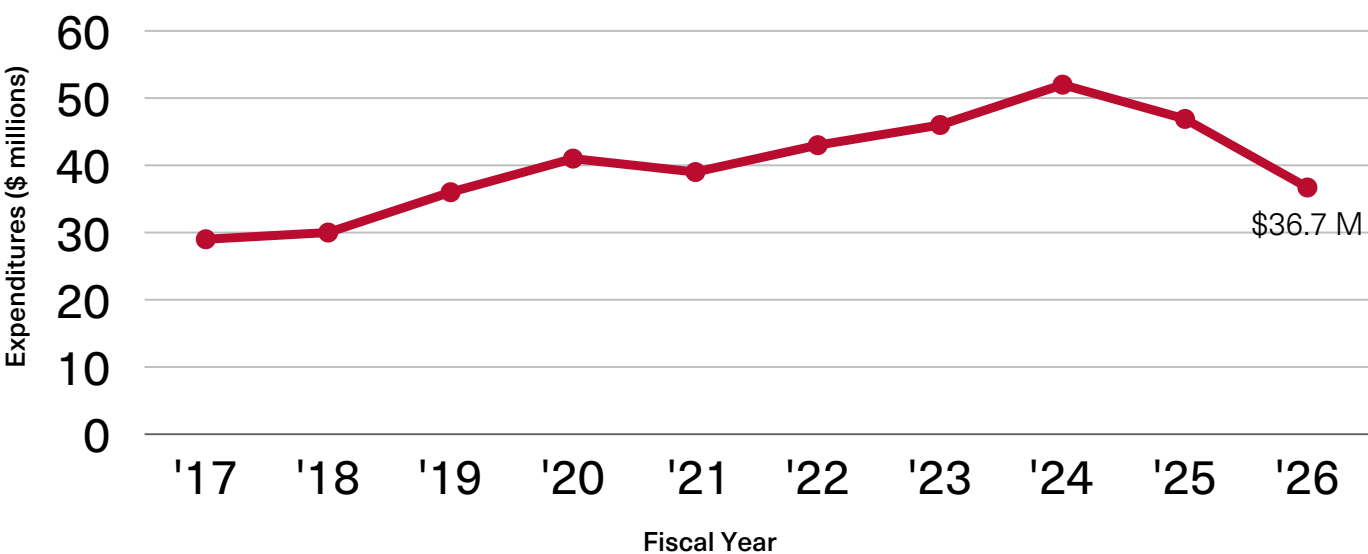
The University of Denver's Student Signature Work Showcase celebrates student-led projects that advance the discovery, integration, or application of knowledge. A featured event during DU's Public Good Celebration, this interactive poster session brings together student presenters, their mentors, and our DU community. For more information on the Showcase, visit the [Undergraduate Research and Signature Work website](#).



APPENDIX

APPENDIX - RESEARCH EXPENDITURES

DU Research Expenditures



*Note: All Others includes SCOL, UAP, IAALS, PSC, Newman Center, Student Affairs & Inclusive Excellence, DCB, Provost, OGE & Ulib (<1% each).

\$7.76M

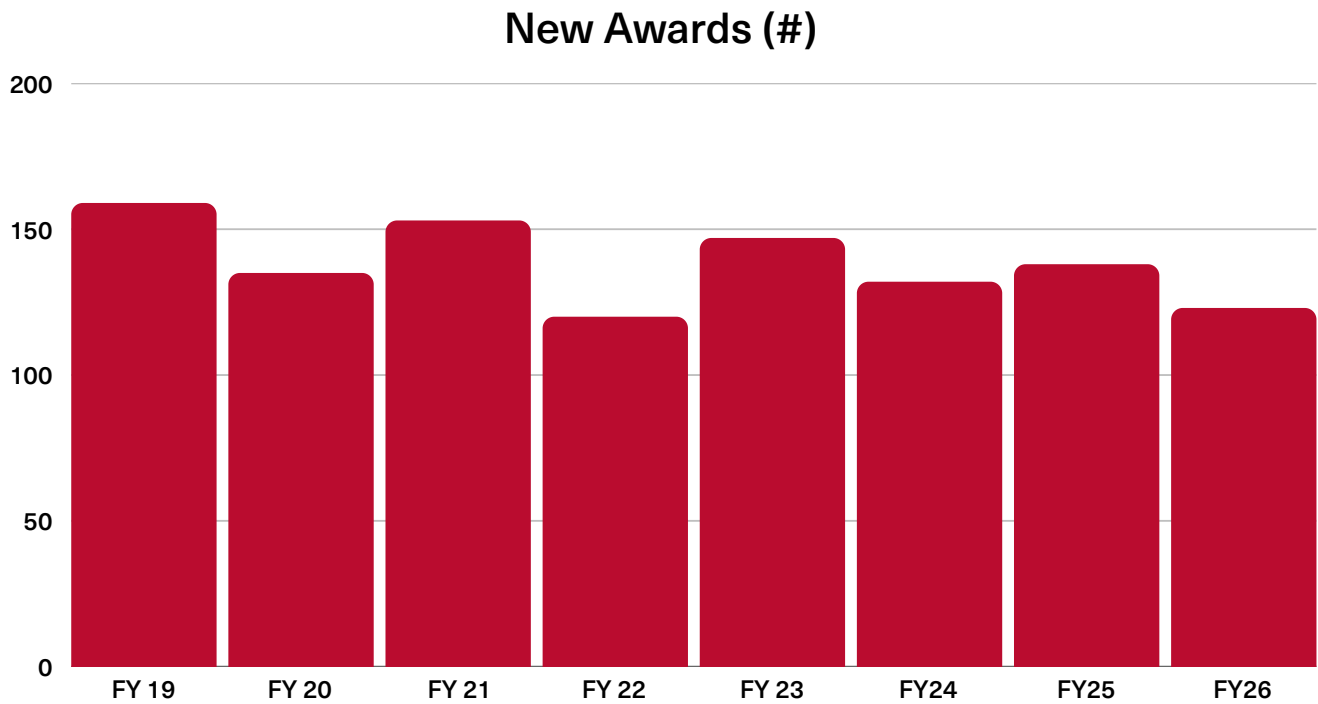
FACILITIES & ADMINISTRATION COST REIMBURSEMENT

\$1.84M

F&A COST REIMBURSEMENT RETURNED TO DIVISIONS

*Note: All Others includes IAALS, PSC, Newman Center, Student Affairs & Inclusive Excellence, DCB, Provost, OGE & Ulib (<1% each).

APPENDIX - FY26 AWARDS

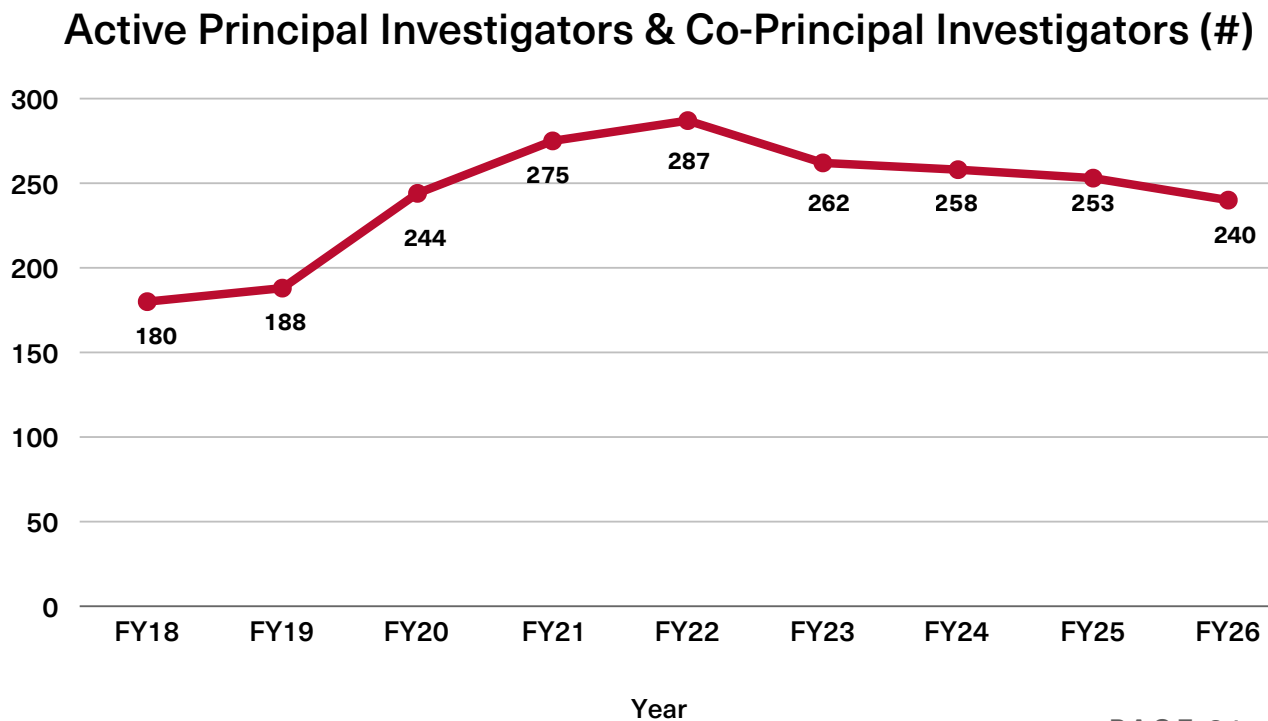


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NEW GRANT AGREEMENTS

\$27M

NEW AWARD FUNDING



Publications by Division (FY 2026)

2025-2026	Books	Book Chapters	Book Reviews	Edited Books	Exhibition/ Performance	Journal Articles	Journal Editing	Encyclopedia Entries	Conference Proceedings	Other	Unit Total
Arts, Humanities & Social Sciences	11	23	12	1	389	161	4	3	0	72	676
Natural Sciences & Mathematics	6	8	0	0	0	107	1	0	1	2	125
Ritchie School of Engineering & Computer Science	0	0	0	0	0	31	0	0	25	0	56
Daniels College of Business	3	2	0	0	0	75	0	0	4	13	97
Sturm College of Law	2	4	0	0	0	13	0	0	0	5	24
Morgridge College of Education	5	25	0	0	1	74	1	0	1	9	116
Josef Korbel School of Global and Public Affairs	3	5	2	1	1	22	1	0	0	27	62
Graduate School of Professional Psychology	0	7	0	0	0	28	0	0	0	2	37
Graduate School of Social Work	1	1	0	0	0	76	1	0	0	38	117
University Academic Programs (Writing, PLP, LLC)	1	0	0	0	0	8	0	0	0	2	11
College of Professional Studies	1	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	5
University Libraries	1	3	0	0	17	2	0	0	0	1	24
2025-2026	Books	Book Chapters	Book Reviews	Edited Books	Exhibition/ Performance	Journal Articles	Journal Editing	Encyclopedia Entries	Conference Proceedings	Other	Grand Total
Totals	35	78	14	2	408	605	8	3	31	171	1355

Note: This chart was compiled by data input into the Watermark system.

Faculty Publications

40,587

Faculty Citations

406

Faculty Authors

1,181

Archival Publications

3

Highly-Cited Papers

106

Publications with International Co-Authors

24

New Faculty Authored Books

2

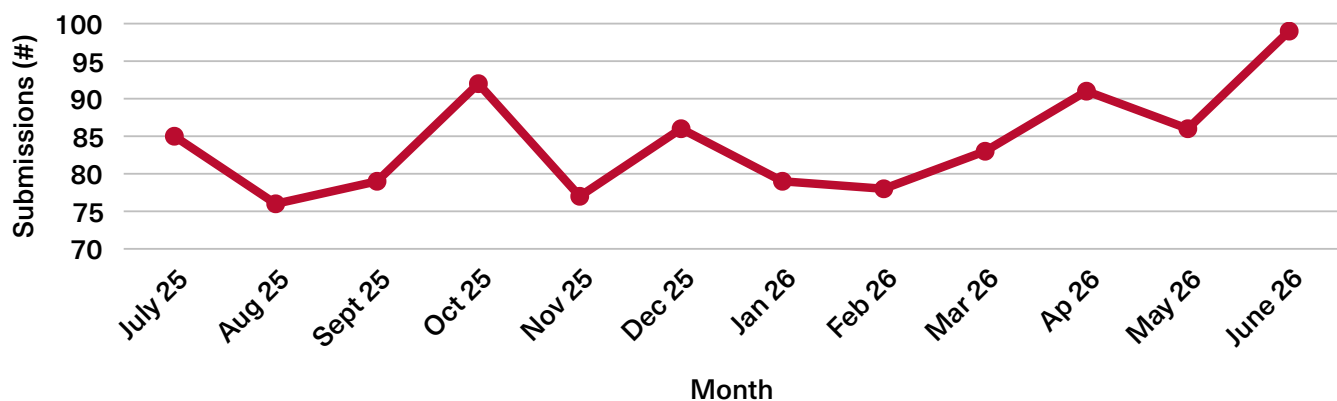
New Faculty Edited Books

8

Faculty Edited Journals

IRB Submissions by Faculty, Staff & Students

FY26 Total = 1011



STUDENTS & RESEARCH

461 Undergraduate Students
participated in research

132 Graduate Research Assistants
were paid through external grants, totaling \$3 million

111 Students
received grants and awards to pursue research

DEGREES

2,097
Master's Degrees Awarded

421
Doctoral Degrees Awarded

AWARDS & GRANTS

\$218,191
stipends awarded to support PinS Grants

\$61,000
awarded in project costs

64 Students
awarded PinS grants

86 Student Proposals
submitted for PinS Grants

13 Students
awarded travel grants

\$10,000
awarded in travel grants

STUDENT SIGNATURE
WORK SHOWCASE

300+ Students
attended the Spring 2025 Showcase

106 Students
presented posters

