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Annual Report of Research Activity

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THIS BOOKLET PROVIDES IMPORTANT QUANTITATIVE DIMENSIONS OF PENN STATE RESEARCH FOR FISCAL 2012, AND OFFERS A FEW COMPARISONS WITH PREVIOUS YEARS TO REVEAL LONGER-TERM TRENDS.

For example, you will see the steady upward trend in the University's total R&D expenditures—an increase of 48 percent over the past decade, and a solid indication that our faculty are successfully proposing path-breaking research and development initiatives to federal, state, and private-sector sponsors.

In the subcategory of federal dollars in support of research, the trend is even more dramatic: \$507 million in federal support in fiscal 2012, an increase of 80 percent in the last ten years.

Industry-sponsored funding increased to \$110 million in fiscal 2012. That we continue to experience increases in both federal and private-sector funding reflects Penn State's ability to compete with our peers in attracting research support, and the enviable reputation that the University has earned among various funding sources.

You will also see that seven of our academic colleges, along with the Applied Research Laboratory, each report annual research expenditures greater than \$30 million. Those numbers indicate the University's research portfolio is balanced across academic disciplines. And because we have a balanced portfolio, we have successfully implemented an interdisciplinary approach to much of our research and creative work. In fact, collaboration across traditional disciplines and the "invention" of new ways to approach old problems is perhaps our greatest institutional strength.

Research informs our graduate education—now in its 150th year at Penn State—and makes the quality of that learning experience second to none. We continue to attract advanced-degree candidates from all over the world. Research is an integral part of who we are at Penn State, and what we do.



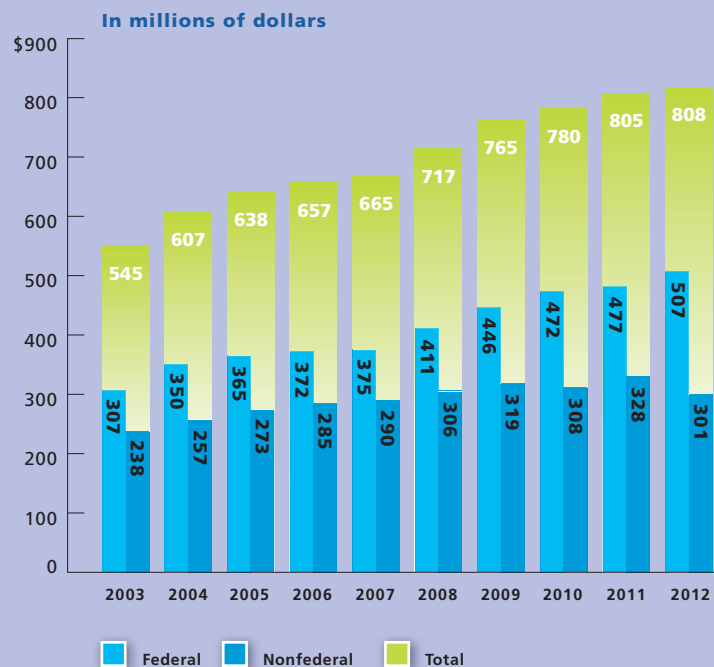
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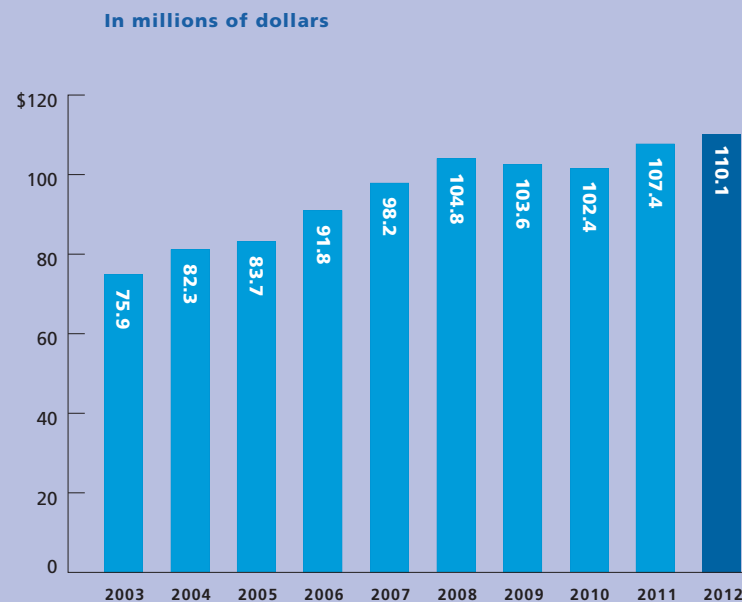
Total Research Expenditures, 2003–2012 (Federal and Nonfederal)

Expenditures totaled an all-time high of \$808 million, with federal support leading the way at \$507 million.



Research sponsored by industry, private foundations, and related sources, 2003–2012

Penn State has long ranked among the nation's top universities in industry-sponsored research, and typically partners with more than 400 companies annually.



Expenditures from Federal Agencies

1 Department of Defense \$177,051,000

2 Department of Health and Human Services \$132,235,000

3 National Science Foundation \$62,283,000

4 DOE \$37,842,000

5 USDA \$24,014,000

6 NASA \$14,901,000

7 Education \$7,484,000

8 Other \$51,888,000

Transportation \$7,000,000

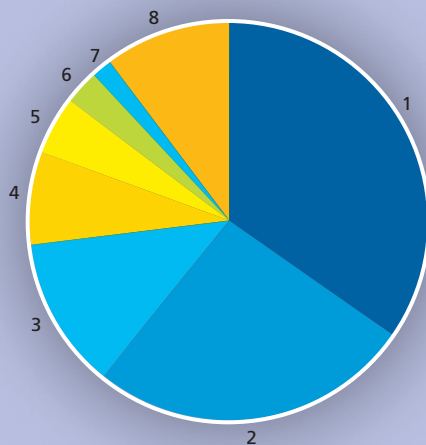
Commerce \$4,345,000

Interior \$1,507,000

EPA \$1,074,000

Other Federal \$37,692,000

Total \$507,428,000



Expenditures by Performing Unit

1 Defense-Related Research Units \$182,938,000

Applied Research Lab \$160,000,000

Electro-Optics Center \$22,938,000

2 Engineering \$129,671,000

3 Agricultural Sciences \$102,504,000

4 Medicine \$98,703,000

5 Eberly College of Science \$97,209,000

6 Earth and Mineral Sciences \$69,621,000

7 Health and Human Development \$46,833,000

8 Liberal Arts \$31,877,000

9 Education \$16,468,000

10 Information Sciences and Technology \$8,864,000

11 Other \$13,564,000

Altoona College \$1,306,000

Behrend College \$3,921,000

Berks College \$205,000

Capital College \$3,166,000

Great Valley \$179,000

Penn College \$1,850,000

Other Commonwealth Campuses \$2,726,000

International Programs \$211,000

12 Other Schools and Colleges \$9,250,000

Arts and Architecture \$1,063,000

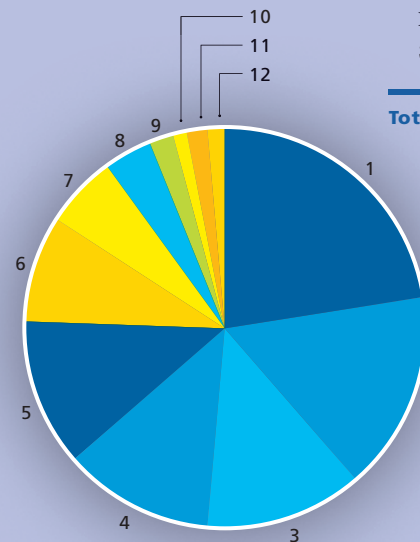
Communications \$306,000

Dickinson School of Law \$498,000

Nursing \$2,823,000

Smeal College of Business \$4,560,000

Total \$807,502,000



Sources of Research Funding

1 **Federal** \$507,428,000

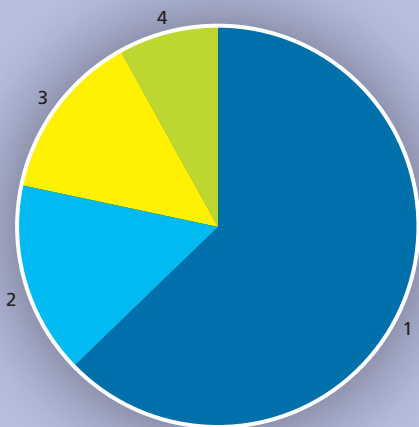
2 **University** \$125,618,000

3 **Industry and other** \$110,123,000

4 **Commonwealth of Pennsylvania**
\$64,333,000

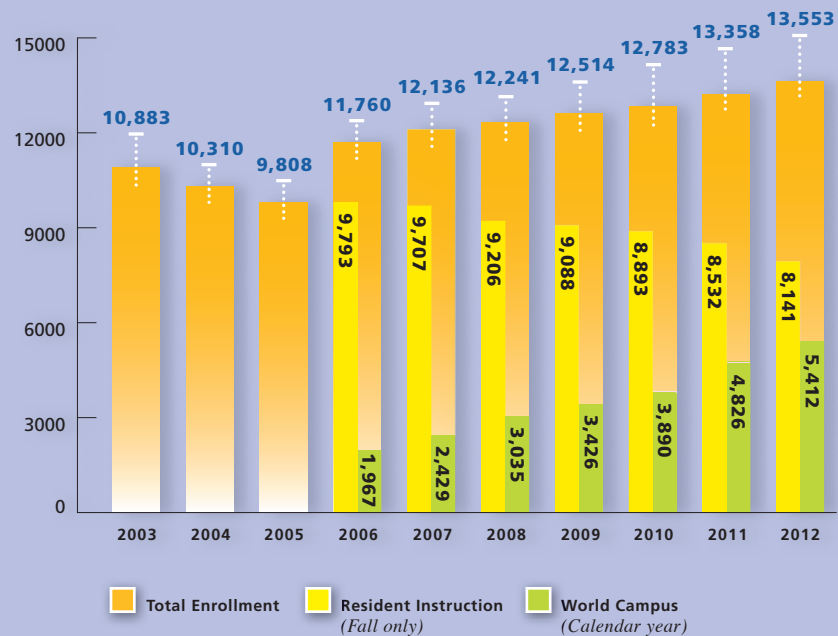
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Penn State's diverse research initiatives reflect a wide range of funding sources.



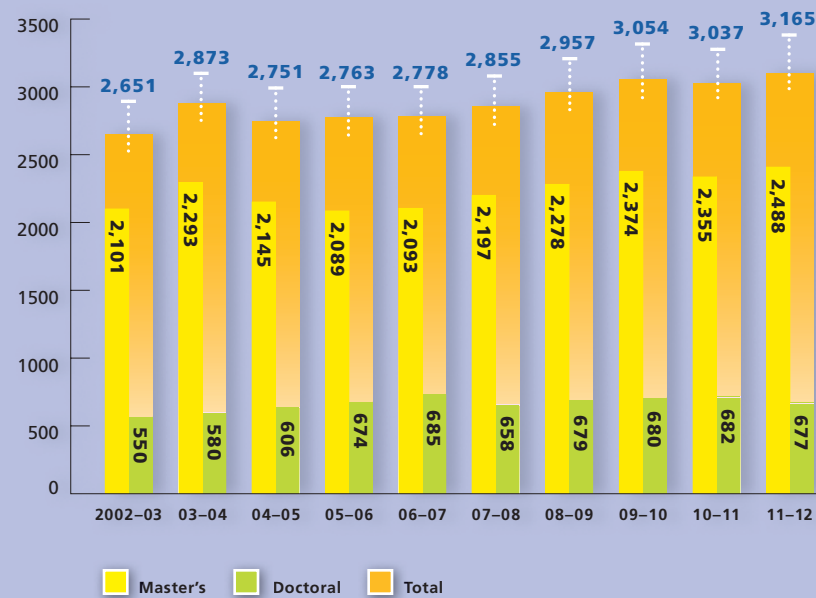
Total Graduate Student Enrollment (Resident Instruction and World Campus)

The University remains a popular choice for graduate education, with resident instruction supplemented in recent years by Penn State World Campus offerings.



Graduate Degrees Conferred

Over the past ten years, Penn State has conferred nearly 29,000 graduate degrees, including more than 6,400 doctoral degrees.



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