



**Academic Affairs Committee
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Information Item

AAC – 4 Written Update on Research and Engagement

The Office of Research and Engagement provides support and strategic direction to faculty, staff and students for research and creative endeavors resulting in scholarship, innovation, community, and economic engagement leading to knowledge, student, and regional transformation.

External Funding and Trends

For the 11th year in a row, awards increased. More specifically, at **\$67,619,964** we exceeded last year’s record award total and exceeded our 5% target with **award dollars increasing by \$15,661,143 or 30.1%**; this is the highest amount of award dollars in UNCG’s history and **represents a 73.9% increase over the last 5 years**. While the number of awards decreased slightly, the average amount of the awards was significantly higher. Federal still makes up the majority of the awards (46.6%, up slightly from last year), with state contracts at 26.1% (up 1%). The next highest was from other educational/research institutions (9.7%, down from last year), followed by NC local governments that doubled from last year at 9.2%. Nonprofits were at 3.3%, foundations at 2.4%, and business and industry at .7%, all slightly down.

After a slow start, both the number of submissions and amount of dollars requested increased slightly \$2,448,382 or 1.3%.

	7-1-22 to 6-30-23		7-1-21 to 6-30-22	
SUBMISSIONS	Number	Amount	Number	Amount
	418	\$184,894,266	402	\$182,490,035
AWARDS	Number	Amount	Number	Amount
	295	\$ 67,619,964	336	\$ 51,958,820

Finally, of particular note is the number of continuing awards that made up this year’s totals.

Thirty-eight percent (38%) of the awards were continuing compared to 19% last year. This reflects our successful efforts on increasing hit rate in large federal, multi-year awards.

The increase in awards was accompanied by a 17.3% increase in expenditures as well as a 20% increase in F&A receipts. In fact, the research expenditures, F&A receipts, and the effective F&A rates are all the highest in UNCG's history.

Selected Highlights

Key to these advances are our faculty and scholars as well as the investments in the research administration infrastructure within ORE. Each year, the campus recognizes outstanding excellence among our faculty. UNCG faculty excel not only on our campus and nationally but are among the most outstanding internationally as well.

For example, this year's *Senior Research Excellence Award winner is Dr. Christian Moraru*, Class of 1949 Distinguished Professor in the Humanities. He is known internationally as one of – and sometimes “the” – expert in post-WWII American fiction and postmodernism and considered one of the most significant 21st-century scholars of world literature. With 8 monographs, 8 edited essay collections, over 300 hundred articles and book chapters, over 400 reviews, over 100 invited talks to his name, he has been published – in multiple languages – in leading journals in his fields and with prestigious academic presses. He has also held a Fulbright and multiple Alexander von Humboldt Fellowships and is currently supervising a \$2M European Research Council Grant. In addition to sustaining a formidably high rate of scholarly productivity across his 25 years at UNCG, Moraru is a much sought-after mentor who has supervised a large number of graduate students. In just the past six years, four of his advisees have published their revised manuscript dissertations as books with Oxford, Palgrave-MacMillan, and other top scholarly presses.

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