



**Academic Affairs Committee
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AAC 3- Update on Research and Engagement

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

External Funding and Trends

The first half of the FY25 academic year has seen a strong increase in the dollar amount of submissions relative to FY24 at the same time last year. In the first half of this fiscal year, we have had 199 submissions in the amount of \$130,808,544, relative to \$83,516,685 at the same time last year. This is an increase of 56% relative to the previous year at the same time. Awards during the first half are \$40,899,615. Last year, awards were \$37,844,341 during the first half. This reflects an 8% increase in awards relative to the same time last year.

	7-1-24 to 12-31-24		7-1-23 to 12-31-23	
SUBMISSIONS	Number	Amount	Number	Amount
	199	\$ 130,808,544	207	\$ 83,516,685
AWARDS	Number	Amount	Number	Amount
	149	\$ 40,899,615	162	\$ 37,844,341

Overall Research Impact Indicator

Center for Youth, Family and Community Partnerships: Significant funding has been received from our center demonstrating their excellence in advancing community-engaged research.

- Dr. Burgess-Johnson, founder of the NC Youth & Family Voices Amplified Program in the Center for Youth, Family, and Community Partnerships (CYFCP) has been awarded over \$1.6M by the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services, to educate, advocate, and collaborate with individuals and systems to promote the well-being of youth and families. The project presents an opportunity to foster leaders in the building of infrastructure, resources, and support for individuals across NC. In addition, she also received \$248,000 from the North Carolina Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Service (DMHDDSAS) in support of the program titled Healthy Transitions, a coordinated system of outreach, assessment, and care coordination, improving treatment accessibility and support services for young people. Dr. Burgess-Johnson's program addresses the wide variety of needs that arise from a geographically, culturally, and demographically diverse North Carolina, home to over 10 million residents, each with their share of troubles and difficulties.
- Furthermore, the Center received a grant in the amount of \$4M to support Family Peer Specialist Workforce Development. The program will provide necessary services by offering information and referrals, individualized support for parental understanding of children's needs, access to natural supports, support groups, parent skill training and education, resource system navigation assistance, immediate crisis support, legal support (including juvenile courts, schools, and child welfare,) and cultivated social events designed to bring families together, raise awareness, and create educational opportunities.
- The Center also received the NC DHHS Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities and Substance Abuse Services for work led by Dr. Christman who was awarded \$460,000 to further develop the program. This award aims to provide research and intervention on crisis prevention throughout the state, as well as serving mental health, substance use, and developmental disability-related needs. In a field in which behavioral health concerns are not always addressed with in-person medical visits, Dr. Christman's program provides a vital service for those in need of quick, caring, and effective support.

Department of Psychology Research on Mental Health Services

- Dr. Kari Eddington, Professor in the Department of Psychology has been awarded over \$1M by the NC Department of Health and Human Services. Dr. Eddington's Strong Minds, Strong Communities project addresses health workforce shortages and mitigates problems with accessing mental health services, combatting the troubling linguistic and capacity barriers present within the health community. Further this program will train Community Healthcare Workers (CHWs) in navigational skills, increasing their outreach, while also directly delivering evidence-based psychosocial intervention.

SERVE Center

- The SERVE Center through work led by Dr. Lisa Phillips has been awarded over \$1.5M by NC's Department of Public Instruction. Dr. Phillips is responsible for

tremendous strides in care for NC's homeless population, stemming from her creation of the North Carolina Homeless Education Program. In partnership with the Elementary Secondary Education Act (ESEA), Dr. Phillips has ensured educational access to many, with a program boasting adherence to the highest of federal standards. The achievements of the North Carolina Homeless Education Program include improvements in teacher quality, migrant education, neglected and delinquent education, the creation of rural education achievement programs, and accessible education for those without housing. Through Federal Program Monitoring, 21st Century Community Learning Centers are likewise held to these standards, and, in so doing, the sheer quality of Dr. Phillips' program is made manifest



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