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Summary: Research and Sponsored Programs

The University of Alaska's research and sponsored programs advance knowledge and serve the diverse populations of rural and urban Alaska. Funded by federal, state, local, and private sponsors, these programs focus on areas such as social, economic, biological, geological, and marine sciences. Research activities are not limited to classrooms or labs but take place in various locations throughout Alaska.

University of Alaska research revenues, including indirect cost recovery, totaled \$297.2 million in FY25. The ratio of research revenue from designated, federal, and other sources (DF&O) to unrestricted general funds (UGF) measures the return on state-appropriated research funding. In FY25, each state dollar appropriated to UA research generated \$12.9 from other sources (Table 1).

In FY25, UAF generated approximately 90.3 percent of total research revenue (\$247.4 million), with 92.3 percent of this from designated, federal, and other sources. UAA generated 9.0 percent (\$24.7 million) of FY25 research revenue, with 90.7 percent coming from sources other than unrestricted general funds. UAS generated the remaining 0.7 percent (\$2.0 million) of the system's total research revenue, with 99.8 percent from designated, federal, and other sources (Table 1).

The research and academic units with the highest research revenues in FY25 included the UAF Geophysical Institute \$91.1 million, College of Fisheries and Ocean Sciences \$68.0 million, Institute of Arctic Biology \$22.7 million, Institute of Northern Engineering \$15.6 million, and International Arctic Research Center \$13.6 million (Table 2).

In FY25, universities held 1,755 active grants with a maximum multi-year funding commitment of \$1.6 billion, up \$86.4 million from \$1.5 billion in FY24 (Table 3). New grants awarded in FY25 totaled \$286.1 million, representing 17.1 percent of all active funding commitments (Table 3). Of this amount, 60 percent came from newly committed grant funding, secured through 225 new competitive grants (Table 5).

The federal government is the largest source of research funding, providing 84.0 percent (\$210.3 million) of FY25 direct research expenditures, either directly or through state and local entities. State of Alaska funding provided 7.2 percent (\$17.9 million) of FY25 research expenditures, while private, local, and other sources contributed the remaining 8.8 percent (\$22.0 million, Table 6).

Table 1. Revenues as Result of Research by University (\$000's), FY01 - FY25

	Unrestricted General Funds (UGF)	Designated, Federal and Other (DF&O) Funds (in thousands of \$)	Total	Ratio DF&O:UGF
FY25				
UA Anchorage	2,282.7	22,371.4	24,654.1	9.8
UA Fairbanks	19,031.9	228,345.0	247,376.9	12.0
UA Southeast	4.0	1,962.2	1,966.1	494.4
Subtotal Revenues for Direct Research	21,318.6	252,678.6	273,997.1	11.9
Indirect Cost Recovery Distributed to Other Areas		23,223.6	23,223.6	
FY25 Total	21,318.6	275,902.1	297,220.7	12.9
FY24 Total	30,241.7	237,684.5	267,926.2	7.9
FY23 Total	22,777.9	212,208.1	234,986.0	9.3
FY22 Total	14,821.3	205,867.7	220,689.0	13.9
FY21 Total	18,303.3	173,821.3	192,124.6	9.5
FY20 Total	23,728.7	150,245.0	173,973.7	6.3
FY19 Total	24,076.7	146,065.8	170,142.5	6.1
FY18 Total	22,491.2	140,710.2	163,201.4	6.3
FY17 Total	23,841.8	147,938.1	171,780.0	6.2
FY16 Total	31,005.0	125,477.8	156,482.8	4.0
FY15 Total	28,050.3	116,295.7	144,346.0	4.1
FY14 Total	26,575.7	124,112.9	150,688.7	4.7
FY13 Total	27,332.5	129,721.0	157,053.5	4.7
FY12 Total	25,332.4	133,342.0	158,674.4	5.3
FY11 Total	24,706.0	137,852.7	162,558.7	5.6
FY10 Total	24,406.4	127,991.6	152,398.0	5.2
FY09 Total	22,844.7	129,166.6	151,961.2	5.7
FY08 Total	21,478.5	126,877.5	148,356.0	5.9
FY07 Total	22,843.3	132,301.1	155,144.4	5.8
FY06 Total	19,858.5	131,459.2	151,317.7	6.6
FY05 Total	18,720.3	126,328.8	145,049.0	6.7
FY04 Total	16,832.2	121,421.0	138,253.2	7.2
FY03 Total	16,618.1	116,464.5	133,082.6	7.0
FY02 Total	16,321.8	103,430.8	119,752.6	6.3
FY01 Total	16,312.5	92,890.0	109,407.3	5.7



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A measure of the return on state appropriated research funding is the ratio of non-general fund research revenue to general fund research revenue. In FY25 each state dollar appropriated to UA research generated \$12.9 in revenue from other sources.

Note: Unrestricted General Funds (UGF) include General Fund, General Fund Match, and General Fund Mental Health Trust. Designated, Federal and Other Funds (DF&O) include UA receipts, intra-agency receipts, and indirect cost recoveries generated from research and redistributed to other areas.

Source: Data Analysis and Institutional Research, www.alaska.edu/ir/

Table 2. Revenues as Result of Research by Unit (\$000's), FY25

	Unrestricted General Funds (UGF) (in thousands of \$)	Designated, Federal and Other Funds (DF&O)	Total	Ratio DF&O:UGF
UA Anchorage				
College of Health	260.0	1,948.2	2,208.2	7.5
Central Managed Projects		495.2	495.2	n/a
Chancellor		946.3	946.3	n/a
College of Arts and Sciences	544.7	4,724.7	5,269.5	8.7
College of Engineering		2,331.5	2,331.5	n/a
Environment and Natural Resources Institute	295.6	3,540.4	3,836.0	12.0
Institute of Social and Economic Research	1,182.3	2,885.3	4,067.6	2.4
Office of the Provost		5,123.9	5,123.9	n/a
UAA Other		376.0	376.0	n/a
UAA Total	2,282.7	22,371.4	24,654.1	9.8
UA Fairbanks				
AK Center for Energy & Power	2,508.4	9,232.6	11,741.0	3.7
Central Managed Projects	296.3	5,754.3	6,050.6	19.4
College of Fisheries and Ocean Sciences	2,920.1	65,073.2	67,993.3	22.3
College of Liberal Arts		537.0	537.0	n/a
College of Natural Science and Mathematics	33.1	1,973.8	2,007.0	59.6
Developmental Programs and Projects	1,185.6	3,406.3	4,591.9	2.9
Geophysical Institute	4,204.5	86,914.7	91,119.2	20.7
Institute of Agriculture, Natural Resources and Extension	1,978.7	6,734.1	8,712.8	3.4
Institute of Arctic Biology	2,371.4	20,328.6	22,700.0	8.6
Institute of Northern Engineering	2,266.1	13,346.6	15,612.7	5.9
International Arctic Research Center	941.7	12,617.7	13,559.4	13.4
VC Research	326.0	1,262.4	1,588.3	3.9
University of Alaska Museum of the North		872.0	872.0	n/a
UAF Other		291.7	291.7	n/a
UAF Total	19,031.9	228,345.0	247,376.9	12.0
UA Southeast				
Office of the Provost		734.9	734.9	n/a
School of Arts & Sciences	4.0	1,091.7	1,095.7	275.1
UAS Other		135.6	135.6	n/a
UAS Total	4.0	1,962.2	1,966.1	494.4
Subtotal Revenues for Direct Research	21,318.6	252,678.6	273,997.1	11.9
Indirect Cost Recovery Distributed to Other Areas		23,223.6	23,223.6	
FY25 Total	21,318.6	275,902.1	297,220.7	12.9



Note: Unrestricted General Funds (UGF) include General Fund, General Fund Match, and General Fund Mental Health Trust. Designated, Federal and Other Funds (DF&O) include UA receipts, intra-agency receipts, and indirect cost recoveries generated from research and redistributed to other areas. Units with larger than +/- \$250,000 in total research revenue are displayed; units with smaller than +/- \$250,000 are included in "Other".

Source: Data Analysis and Institutional Research, www.alaska.edu/ir/

Table 3. New Awards and Active Grants by University FY24 - FY25

			Organized Research		Other Sponsored Activities		Total	
			# Grants	Max Amt (\$000s)	# Grants	Max Amt (\$000s)	# Grants	Max Amt (\$000s)
UA Anchorage	FY24	New Awards	66	17,397.3	112	25,905.5	178	43,302.8
		Total Active Grants	258	70,054.0	385	161,683.0	643	231,736.9
		% New of Active	25.6	24.8	29.1	16.0	54.7	40.9
	FY25	New Awards	64	14,134.0	137	43,793.3	201	57,927.3
		Total Active Grants	228	74,920.0	304	139,132.5	532	214,052.5
		% New of Active	28.1	18.9	45.1	31.5	73.1	50.3
UA Fairbanks	FY24	New Awards	209	194,420.3	64	23,604.2	273	218,024.5
		Total Active Grants	940	1,110,233.2	229	178,152.7	1,169	1,288,385.9
		% New of Active	22.2	17.5	27.9	13.2	50.2	30.8
	FY25	New Awards	245	186,609.9	77	35,004.5	322	221,614.4
		Total Active Grants	926	1,188,844.6	239	201,820.0	1,165	1,390,664.6
		% New of Active	26.5	15.7	32.2	17.3	58.7	33.0
UA Southeast	FY24	New Awards	6	416.0	8	2,271.4	14	2,687.4
		Total Active Grants	35	6,202.3	34	12,236.9	69	18,439.3
		% New of Active	17.1	6.7	23.5	18.6	40.7	25.3
	FY25	New Awards	13	4,724.4	10	1,832.5	23	6,556.9
		Total Active Grants	36	10,155.1	20	10,079.5	56	20,234.7
		% New of Active	36.1	46.5	50.0	18.2	86.1	64.7
System Office	FY24	New Awards						
		Total Active Grants	1	2,000.0	1	100.0	2	2,100.0
		% New of Active						
	FY25	New Awards						
		Total Active Grants	1	2,000.0	1	100.0	2	2,100.0
UA System	FY24	New Awards	281	212,233.7	184	51,781.1	465	264,014.8
		Total Active Grants	1,234	1,188,489.5	649	352,172.7	1,883	1,540,662.1
		% New of Active	22.8	17.9	28.4	14.7	24.7	17.1
	FY25	New Awards	322	205,468.3	224	80,630.3	546	286,098.6
		Total Active Grants	1,191	1,275,919.8	564	351,132.0	1,755	1,627,051.8
		% New of Active	27.0	16.1	39.7	23.0	31.1	17.6



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Note: New grant awards are a subset of total active awards in a given year. Maximum grant amount is a multi-year monetary commitment to the project by the agency.

Source: Data Analysis and Institutional Research, www.alaska.edu/ir/

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Table 4. New Grant Awards by University and Topic, FY24 - FY25

	UA Anchorage		UA Fairbanks		UA Southeast	
	# Grants	Max Amt (\$000s)	# Grants	Max Amt (\$000s)	# Grants	Max Amt (\$000s)
Organized Research, FY25						
Aerospace, Aeronautical, and Astronautical Engineering			26	11,087.8		
Agricultural Sciences	1	181.0	10	4,609.8		
Anthropology	1	123.4	1	39.9		
Astronomy and Astrophysics	2	218.4	1	1,142.4		
Atmospheric Science and Meteorology			5	1,439.4		
Bioengineering and Biomedical Engineering			1	23.3		
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	10	2,385.7	13	4,685.0	2	408.7
Business Management and Business Administration			2	223.9		
Chemistry	1	97.2				
Civil Engineering	1	224.5	8	1,662.0		
Computer, Information Sciences, and Support Services			2	1,925.0		
Economics	3	147.6	2	1,059.8		
Education	3	151.9	5	2,867.9		
Electrical, Electronic and Communications Engineering	2	780.0	3	2,179.2		
Geological and Earth Sciences	2	1,300.0	40	22,246.7	3	1,700.1
Health Sciences	7	765.2	7	2,710.1		
Humanities			1	15.0		
Materials Science			2	360.0		
Mechanical Engineering	1	110.0	4	521.2		
Metallurgical and Materials Engineering			1	314.1		
Natural Resources and Conservation	7	835.8	33	9,704.4	7	2,585.6
Non-R&D Activities	7	972.2	2	55,170.3		
Ocean Sciences and Marine Sciences	2	3,681.0	35	17,608.6		
Other Engineering	2	369.0	6	15,606.9		
Other Geosciences, Atmospheric Sciences, and Ocean Sciences			7	2,209.3		
Other Physical Sciences			3	1,719.0		
Other Sciences			6	8,769.9	1	29.9
Other Social Sciences	5	971.8	5	1,700.8		
Other non-S&E Fields			4	12,647.7		
Other Organized Research	7	819.4	10	2,360.6		
Total Organized Research	64	14,134.0	245	186,609.9	13	4,724.4
Other Sponsored Activities, FY25						
Agricultural Sciences			9	2,394.2		
Anthropology			1	530.8		
Biological and Biomedical Sciences			1	175.3		
Business Management and Business Administration	3	375.0	1	125.0		
Civil Engineering			1	39.4		
Communications and Communication Technologies	1	147.8	1	200.0		
Economics	1	15.0				
Education	17	1,402.4	11	6,207.5		
Geological and Earth Sciences			5	4,506.9		
Health Sciences	5	2,573.9	3	2,140.1		
Humanities			1	2.8		
Mathematics and Statistics			1	25.0		
Natural Resources and Conservation	3	1,405.6	6	527.8		
Non-R&D Activities	69	28,747.3	15	9,661.7	9	1,803.9
Ocean Sciences and Marine Sciences	1	1.5	6	366.2		
Other Engineering			1	100.0		
Other Geosciences, Atmospheric Sciences, and Ocean Sciences			2	1,007.8		
Other Sciences			3	1,921.7		
Other Social Sciences	11	2,392.6	2	35.0		
Other non-S&E Fields	1	229.6	5	5,009.3		
Political Science and Government			1	18.8		
Psychology	2	368.1				
Social Work	7	2,665.6				
Visual and Performing Arts			1	9.3		
Other Sponsored Activities	16	3,469.1			1	28.6
Total Sponsored Activities	137	43,793.3	77	35,004.5	10	1,832.5
FY25 Total	201	57,927.3	322	221,614.4	23	6,556.9
FY24						
Organized Research	66	17,397.3	209	194,420.3	6	416.0
Other Sponsored Activities	112	25,905.5	64	23,604.2	8	2,271.4
FY24 Total	178	43,302.8	273	218,024.5	14	2,687.4

Note: Theme codes identify topical area for each grant. Some grants have multiple themes. Maximum grant amount is a multi-year monetary commitment to the project by the agency.

Source: Data Analysis and Institutional Research, www.alaska.edu/ir/

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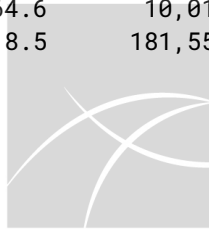
Table 5. New Awards by University and Proposal Type FY24 - FY25

	Organized Research		Other Sponsored Activities		Total FY New Awards	
	# Grants	Max Amt (\$000s)	# Grants	Max Amt (\$000s)	# Grants	Max Amt (\$000s)
UA Anchorage						
Competitive	26	4,836.6	29	6,449.3	55	11,285.8
Non-Competitive	38	9,297.4	106	37,294.1	144	46,591.5
Other			2	50.0	2	50.0
Total 2025	64	14134	137	43793	201	57,927.3
Total 2024	66	17397	112	25905	178	43,302.8
UA Fairbanks						
Competitive	127	119,436.1	32	14,722.6	159	134,158.7
Non-Competitive	102	60,228.5	39	12,164.4	141	72,392.9
Other	16	6,945.4	6	8,117.4	22	15,062.8
Total 2025	245	186,609.9	77	35,004.5	322	221,614.4
Total 2024	209	194,420.3	64	23,604.2	273	218,024.5
UA Southeast						
Competitive	6	3,630.4	5	1,584.6	11	5,215.0
Non-Competitive	6	934.0	4	219.3	10	1,153.3
Other	1	160.0	1	28.6	2	188.6
Total 2025	13	4,724.4	10	1,832.5	23	6,556.9
Total 2024	6	416.0	8	2,271.4	14	2,687.4
UA Statewide						
Competitive						
Non-Competitive						
Other						
Total 2025						
Total 2024						
UA System						
Competitive	159	127,903.0	66	22,756.5	225	150,659.5
Non-Competitive	146	70,459.9	149	49,677.8	295	120,137.7
Other	17	7,105.4	9	8,196.0	26	15,301.4
Total 2025	322	205,468.3	224	80,630.3	546	286,098.6
Total 2024	281	212,233.7	184	51,781.1	465	264,014.8

Note: Proposal types are identified by the university applying for the grant. Maximum grant amount is a multi-year monetary commitment to the project by the granting agency.

Table 6. Direct Research Expenditures (\$000's) by University and Receiving Channel, Five Year Trend

	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25
UA Anchorage	(in Thousands of \$)				
Federal/Direct	13,062.5	12,540.7	10,437.9	11,608.2	16,352.7
Federal/Through State	1,190.2	1,517.6	572.1	434.0	322.3
Federal/Through Other	849.1	1,222.4	1,673.6	2,132.5	2,473.6
Federal Total	15,101.8	15,280.7	12,683.5	14,174.8	19,148.5
State/Direct	778.2	653.1	1,531.8	1,989.2	2,458.0
Private, Local and Other/Direct	1,705.2	1,696.2	1,838.8	1,931.0	3,872.3
UA Anchorage Total	17,585.2	17,630.0	16,054.2	18,095.0	25,478.8
UA Fairbanks					
Federal/Direct	114,314.1	140,882.9	143,111.5	150,357.3	169,750.6
Federal/Through State	936.5	1,217.8	1,135.9	1,342.1	1,301.5
Federal/Through Other	12,123.1	11,562.9	12,083.6	15,304.9	17,859.6
Federal Total	127,373.8	153,663.6	156,331.0	167,004.2	188,911.7
State/Direct	854.5	523.9	6,598.9	16,493.7	15,446.0
Private, Local and Other/Direct	7,964.0	8,186.8	12,378.7	16,788.4	17,836.8
UA Fairbanks Total	136,192.3	162,392.6	175,290.2	200,286.3	222,194.5
UA Southeast					
Federal/Direct	1,036.1	1,140.0	1,218.9	1,292.1	1,869.3
Federal/Through State	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Federal/Through Other	9.5	252.5	244.2	199.8	436.6
Federal Total	1,045.6	1,392.5	1,463.1	1,491.9	2,305.9
State/Direct	0.0	0.0	105.8	40.5	26.7
Private, Local and Other/Direct	95.4	135.5	153.4	309.0	300.7
UA Southeast Total	1,141.0	1,528.0	1,722.2	1,841.4	2,633.2
UA System					
Federal/Direct	128,412.8	154,563.6	154,768.2	163,257.6	187,972.6
Federal/Through State	2,126.8	2,735.5	1,708.0	1,776.1	1,623.7
Federal/Through Other	12,981.7	13,037.7	14,001.4	17,637.1	20,769.8
Federal Total	143,521.2	170,336.8	170,477.7	182,670.9	210,366.1
State/Direct	1,632.7	1,176.9	8,236.5	18,523.4	17,930.6
Private, Local and Other/Direct	9,764.6	10,018.5	14,370.8	19,028.3	22,009.8
UA System Total	154,918.5	181,550.6	193,066.6	220,222.7	250,306.5



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Note: Direct research expenditures are defined as the amount of grant-funded operating and capital research expenditures, including both research expenditures as well as ICR from restricted research grants spent on research and administrative support.

Source: Data Analysis and Institutional Research, www.alaska.edu/ir/

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Table 7. Direct Research Expenditures in Alaska Related Areas by University, Five Year Trend

	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
	(in Thousands of \$)				
UA Anchorage					
Chancellor	1,238.5	937.8	685.3	1,081.7	854.5
College of Arts and Sciences	1,625.4	1,390.8	1,491.3	1,467.4	1,840.4
College of Engineering	898.5	855.7	591.3	548.0	1,846.0
College of Health	947.8	1,432.0	1,227.4	1,168.3	1,173.1
Environment and Natural Resources Institute	2,768.8	2,831.9	2,844.3	2,198.2	2,084.5
Institute of Social and Economic Research	1,505.8	1,437.9	1,754.7	1,865.2	1,736.3
Office of the Provost	39.6	190.1	222.5	813.0	5,264.0
UAA Other	362.3	80.8	102.0	124.7	108.9
Total	9,386.7	9,157.1	8,918.8	9,266.6	14,907.7
UA Fairbanks					
AK Center for Energy & Power	450.4	405.5	1,344.5	1,841.9	1,199.6
Institute of Northern Engineering	8,679.9	8,684.2	9,449.8	11,599.7	6,020.8
College of Natural Science and Mathematics	760.6	356.6	624.3	1,163.6	892.0
College of Fisheries and Ocean Sciences	23,566.7	22,976.5	26,636.3	28,145.0	24,760.6
Developmental Programs and Projects	2,657.5	3,194.0	3,227.8	2,234.6	2,691.1
Geophysical Institute	29,671.0	34,616.4	45,675.6	52,753.1	45,061.2
Institute of Arctic Biology	7,737.0	8,041.4	9,985.7	11,157.5	13,115.7
International Arctic Research Center	7,910.8	13,250.6	10,022.1	8,801.8	9,681.6
Institute of Agriculture, Natural Resources and Extension	2,047.6	2,365.0	1,911.3	3,006.6	4,199.7
VC Research	(0.7)	-	290.4	583.7	1,584.6
University of Alaska Museum of the North	278.4	505.3	629.2	336.4	398.4
UAF Other	209.4	170.0	41.2	75.0	329.4
Total	83,968.6	94,565.5	109,838.2	121,698.7	109,934.7
UA Southeast					
UAS Other	449.9	465.7	420.2	175.0	645.1
Total	449.9	465.7	420.2	175.0	645.1
Total Alaska Related Expenditures	93,805.1	104,188.3	119,177.2	131,140.3	125,487.5
Percent of All Research Expenditures	60.6%	57.4%	61.7%	59.5%	50.1%

Note: Direct research expenditures in Alaska related research areas represent research expenditures including indirect cost recovery (ICR), and do not reflect the max multi-year revenue amount. Direct research expenditures are defined as the amount of grant-funded operating and capital research expenditures, including both research expenditures as well as ICR from restricted research grants spent on research and administrative support. Areas of research related to Alaska are identified by the grant.

Source: Data Analysis and Institutional Research, www.alaska.edu/ir/