Indiana University of Pennsylvania
Fiscal Year 2025-2026

Annual Grantsmanship Report

Externally Sponsored Awards
July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026

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Sponsored Projects

"Points of Pride" from FY2026

Fiscal Year 2026 marked another exceptional year for Indiana University of Pennsylvania's research enterprise. The university community achieved historic milestones in sponsored activities, proposal submissions, and national recognition.

- Second highest proposal volume
- Highest award volume
- Largest, strategic proposal (COM RHTP)
- Commitment to the research enterprise by including in the Univ Strategic Mission
- Additional research staff credentialing
    - At the RI
        - 2 CRAs
        - 2 CFRAs
        - 1 CAPM
    - Overall Research & Innovation Team
        - 4 CRAs
        - 2 CFRAs
        - 1 CAPM

These accomplishments reflect the collective dedication of IUP's faculty, staff, and students to scholarship, discovery, and innovation. Each proposal submitted and award received advances IUP's mission to create meaningful impact—locally, nationally, and globally.

Who or what is the IUP Research Institute (RI) and what, exactly, is our role? We are YOUR "Office of Sponsored Research" and work collaboratively with key offices and IUP personnel. IUP administration created the Research Institute in 2004 to help facilitate and grow the sponsored research activity on campus. We were created BY you FOR you!

The Mission of the IUP Research Institute is to advance the research agenda and educational objectives of Indiana University of Pennsylvania and partner institutions in the PASSHE and to promote greater collaborations across the system. The IUP RI provides a full range of pre- and post-award services designed to provide support for University researchers. The IUP RI is governed by an independent Board of Directors which is responsible for upholding the Institute's Articles of Incorporation, By-Laws, and the principles set forth in the Affiliation Agreement with the University. The Board is composed of appointed University representatives and local community business leaders.

Indiana University of Pennsylvania and the IUP RI jointly administer external funds. The IUP RI is a 501c (3) organization that operates independently for the benefit of Indiana University of Pennsylvania, under the terms of the Affiliation Agreement.

The team of 10 individuals at the IUP RI, collectively, hold a myriad of professional certifications and expertise and hold memberships in professional organizations. We have individuals who focus primarily on the pre award (identifying funding opportunities, developing proposals and budgets, managing the review and approval processes, and navigating a variety of submission portals and processes), post award (contract review and negotiations, budget modifications, no cost extensions, purchasing and travel regulations, technical and fiscal reporting, and award closeout. Our team consists of Certified Research Administrators, Certified Financial Research Administrators (with a focus on pre, post, and fiscal research administration) and we attend and actively participate in professional organizations like the Society for Research Administrators, the National Council of University Research Administrators, the National Organization for Research Development Professionals, and the University Connected Research Foundation.

In addition to serving as IUP's Office of Sponsored Research, the IUP RI provides these same services to sister PASSHE institutions, Commonwealth University and Pennsylvania Western University. Our primary goal of these partnerships is to connect researchers from across the State (or at least these 7 campuses) and facilitate collaborative grant proposals.

The IUP RI works diligently to ensure proposals submitted are of the highest possible quality, while adhering to standard operating procedures. The IUP RI helps to ensure the proposal meets agency guidelines, meets applicable federal, state, and university pre-requisites, requires reasonable university support, and that the budget and scope of work are consistent, and have been appropriately reviewed and authorized by IUP and IUPRI administrative entities.

To promote post-award success, upon award receipt, the IUP RI facilitates a "kick-off" meeting with the Principal Investigator to discuss and review the mechanics of how to efficiently execute the scope of work. Compliance with federal, state, and university policies and regulations are emphasized. These meetings may include members from administration, grants accounting, purchasing, human resources, and any other areas pertinent to successful outcomes. These "kick-off" meetings assist the researcher in understanding basic requirements such as purchasing equipment, grant-funded graduate assistantships, and processing summer compensation or academic year releases.

Staying up to date with federal, state, and other agency compliance requirements for sponsored activities is one of the most important responsibilities of the IUP RI. To assist IUP in this function, the IUP RI requires staff to participate in at least one professional organization conference per year.

The IUP RI team is committed to continuous improvements to ensure researchers receive the most efficient and compliant assistance with their research endeavors. Policies, procedures, and workflow are under continual review and are modified as needed to accommodate changes to the Uniform Guidance and best practice initiatives.

External funding represents additional resources to IUP, our researchers (faculty and staff), our students, and to the larger community to include Indiana County, the State of Pennsylvania, and well beyond. Research done at or by its researchers impacts communities world-wide including Germany, Honduras, China, Guatemala, Mallorca, and Taiwan. IUP is one of only 93 public universities designated as a R2 by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching and this past year reaffirms our place in this prestigious club. How did IUP make this success a reality? At the core of our research infrastructure and successes are the exceptional faculty, staff, and students who work diligently to write proposals and successfully manage the post award activities and deliverables. Research really is part of our DNA at IUP!

As with anything, growth requires a healthy, fertile environment and an investment in time and resources. This is where the research infrastructure at IUP excels. Under the leadership of the Vice Provost for Research and Innovation, this collaboration allows the IUP RI to partner directly with the IUP Libraries, Office of Research Compliance, and the myriad of research support services each offers. At IUP, we believe the researchers should have the support needed to ensure their success – we work diligently, behind the scenes, to allow them to have time and resources needed to complete their deliverables knowing there are experts to help ensure overall compliance with purchases, invoicing, fiscal reporting, and financial accountability. That's our job! This coming year promises to include more growth and more opportunities for the entire research community as we embrace research as an institutional strategic priority.

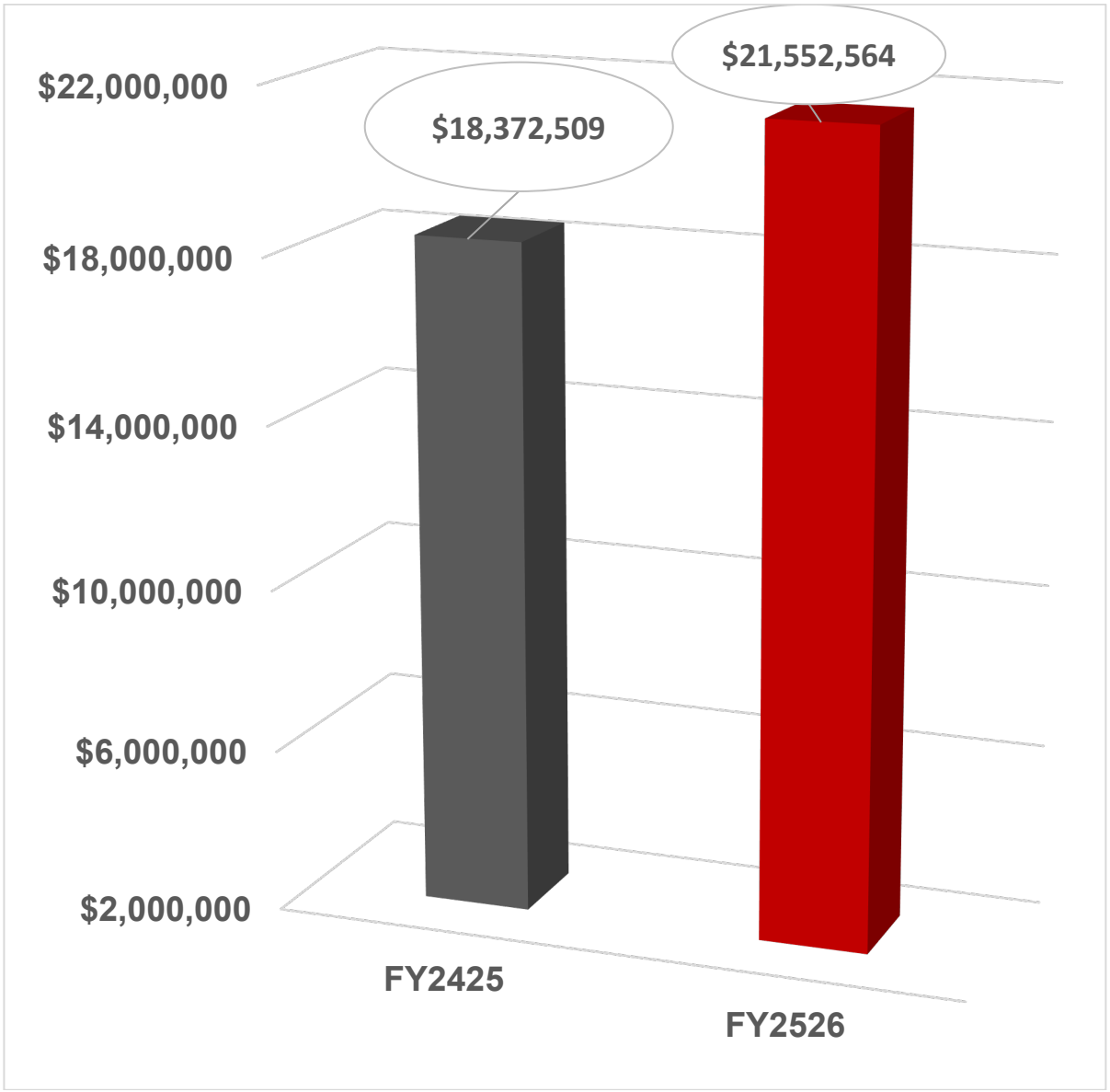
A strong dedication to scholarly growth, academic excellence, and a renewed focus on student success have been key to this year's growth and success. These commitments have proven remarkable returns on our investments. THANK YOU to all the researchers, research team members, leadership, and students who have helped make this year so memorable.

This Annual Report of Externally Sponsored Activities summarizes externally funded grants, contracts, and cooperative agreements for the year of **July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026**. This report is designed to recognize IUP faculty and staff members who dedicate their time, talents, and expertise to seek and receive external funds for their research, teaching, and creative activities. These accomplishments represent the outstanding commitment on the part of faculty and staff to advance the research, teaching, and public service missions of the University through external funding.

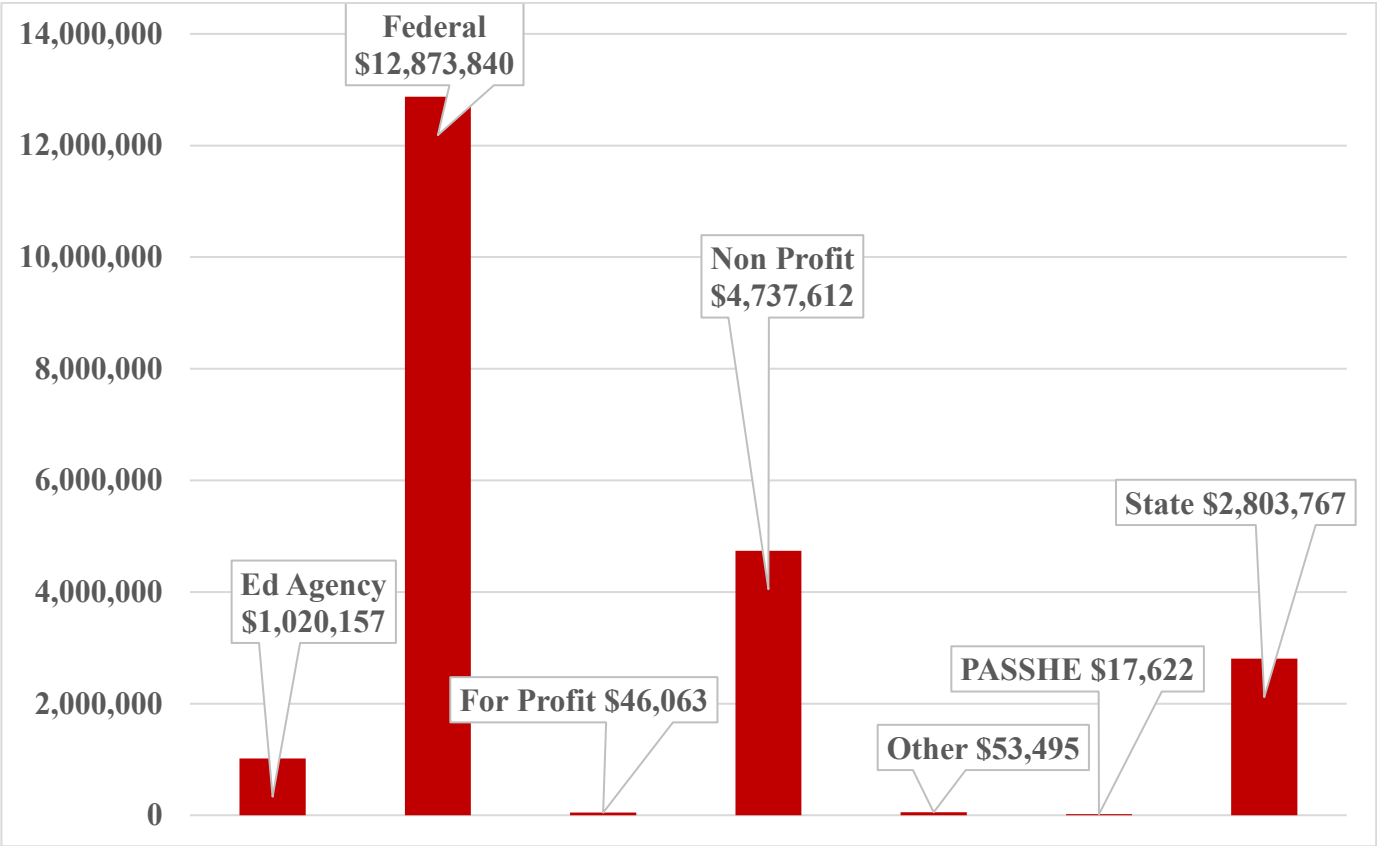
A multitude of offices, divisions, people, and efforts contribute to the success of research endeavors at IUP. Any comments, questions, or requests regarding this report should be directed to Dr. Tracy Eisenhower, Executive Director at tracye@iup.edu or 724-357-2223.

"Research is the process of going up alleys to see if they are blind." – Marston Bates

IUP Sponsored Activity Awards:
2-year comparison
FY2425 to FY2526



Awards by Originating Funding Source

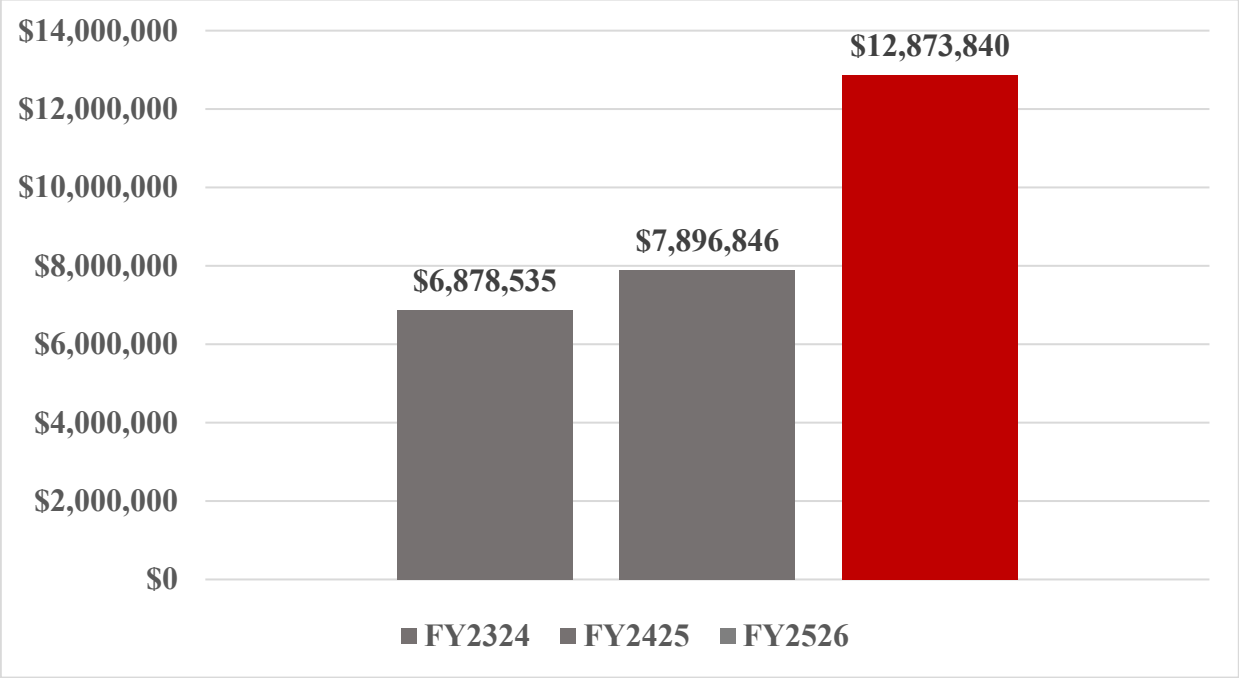


IUP received 60% of its award dollars from the federal government ($12,873,840), with the U.S. Department of Education ranking as the top federal funder at $4,737,279. The federal and state agencies combined ($15,677,607) account for 73% of IUP's externally sponsored funding in FY2526.

The top five agencies to fund IUP for FY2526 are:

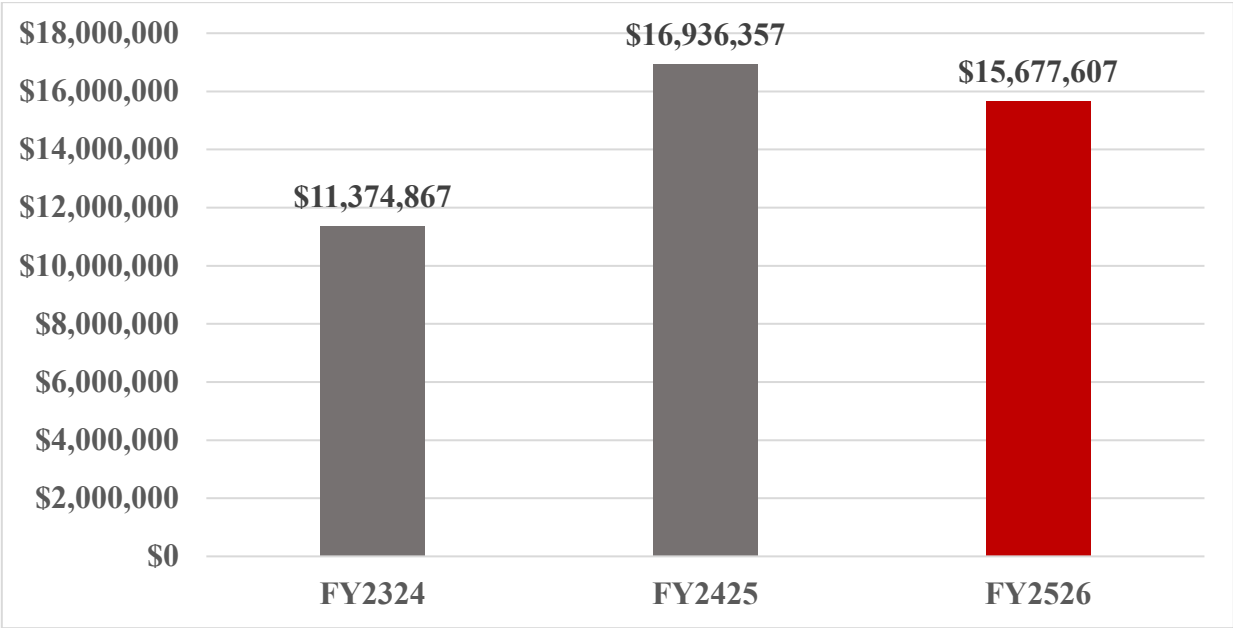
Agency	Award
U.S. Department of Education	$4,737,279
Allegheny Foundation	$4,000,000
U.S. Department of Labor	$2,856,900
Appalachian Regional Commission	$2,000,000
National Science Foundation	$1,999,979

FEDERAL AWARDS



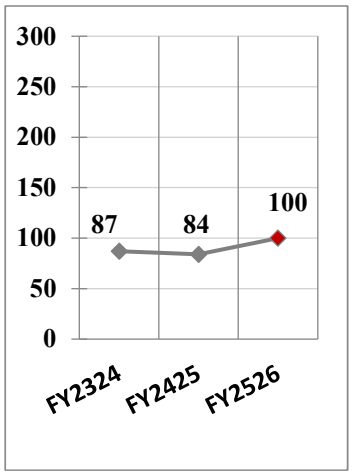
Twelve unique researchers received 17 federal awards from 11 different federal agencies for a total of $12,873,840 in FY2526.

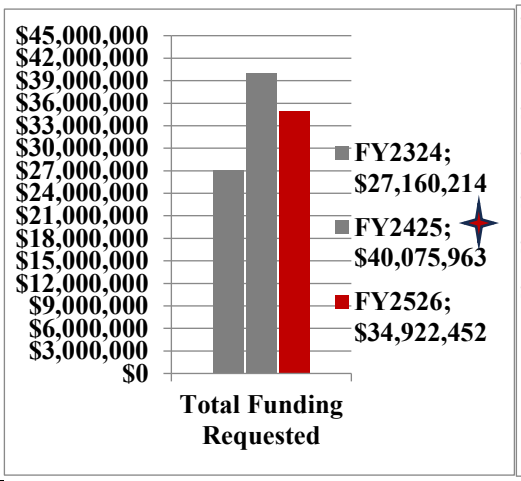
FEDERAL & STATE AWARDS (Combined) Comparison

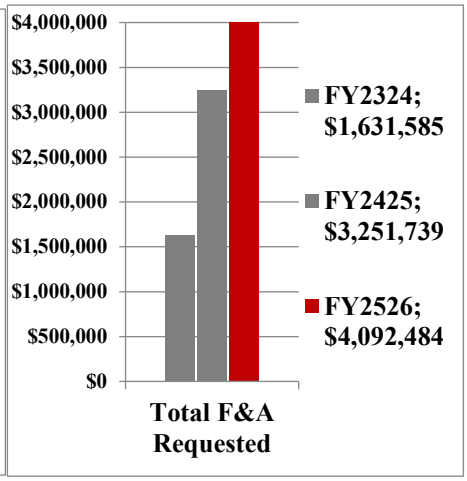


IUP FY Comparisons *(July 1 – July 31)*

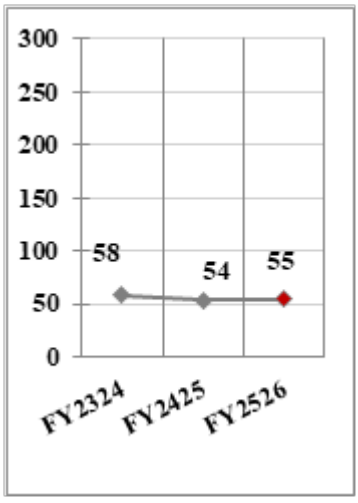
PROPOSALS SUBMITTED by deadline date

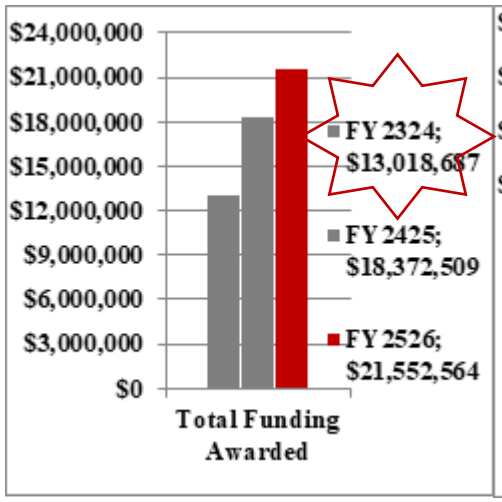


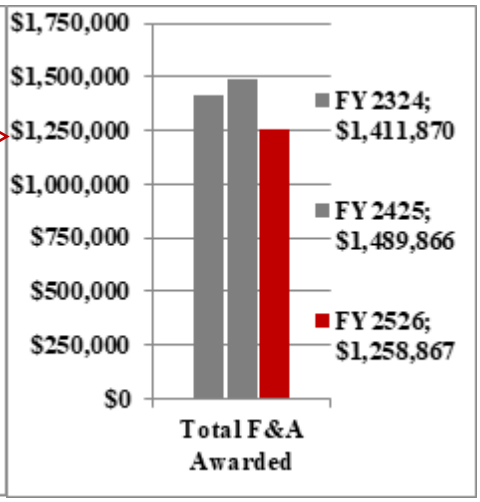




AWARDS REC'D by project start date; obligated value







IUP's Million Dollar Club for Fiscal Year 2024-2025

Kopchick College of Natural Sciences & Mathematics	$ 6,466,582
College of Education and Human Services	$3,230,375
Department of Safety Sciences and Environmental Engineering	$2,944,900
College of Arts, Humanities, Media, and Public Affairs	$2,536,650
Department of History, Philosophy, Pol Science, & Religious Studies	$2,310,915
Proposed College of Osteopathic Medicine	$2,022,000
Department of Mathematics and Computer Science	$1,999,979
College of Health Sciences	$1,744,011
Department of School Psychology, Special Education, and Sociology	$1,341,648

Nine (9) units on campus boast the honor of membership in "IUP's Million Dollar Club" for FY2526.



Colleges, Departments, Divisions, and Centers/Institutes are included individually in the "Million Dollar Club" to fully recognize all researchers contributing to the overall success of IUP's research portfolio. Therefore, for this specific chart, Departments and Centers & Institutes dollars are included in their respective college totals as well.

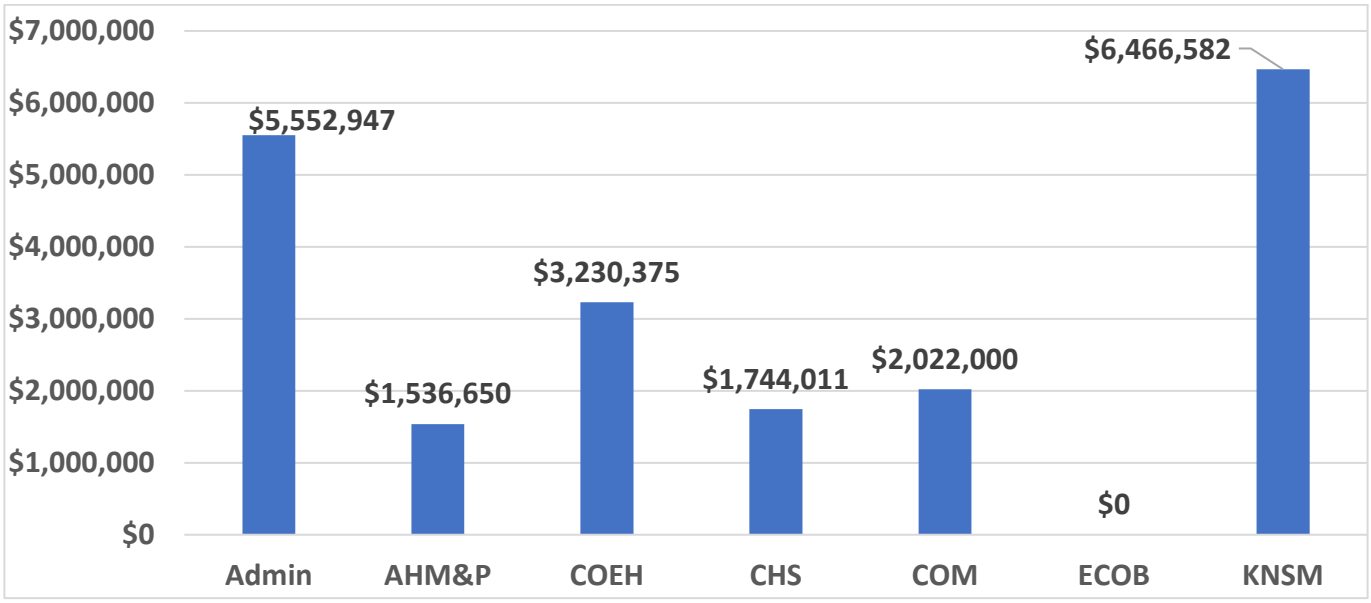


IUP's Top 10
Awards for Fiscal Year 2024-2025

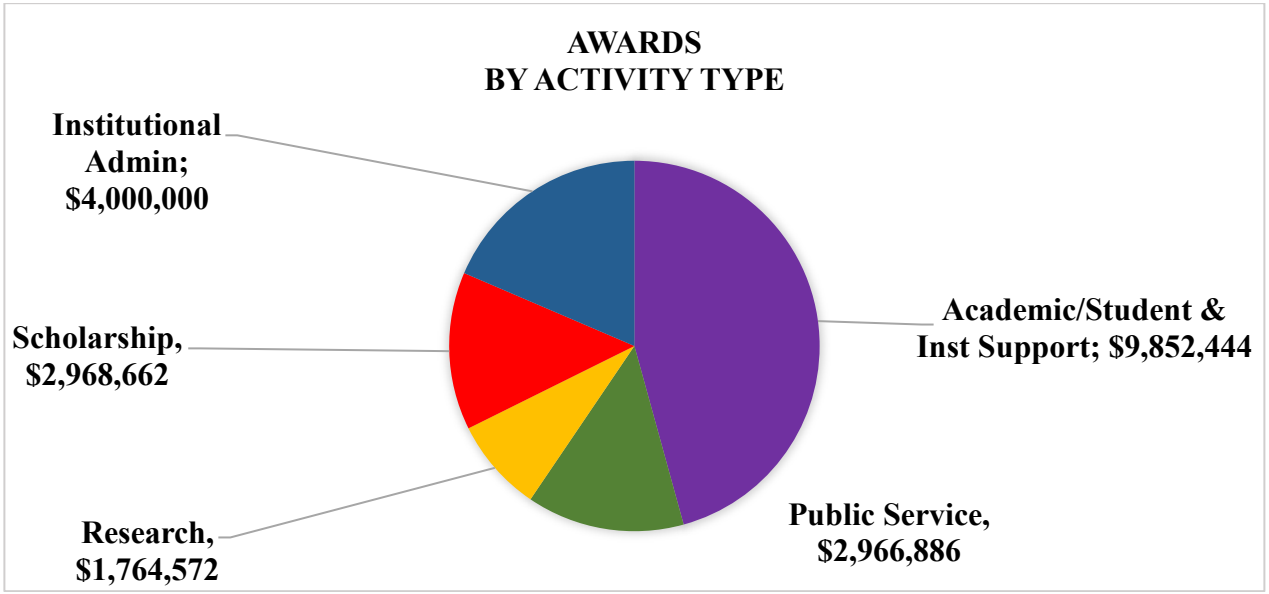
1. Torges, Gwendolyn; FIPSE Civil Discourse & Engagement	**$2,295,315**
Sponsor: U.S. Department of Education	
2. Mortenson, Luke; ARC POWER	**$2,000,000**
Sponsor: Appalachian Regional Commission	
3. Chrispell, John; NSF-SSTEM	**$1,999,979**
Sponsor: National Science Foundation	
4. Mulroy, John; Occupational Safety & Health Administration Consults	**$1,906,900**
Sponsor: U.S. Department of Labor	
5. Kappel, Alexandria; DOE-ID (A929)	**$1,341,648**
Sponsor: U.S. Department of Education	
6. Andrei, Paula; Perkins	**$1,100,316**
Sponsor: U.S. Department of Education	
7. Marin, Luz; OSHA-Susan Harwood Grant	**$ 950,000**
Sponsor: U.S. Department of Labor	
8. Racchini, Amber; PHEAA ACT101	**$ 900,000**
Sponsor: PA Higher Education Assistance Agency	
9. Robb, Meigan; DCIP	**$ 808,454**
Sponsor: PA Department of Education	
10. Farag, Waleed; Cyber Service Academy	**$ 529,683**
Sponsor: U.S. Department of Defense	

CONGRATULATIONS TO IUP'S "TOP 10"!

Awards
Academic Colleges/Divisions



admin includes $4m from Allegheny Foundation through UA



Awards by Award Type

Contracts	$714,023
Cooperative Agreements	$2,486,899
Grants	$17,739,549
Subawards	$612,093

Prime Sponsor Name	Award Total
Allegheny Foundation	$4,000,000
Alliance for Decision Education	$222,235
Anthropocene Research Center	$47,435
Appalachian Collegiate Research Initiative	$8,000
Appalachian Regional Commission	$2,000,000
Argonomic Science Foundation	$893
Cave Research Foundation	$2,500
Center for Rural Pennsylvania	$22,000
E2 Project Management	$763
Emergency Medical Services West	$0
Foundation for PA Watersheds	$19,250
Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank	$7,500
Harvard University	$15,600
Indiana Area School District	$91,986
Indiana County Endowment	$2,500
Maxwell/Hanrahan Foundation	$75,000
McElhattan Foundation	$88,000
National Fish and Wildlife Foundation	$76,600
National Science Foundation	$1,999,979
Oil Region Alliance	$0
Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute	$62,093
Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency	$771,646
Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources	$349,992
Pennsylvania Department of Corrections	$281,400
Pennsylvania Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs	$16,347
Pennsylvania Department of Education	$1,200,965
Pennsylvania Department of Transportation	$159,917
Pennsylvania Faculty Health and Welfare Fund	$1,500
Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency	$900,000
Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education	$17,622
Richard King Mellon Foundation	$157,500
Rockwall Solutions	$10,338
Rosebud Mining	$34,962
South Carolina Department of Natural Resources	$6,060
Turtle Survival Alliance	$14,550
U.S. Department of Commerce	$199,999

U.S. Department of Defense	$529,683
U.S. Department of Education	$4,737,279
U.S. Department of Labor	$2,856,900
U.S. Department of State	$275,000
U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Educational &Cultural Affairs	$275,000
United Way of Indiana County	$1,000
University of Vermont	$12,571
Grand Total	$21,552,564