2013 Norman Campus Research Summary

Funding and Proposals

- Norman Campus research expenditures reached an all-time high of $96,176,994 in FY 2013. From FY 2009, expenditures grew 22.9%.
- Direct federal expenditures for research have increased 45.1% from FY 2009 to FY 2013, or 9.5% each year.
- Norman Campus faculty requested $403 million in proposals in FY 2013, breaking the $400 million mark for the first time. This shows increasing collective ambition in sponsored research.
- The per capita expenditure of Norman Campus Strategic Initiative hires has grown from $345,694 in FY 2010 to $437,927.70 in FY 2013, an increase of 26.7%. (Regular researcher per capita expenditures increased 7.1% over the same period.)
- Department of Defense funding has almost tripled the past four years, growing 177.2% from FY 2010 to FY 2013.
- Direct expenditures from the Department of Defense have increased from 6.2% of all federal direct expenditures to the Norman Campus in FY 2009 to 13.3% in FY 2013.

Success Rates

- Proposals submitted to commercial sponsors from FY 2010 – 2012 have a 53.9% success rate. Proposals submitted to State of Oklahoma sponsors for the same period enjoy a 49.9% success rate. (As of August 21, 2013)
- Over half of proposals submitted to NOAA (54.0%) and Interior (56.9%) from FY 2010 – 2012 have been funded. Proposals to the Department of Defense for the same period have a 41.8% success rate thus far.

Scholarship

- 1,310 Norman Campus papers were published and indexed during calendar year 2012, an all-time high.
- On average, articles published by Norman Campus researchers from 2009 to 2011 received 6.55 citations (as of August 7, 2013).

Rankings

- OU recorded the 6th highest level of R & D expenditures in the atmospheric sciences among American higher education institutions in FY 2011.
• OU recorded the 19th highest level of R & D expenditures in the environmental sciences among American higher education institutions in FY 2011.

• OU recorded the 31st highest level of R & D expenditures in chemical engineering among American higher education institutions in FY 2011.

• OU recorded the 34th highest level of R & D expenditures in education among American higher education institutions in FY 2011.

• OU recorded the 47th highest level of R & D expenditures in political science among American higher education institutions in FY 2011.

• According to Shanghai Jiao Tong University, OU faculty performance ranks between 76th and 100th in the world in both the social sciences and economics/business areas of scholarship.

• The Library and Information Sciences graduate program is ranked 24th in the country by U.S. News and World Report for 2013.

• OU is ranked 46th among all public national universities by U.S. News and World Report for 2013.

Faculty Honors (Partial List)

• Senior Vice Provost and Associate Professor of Classics and Letters Kyle Harper was selected as a Guggenheim Fellow by the John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation, one of the country’s highest recognitions for midcareer scholars in the sciences, humanities, and the creative arts. Dr. Harper joins Linda Zagzebski, Department of Philosophy, and Donna Nelson, Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry, as Norman Campus winners of this prestigious fellowship.

• The Council for the International Exchange of Scholars named three Norman Campus faculty members as U.S. Fulbright Scholars for 2012-2013: Mary Sue Backus, College of Law; Alan McPherson, Department of History; and David Vishanoff, Religious Studies Program.

• Professor Edgar Heap of Birds of the Department of Art and Art History was selected as one of eight visual artists (out of 50 creative professionals) to be a USA Fellow by United States Artists.

• Seven active faculty members are American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) Fellows. They include Madeleine Cunningham, Department of Microbiology and Immunology, College of Medicine; Donna Nelson, Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry; Michael Mares, Sam Noble Oklahoma Museum of Natural History; Thomas Ray, Department of Biology; Krishnaiyan Thulasiraman, Computer Science; Gordon Uno, Department of Microbiology and Plant Biology; and Jizhong Zhou, Department of Microbiology and Plant Biology.