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Wayne State University has a rich and diverse environment that provides faculty and student opportunities to achieve their dreams and goals. Research, scholarship and creative activity are the foundation of our achievements, providing our students an enhanced university experience that ultimately prepares them to be our future leaders, scientists, health professionals, artists, educators and entrepreneurs. Our faculty transform not only the lives of our students, but also those of the people in Detroit, Michigan and around the world with groundbreaking ideas and discoveries that lead to new ways of living.
This past year marked strong performances in research activity. Wayne State’s total research awards reached over $182 million and total research expenditures were nearly $254.5 million. Of the current active awards, 158 have anticipated totals of $1 million or more.

In a time of increasing competitiveness for funds to support research and a difficult economy, Wayne State University faculty continue to be successful in their quest for investment in their important work. Through their creativity, discoveries and collaborations, Wayne State faculty continue their commitment to improving the lives of others in our community and across the globe.
Wayne State University is a major contributor to the revitalization of Detroit and Michigan as we transition from a manufacturing-based market system to a global, knowledge-driven economy. Our research activities provide new opportunities for commercialization, bringing university-based intellectual property into the marketplace and creating start-up companies based on WSU research that generate new jobs, products and service innovations.

Wayne State University is committed to supporting and recognizing the research efforts of our faculty. We know that great ideas can impact the world, so it is critical that we have a strong
innovation infrastructure that leads to commercialization, entrepreneurship, and industry and job creation. All it takes
is one cutting-edge, entrepreneurial idea to stimulate the creation of major industries, like the automotive industry
which was born in Detroit.

Making connections within our institution and with industry is important for taking great ideas to a level that
makes a real-world impact. Over the past year, WSU’s technology commercialization efforts have begun initiatives
to link people, knowledge and commercial opportunities. Our goal is to position WSU as an innovation partner of
choice. We are committed to building on our successes with new initiatives and investment to spur further research,
commercialization and economic opportunities.

This issue of New Science provides examples of WSU’s commercialization efforts, and we look forward to the future as
our faculty continue to develop promising new technologies and ideas that will benefit our community and beyond.