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Wayne State University is home to leading researchers and scholars who are committed to improving our world. Through exceptional research, scholarship and creative activity, our faculty contribute significantly to the excellence of our diverse institution, improve the quality of life in the region and nation and provide an outstanding educational experience for our students.

WSU has many strengths related to research, scholarship and creative activity, reflecting our rich history and long tradition of innovation in addressing urban issues, enhancing urban communities, developing new technologies and drawing upon the broad diversity of our faculty and students to bring new perspectives to the arts and humanities. These strengths reflect our dual designation as a Carnegie “Very High Research” and “Community Engagement” University, which describes a select few public urban institutions.

Sponsored program research support is an integral part of WSU’s research portfolio, and continues to increase even during these difficult economic times. Through creative scholarship, collaboration and discovery of new ideas, Wayne State faculty contribute to improving our community and our contemporary world.

Total Research Expenditures for Science & Engineering Fields

(Dollars in Thousands)

Research expenditure totals for all fields including non science and engineering fields are $238.7 million in FY2007, $253.6 million in FY2008 and $257.2 million in FY2009.

In FY2009 Wayne State University recorded a historic high in research expenditures for science and engineering fields of more than $251.8 million. This represents an increase of more than 6.6 percent ($16.6 million) in comparison to FY2007’s total of $235.2 million.
Wayne State faculty are enhancing their interdisciplinary approach to research through increased collaborations across campus and beyond. Through their efforts and improved research administrative processes, research awards in FY2009 grew by nearly $10 million to $174.9 million with more than 1114 active awards.

The majority of these awards – 79.4 percent – or nearly $139 million – were sponsored by the federal government.