

UCSD ranks third among colleges in the amount of money given for research and development

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University of California, San Diego ranks third among all colleges and universities in the U.S. in the total amount of money designated for research and development, according to a new report from the National Science Foundation.

According to the NSF report, UC San Diego budgeted \$76,898,000 for research and development during 1975, a 14.4 per cent increase over 1974. The University of Wisconsin (Madison) ranked first with a total of \$95,436,000 spent on R&D and Massachusetts Institute of Technology ranked second with a total expenditure of \$84,668,000.

The majority of the UC San Diego increase, some \$8 million, came from federal funds. In fact, in a separate ranking listing only the total federal funds budgeted by each campus for research and development, the San Diego campus ranked second with an expenditure of \$69,032,000. MIT ranked first in this category with a budgeted expenditure of \$96,599,000 and Stanford University ranked third with an expenditure of \$59,640,000 for 1975.

According to the report, R&D expenditures at all U.S. universities and colleges totaled \$3.4 billion in 1975, a 12 per cent increase over 1974. The major factor for the increase was a 13 per cent growth in federal support of academic research and development spending.

R&D expenditures in public universities and colleges, such as UC San Diego, jumped 14 per cent in current dollars in 1975, while private institutions reported a 9 per cent gain. In public institutions, R&D spending increased in every field of science, with the largest increase - 19 per cent - in the life sciences.

In private institutions R&D expenditures increased in four of the seven major fields of science - engineering, and the physical, mathematical and life sciences. Expenditures decreased for social and environmental sciences and for psychology.

Following UC San Diego in the ranking were: the University of Michigan, ranked 4th; the University of Minnesota, 5th; Columbia University, 6th; Stanford University, 7th; the University of Washington, 8th; UC Berkeley, 9th, and Harvard University, 10th.

Three University of California campuses, in addition to UC San Diego were listed among the top 20 universities by the NSF report. UC Berkeley ranked 9th with a total expenditure of \$65,087,000; UCLA ranked 13th with a total expenditure of \$57,831,000, and UC San Francisco ranked 16th with a total expenditure of \$43,261,000.

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