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Office of the Vice President for Research and Dean of the Graduate School

Spotlight

UMaine’s advancement as a modern 21st-century research university continues with another remarkable year

Dear Colleagues,

I am delighted to inform you that for the fourth consecutive year, UMaine’s research enterprise has achieved all-time high record levels in growth and impact, as measured by multiple indicators, including R&D funding received and expended.

In the fiscal year 2023, the total R&D funding received from external sources has reached $189.7 million, as compared to $147.8 million for fiscal year 2022, resulting in a 28% increase over the previous year and 108% increase over five years; and, the total R&D expenditures have reached $245.7 million,
as compared to $225.1 million for fiscal year 2022, resulting in a 9.2% increase over the previous year and 78% increase over 5 years.

In both cases these are all-time high records for the university and indicative of the ongoing growth of the university's research enterprise. This continued stellar performance by the university community will contribute to UMaine retaining its Carnegie R1 Classification, as a doctoral university with very high research activity. This classification is a well-accepted standard of excellence for nationally-recognized top-tier research universities and confirms UMaine’s advancement as a modern 21st-century research university of global impact and local relevance. Currently, only 3.7% of the degree-granting postsecondary institutions in the U.S. have the Carnegie R1 Classification.

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University of Maine Arts Initiative Call for Proposals

The University of Maine Arts Initiative is pleased to announce a competitive seed grant program to create and enhance collaborations across the arts at the University of Maine and University of Maine at Machias. These grants, ranging from $5,000 to $10,000, support diverse projects that promote inclusivity, sustainability, and equity.

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