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MESSAGE FROM THE PROVOST

Seattle University is a professional learning community dedicated to ongoing growth and improvement, and this annual report is a testament to that mission. Over the past several years, the Office of Research and Sponsored Projects (ORSP) has adapted and responded to the expanding needs of Seattle University's research landscape, delivering creative solutions and navigating our community's expanding services and programs.

Perpetual growth requires a nimble ability to foster collaboration and amplify institutional capacity to support mission-critical programs and manage the complexities of sponsored projects. I am truly excited by the work of ORSP over the past year—and grateful for our faculty and staff who continue to conduct innovative research with skillful enthusiasm, seek new approaches to curriculum, empower student experiences and engage with community and industry partners. In the following annual report, you will find details of the impactful projects supported by the office over the past year. As you read, I hope you will join me in applauding the ORSP team for leading transformational growth in sponsored projects and are inspired to contact them for more external research funding information.

With much gratitude,

Dr. Shane Martin
Provost

MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

Fiscal year 2025 has been a remarkable one for the Office of Research and Sponsored Projects (ORSP), marked by continued momentum in advancing our mission to foster a vibrant culture of research and grant-seeking across campus.

As reflected in this year's data, we've sustained strong growth despite shifts in the federal grantmaking landscape. Proposal submissions increased by **7%** over the previous year, and new awards rose by an impressive **12%**. Our proposal success rate held steady at **54%** for proposals with known outcomes, and the **average award size grew by 23%** compared to FY24—an encouraging sign of the value and impact of our faculty's work.

We were especially proud to co-host the **first annual Scholarship Symposium** in February, in partnership with the Office of the Provost and our research-focused colleagues from the Center for Faculty Development, Office of Undergraduate Research, Institutional Review Board and Office of Research and the Lemieux Library & McGoldrick Learning Commons. With over **80 attendees**, the event showcased the depth and diversity of SU's scholarship services and support and reinforced our shared commitment to collaboration and academic excellence.

Finally, we're excited to welcome our new colleagues from **Cornish College of the Arts**, along with Nick Cail, who joins ORSP to support Seattle University's growing portfolio of arts-related funding. Please enjoy this year's annual report celebrating our collective success during FY24-25 and the diversification of services and sponsored projects supported by the ORSP team.

Cheers,

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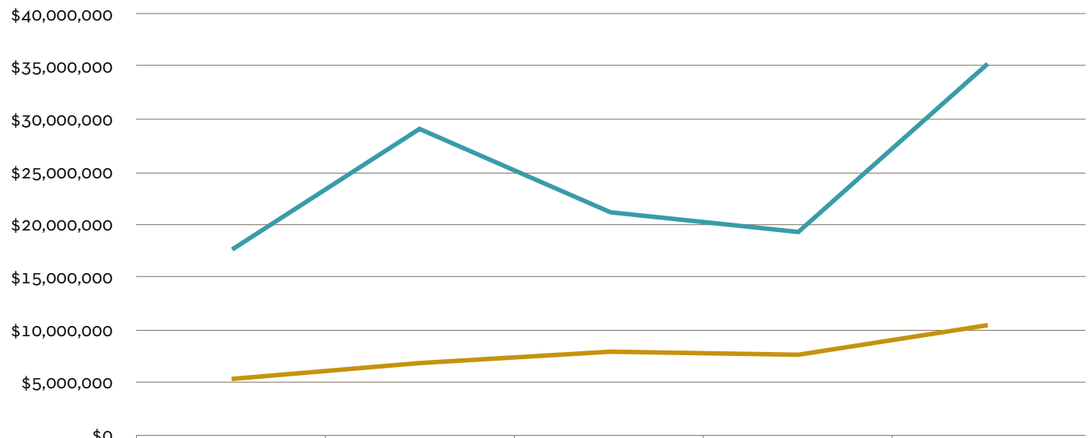
FIVE-YEAR OVERVIEW

Five-Year Comparison of Funding Requested and Awarded

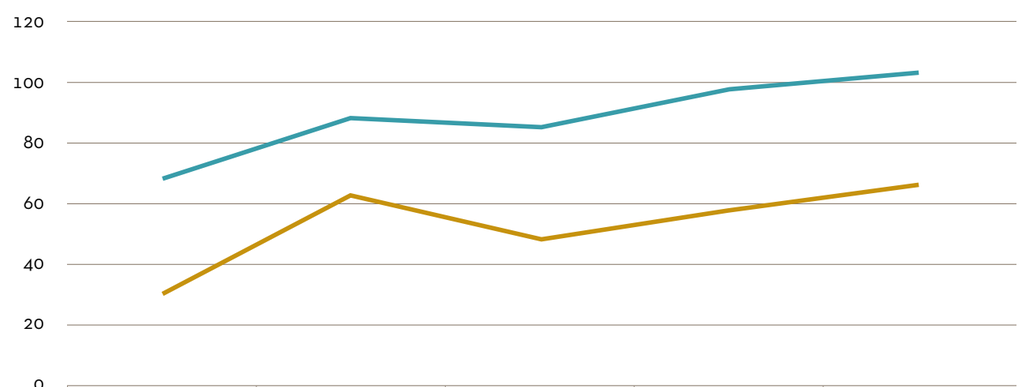
FY 2021–2025



	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25
funds requested	$17,093,415	$29,012,800	$22,356,370	$19,562,671	$35,020,931
funds awarded	$5,021,498	$6,798,567	$7,948,316	$7,836,655	$10,949,651

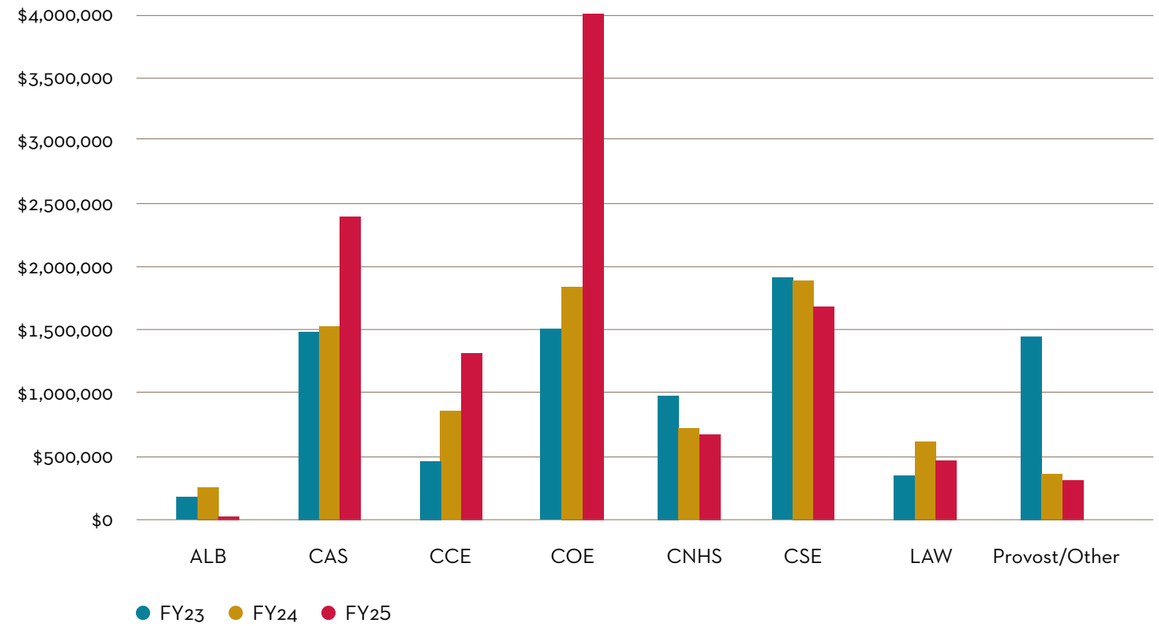
Five-Year Comparison of Proposals Submitted and Awards

FY 2021–2025



	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25
total submissions	68	87	85	97	104
total awards	30	64	49	57	65

THREE-YEAR COMPARISON OF FUNDS RECEIVED BY COLLEGE/DIVISION



54% 54% success rate for FY25 submissions (with known outcome)

23% 23% growth in average award size since FY24

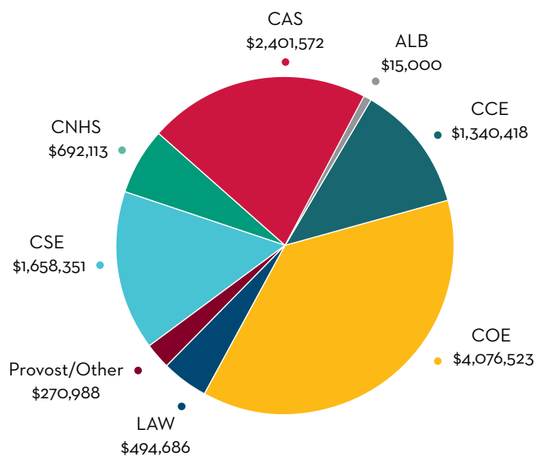
79% 79% growth in funds requested since FY21

53% 53% increase in proposals in the last five years

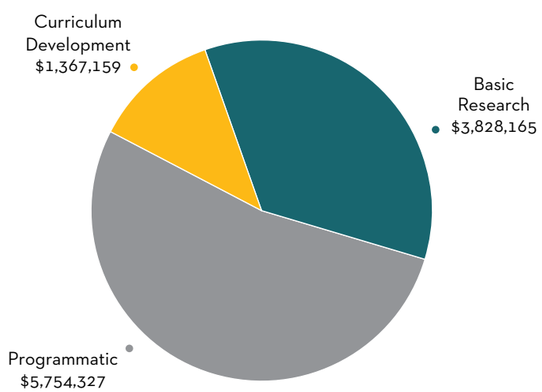
$67MM Awarded nearly $67MM in funds in the last 10 years

2024–2025 FUNDING AT A GLANCE

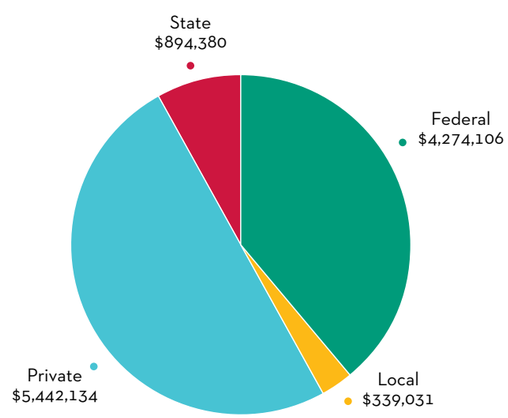
FY25 Funding by College/Division



FY25 Funding by Project Type



FY25 Funding by Sponsor Type



"ORSP takes the time to understand the projects they support from an academic/philosophical standpoint. They do far more than just effectively facilitate grant applications; they engage the content and research of the project so they can best help us fold our work into the fundable language expected by granters.

Eric Severson
Associate Teaching Professor of Philosophy

ACADEMIC SAFETY / ADAPTING TO CHANGE

Academic Safety aims to respond to the needs of campus and adapt to internal and external changes affecting safety. Changes in the regulatory landscape in FY25 included new Environmental Protection Agency laws affecting the use of specific chemicals on campus and a new National Institutes of Health policy encouraging transparency in biological research.

FY25 HIGHLIGHTS

SAFETY DATA SHEETS

- SDSs for chemicals in the CampusOptics inventory are now available electronically, and paper versions are no longer required.
- Contact Breena Stoner (bstoner@seattleu.edu) for help uploading chemical inventories to CampusOptics.

EPA'S TOXIC SUBSTANCES CONTROL ACT

- New rules cover the use of specific chemicals, including dichloromethane and carbon tetrachloride.
- Exposure monitoring for laboratory use of dichloromethane was conducted in Spring 2025.
- Non-laboratory use of these chemicals is now restricted.
- Resources are available on the Academic Safety Redhawk Hub page.

INSTITUTIONAL BIOSAFETY COMMITTEE

- Forms are available for registration of projects involving recombinant or synthetic nucleic acids and biohazardous materials.
- Minutes will be posted publicly as available to align with new NIH requirements.

SAFETY EQUIPMENT FUNDING PROGRAM

- In FY25, 6 requests for funding were submitted by 4 departments with nearly $700 awarded.
- Two-thirds of requests were for self-identified improvements to safety, and the others were for new processes, procedures or equipment.
- Purchases funded this year include:
  - Reusable PPE (safety glasses, work gloves, hard hats)
  - Chemical storage solutions for acutely toxic materials
  - Blade guards

SAFETY TRAINING

- Employee Safety Orientation was updated in EngageSU.
- Summer Lab Safety training was revised to focus on undergraduate research and increase interactivity.
- Bloodborne pathogens and biosafety trainings were provided to CNHS and CSE audiences.

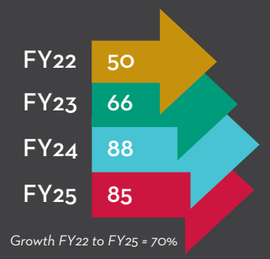
"Breena Stoner has been perhaps the most helpful colleague while I have been at SU."

Jillian Neault
Storeroom, Hazardous Materials and Instrument Manager
College of Science & Engineering

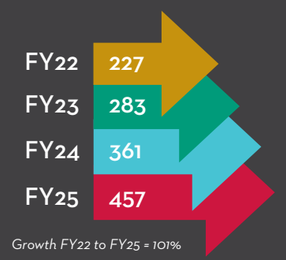
"ORSP provided detailed support in meeting coordination, budget and a checklist to keep us on track. In addition, they attended several webinars offered by the sponsor and brought that information to the team to enhance the quality of the proposal. They supported smooth and effective interactions among ORSP, CFR and the faculty team.

Jenny Loertscher
Interim Dean of the College of Science & Engineering
Professor of Chemistry

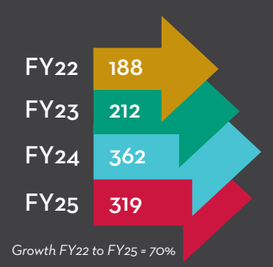
FY25 Statistics



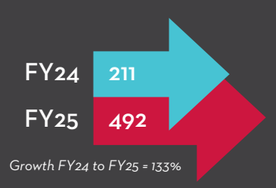
Meetings with faculty and staff to discuss their scholarship and possible funding opportunities



Meetings with faculty and staff about their proposals



Consultations with faculty about their award management



Post award transactions processed by ORSP

2025 ORSP ADVISORY COUNCIL

Many thanks to the 2024-25 ORSP Advisory Council members who have provided critical support and insight to guide ORSP initiatives and programs and who have worked to advance scholarship more broadly at Seattle University.

Deborah Ahrens | School of Law

David Fainstein | College of Education

Yen-Lin Han | College of Science & Engineering

Brittany Heintz Walters | College of Arts & Sciences

Brett Kaiser | College of Science & Engineering

Henry Louie | College of Science & Engineering

Eunice Rhee | Albers School of Business & Economics

Nova Robinson | College of Arts & Sciences

Alic Shook | College of Nursing & Health Sciences

Randy Souza | College of Arts & Sciences

Yen Tran | Lemieux Library & McGoldrick Learning Commons

Benjamin White | College of Nursing & Health Sciences

FY25 ORSP EVENTS/ LIGHTNING TALKS

SUMMER QUARTER

- Summer Research Coffee Breaks

FALL QUARTER

- Provost's Faculty Fellowship Info Session & Lightning Talks with **Kristen Skogerboe** (Science & Engineering), **Chengxin Xu** (Arts & Sciences), **Cathy Cao** (Albers) and **Dan Coren** (Arts & Sciences)
- Grant Management 101
- Research @ SU 101: Understanding the Resources Available to Support Scholarship at SU
- Faculty Research Lightning Talks featuring **Yen-Lin Han** (Science & Engineering), **Alic Shook** (Nursing & Health Sciences), **Elizabeth Ford** (Law), **Fade Eadeh** (Arts & Sciences), **Paige Gardner** (Education) and **Nick Huntington-Klein** (Albers)

WINTER QUARTER

- Essentials of Proposal Development
- **Faculty Panel Discussion:** Lessons Learned from Project Directors of 'Programmatic' Grants with **Hazel Hahn** (Arts & Sciences), **Mark Jordan** (Science & Engineering), **Jason Parkin** (Education) and **Cortney Tassone** (Nursing & Health Sciences)
- Faculty Scholarship Symposium

FACULTY RESEARCH LIGHTNING TALKS

Browse the Faculty Lightning Talks Collections

FY25 FUNDING BREAKDOWN

The table below details new awards in FY25, as well as previously funded awards that received additional funding to continue their projects.

Principal Investigators (PIs) are from all areas on campus and include administrators; staff; and term, tenure-track and tenured faculty. Asterisk (*) indicates first-time PI.

Principal Investigator	*Sponsor*	*Project Title*	*$ Award Amount*
Albers School of Business & Economics			
Janie Ng	City of Seattle Office of Economic Development	12th Avenue Revitalization Group Project	*$15,000*
Center for Community Engagement			
LaKesha Kimbrough	Play Without Limits Project, Inc.	Play Without Limits Project	*$10,000*
LaKesha Kimbrough and Lupita Torrez	Denise Louie Education Center	Fostering Kindergarten Readiness	*$20,000*
LaKesha Kimbrough	Liberty Mutual Foundation & Safeco Insurance Fund	Seattle University Youth Initiative Academic Mentoring Program 2024	*$25,000*
LaKesha Kimbrough	Seattle Public Schools Families, Education, Preschool and Promise Levy	Seattle University Youth Initiative Washington Middle School Redhawk Academic Mentoring	*$25,000*
Kent Koth	Shinnyo-en Foundation	Engagement and Opportunity Project	*$20,000*
Kent Koth	Seattle Foundation	Yesler Terrace Legacy Commitment	*$742,541*
Cecilia Morales, Hillary Hawley (CAS) and Rebecca McNamara (CAS)*	Arthur Vining Davis Foundations	Curriculum of Place: A Model for Experiential Learning Across the Student Experience	*$497,877*
College of Arts & Sciences			
John Armstrong	American Political Science Association	Cities as Climate Leaders: Adapting the Multi-Level Perspective Framework to Assess Enactment of Low-Carbon Transition Policies	*$2,500*
Mary Kay Brennan	University of Washington (U.S. Department of Education)	Workforce for Student Wellbeing (WSW) Initiative in Washington State	*$125,000*
Mary Kay Brennan	University of Washington (The Ballmer Group)	Behavioral Health Workforce Development Initiative	*$432,350*
Tam Dinh, Christie Eppler and Jonnae Tillman (CON)*	Health Resources and Services Administration	Achieving Optimal Childhood, Adolescence and Young Adulthood (A-OCAY): An integrated, holistic, and community-engaged model for interprofessional behavioral health workforce education and training in the Evergreen State	*$584,858*
Fade Eadeh	Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Inc.	All We are Saying, Is Give Peace a Chance: The Effects of Environmental and Fiscal Costs to War Impact Support for Anti-war Policies	*$625*
Carlyn Ferrari	American Council of Learned Societies	In Search of Their Gardens	*$15,000*
Jacqueline Helfgott and Matt Hickman	City of Seattle	Rainier Beach – A Beautiful, Safe Place for Youth Evaluation	*$27,482*
Jacqueline Helfgott and Matt Hickman	City of Seattle	Seattle Police Department Mico-Community Policy Plans – Little Saigon	*$50,585*
Jacqueline Helfgott	City of Seattle	Seattle Police Department Micro-community Policing Plans	*$94,675*
Jacqueline Helfgott	City of Seattle	Before the Badge (BTB) Longitudinal Evaluation	*$36,895*
Jacqueline Helfgott	City of Seattle	Before the Badge (BTB) Community-Police Dialogues	*$24,496*

Principal Investigator	*Sponsor*	*Project Title*	*$ Award Amount*
Matt Hickman	State of Washington	Washington State Law Enforcement Use of Force Data Program	*$196,348*
Bridget Joyner-Carpanini*	Engagement Scholarship Consortium	A Mixed Methods Study of Critical Community-Engaged Learning in Criminal Justice: An Examination of Methodology & Preliminary Results	*$5,000*
Robin Reich*	Medieval Academy of America	Medieval Joy Event and Undergraduate Conference	*$5,000*
Eric Severson*, Lydia Cooper* and Hillary Hawley*	Program for Leadership at Wake Forest University	Character at the Core: Building Capacity and Community at Seattle University	*$499,758*
Charles Tung and Susan Meyers	University of Montana (U.S. Department of State)	Study of the U.S. Institutes for Scholars on US Culture, Identity, and Society	*$301,000*
College of Education			
Carol Adams*	Braitmayer Foundation	Building Capacity to Transform Education for Multilingual Students through Project-Based Learning	*$44,832*
Charisse Cowan Pitre, Carol Adams, Shane Pisani* and Kerry Soo Von Esch	U.S. Department of Education	Project STRIDE (Sustaining Teachers through Responsiveness, Inclusion, Diversity, and Equity)	*$291,832*
Cynthia Dillard, Carol Adams, Charisse Cowan Pitre, Paige Gardner* and Cher Edwards*	Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation	Public Education in Beloved Community Initiative (PEBCI)	*$2,210,022*
Elaine Marcinek	Washington Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI)	2024-2025 Inclusionary Practices Technical Assistance Network Project	*$474,001*
Keith Mobley	University of Washington (The Ballmer Group)	Behavioral Health Workforce Development Initiative	*$120,298*
Jason Parkin, David Fainstein and Mary Graham	U.S. Department of Education	Puget Sound Partnership to Expand and Diversify the Mental Health Service Professional Pipeline	*$856,735*
Shane Pisani	Washington State Professional Educator Standards Board	Professional Education Advisory Boards	*$3,043*
Kerry Soo Von Esch	University of Washington (James S. McDonnell Foundation)	Promoting Asset-Based Science Teaching for Emergent Language Learners (PASTEL)	*$75,760*
College of Nursing & Health Sciences			
Bonnie Bowie	Health Resources and Services Administration	Thriving under the Evergreens and Big Sky: Optimizing Primary, Mental and Maternal Health Care Options in the Northwest	*$646,441*
Butch de Castro	University of California, Los Angeles (National Institutes of Health)	Longitudinal Study of Sleep Deficiency Mechanisms Among Filipino Migrants	*$13,903*
Alic Shook	Seattle Children's Hospital (National Institutes of Health)	Using Youth-Engaged Methods to Develop a Technology-Based Sexual Education Intervention for Transgender and Gender Expansive Youth	*$31,769*
College of Science & Engineering			
Jeff Boersema	Sandia National Laboratories	Identifying KO-Classes of Spheres and Tori	*$49,455*
John Carter	American Mathematical Society & Simons Foundation	Mathematical Models of Waves on Deep and Shallow Water	*$10,800*
Braxton Cuneo	Oregon State University (National Nuclear Security Administration)	CEMeNT: Center for Exascale Monte Carlo Neutron Transport: A PSAAP-III Focused Investigatory Center	*$54,879*

Principal Investigator	Sponsor	Project Title	$ Award Amount
College of Science & Engineering, cont.			
Brian Fischer*	Albert Einstein College of Medicine (National Institutes of Health)	CRCNS: US-Israel: To Elucidate Fundamental Mechanisms of Transformed Saliency Map to Non-Topographic Neural Coding in the Ascending Visual-Auditory Pathways of Barn Owls	*$64,366*
Brian Fischer	Albert Einstein College of Medicine (National Institutes of Health)	Coding of Auditory Space in the Avian Brain	*$17,266*
Katherine Frato	Washington Research Foundation	Seattle University Mini Accelerator Workshop & Expanded Summer Innovation Fellows Program	*$100,000*
Joanne Hughes	National Science Foundation	Collaborative Research: RUI: The Disintegration of Clusters and their Contribution to the Metal-poor Bulge	*$105,646*
Prerna Juneja	National Science Foundation	CRII: HCC: RUI: Exploring the Dynamics and Quality of Interactions with AI Companion Applications	*$174,999*
Wesley Lauer, Shiny Abraham and Teodora Shuman	American Society for Engineering Education (ASEE)	ASEE Engineering for One Planet (EOP) Mini-Grant Program	*$8,000*
Wesley Lauer	Seattle City Light	Skagit Reach 5B67A Sediment Study	*$29,898*
Agnieszka Miguel	National Science Foundation	Extending the Impact: Redefining Electrical and Computer Engineering Faculty Through Inclusive Mentoring Hubs (iREDEFINE i2mHubs)	*$800,000*
Shen Ren	University of Washington (Andy Hill CARE Fund)	Development of Novel Electromagnetic Rewarming Technology for Urgent and Unmet Needs in the Cryopreservation of Therapeutic Cells	*$45,365*
Shen Ren	Washington Research Foundation	Scale-up of a Single-mode Electromagnetic Resonant (SMER) Technology to Enable Long-term Organ Preservation	*$109,587*
Jennifer Sorensen	National Science Foundation	Collaborative Research: Racial Equity in STEM Starts with Teacher Education	*$88,080*
Provost/Other			
Lydia Cooper, Eric Severson* and Beatrice Lawrence (CAS)	Interfaith America	The Core of our Core: Civic Pluralism in the "Jesuit Core" of Seattle University's New Undergraduate Core	*$10,000*
Luke Lavin*	Council of Independent Colleges	NetVUE Grants for Fostering Leadership for Communities of Faith: Vocational Formation in Seattle Catholic Schools	*$40,000*
Kara Markell	Alfred & Tillie Shemanski Testamentary Trust	Seattle University Center for Ecumenical and Interreligious Engagement	*$27,000*
Bobby Matthews*	Sport at the Service of Humanity Foundation	The Redhawk Experience (TREx)	*$10,000*
Colleen Montoya Barbano	Alfred & Tillie Shemanski Testamentary Trust	Seattle University Fostering Scholars Student Support	*$60,000*
Elijah Nerger*	Washington State Department of Commerce	Seattle University Clean Building Performance Grant	*$119,988*
Mia Stroutsos*	Washington Campus Coalition (WACC)	WACC 24-25 Civic Fellowships	*$4,000*

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School of Law			
Maggie Chon*	U.S. Patent and Trademark Office	Washington State/TILE Patent Pro Bono Hub	*$26,000*
Margaret Fisher	U.S. District Court	Judicial Institute for Teachers 2024 -2025	*$37,877*
Margaret Fisher	City of Seattle Municipal Court	Youth Court 2023-2025	*$5,000*
Paul Holland	Skagit Legal Aid (Legal Foundation of Washington)	Coast Salish Tribal Practice Clinic	*$241,524*
Paul Holland	Washington State Office of Public Defense	Tribal Court Practice Clinic	*$80,000*
Paul Holland	Pacific Hospital Preservation & Development Authority	Health Policy and Advocacy Clinic	*$30,000*
Lily Su	Washington State Bar Association	Moderate Means Program Assessment and Redesign Project	*$41,285*
Lily Su	John Paul Stevens Foundation	John Paul Stevens Fellowship Program	*$12,000*
Lily Su	Washington State Office of Civil Legal Aid	Public Interest Law Foundation Scholarship Program for King County Bar Association Housing Justice Project	*$21,000*

TOTAL NEW FUNDING: $10,949,651

$2,326,306

Amount of student scholarships awarded in FY25 from sponsored projects, up 37% from FY24

FY25 PROPOSALS

The below details new proposals submitted, as well as Letters of Intent requiring institutional approval.

*Indicates first-time proposer

Albers School of Business & Economics

Colin Lopez – International Center for Responsible Gaming
Janie Ng – City of Seattle Office of Economic Development
Janie Ng – JPMorgan Chase Foundation
Janie Ng – Bank of America
Peter Rowan, Janie Ng and Wan Bae (CSE) – National Science Foundation
Valentina Zamora* – Internal Audit Foundation

College of Arts & Sciences

Sarah Cate – Spencer Foundation
Sarah Cate – William T. Grant Foundation
Julie Crowe and Yen-Lin Han (CSE) – National Endowment for the Humanities
Eva Dicker – Brain & Behavior Research Foundation
Eva Dicker – American Psychological Foundation
Eva Dicker* – RRF Foundation for Aging
Tam Dinh – Health Resources and Services Administration
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Jacqueline Helfgott – City of Seattle
Jacqueline Helfgott, Brooke Gialopsos, Elaine Gunnison, Li Huang and Bridget Joyner-Carpanini – Raskob Foundation for Catholic Activities
Jacqueline Helfgott and Elaine Gunnison – City of Seattle Police Department
Li Huang* – Horizon Europe
Bridget Joyner-Carpanini – Engagement Scholarship Consortium
Bridget Joyner-Carpanini – Harry F. Guggenheim Foundation
Felipe Murtinho and Tanya Hayes – CATIE (Tinker Foundation)
Christopher Paul – Carnegie Corporation of New York
Robin Reich* – Medieval Academy of America
Yasemin Sari* – Carnegie Corporation of New York
Eric Severson, Hilary Hawley and Lydia Cooper – Wake Forest University (Lilly Endowment, Inc.)
Eric Severson, Onur Bakiner, Nathan Colaner (ALB), Jennifer Fricas (CNHS) and Nate Kremer-Herman (CSE) – National Endowment for the Humanities
Rachel Turow* – University of California, Berkeley (John Templeton Foundation)

College of Education

Cynthia Dillard, Charisse Cowan Pitre, Carol Adams, Cher Edwards and Paige Gardner* – Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation
Cher Edwards, Jan Gay, Jordan Shannon and Fanghui Zhao* – Chi Sigma Iota Counseling Academic and Professional Honor Society International
Ruohan Liu* – Institute of Education Sciences
Elaine Marcinek – Washington Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction

College of Nursing & Health Sciences

Fatemeh Choupani and Mo-Kyung Sin – National Academy of Medicine
Fatemeh Choupani*, James Lee (ALB), Yuting Lin, Jila Mirlashari and Mo-Kyung Sin – a2 Collective
Fatemeh Choupani – National Institutes of Health
Butch de Castro – Pacific Hospital Preservation & Development Authority
Melissa Owen and Benjamin Hocutt* – Sigma Foundation
Melissa Owen – Health Resources and Services Administration
Kumhee Ro – Josiah Macy Jr. Foundation
Mo-Kyung Sin – Alzheimer's Association
Mo-Kyung Sin – National Institutes of Health

College of Science & Engineering

Eric Bahuaud – American Mathematical Society - Simons Foundation
Jeff Boersema – Sandia National Laboratories
Braxton Cuneo – National Nuclear Security Administration
Mohsen Dadfarnia* – U.S. Department of Energy
Katherine Frato – Washington Research Foundation
Yen-Lin Han – National Science Foundation
Prerna Juneja* – National Science Foundation
Brett Kaiser – National Institutes of Health
Brett Kaiser – M.J. Murdock Charitable Trust
Nate Kremer-Herman* and Eric Severson (CAS) – Notre Dame-IBM Tech Ethics Lab
Wesley Lauer – Seattle City Light
Wesley Lauer, Shiny Abraham and Teodora Shuman – American Society for Engineering Education
Jennifer Loertscher – Henry Luce Foundation
Henry Louie – National Science Foundation
Sheila Oh* – Henry Luce Foundation
Shen Ren – National Institutes of Health
Shen Ren – National Science Foundation
Shen Ren – Washington Research Foundation
Jhon (Paul) Smith* – National Science Foundation
Jennifer Sorensen – Spencer Foundation
Eric Watson, S.J. – National Science Foundation
Christopher Whidbey – M.J. Murdock Charitable Trust
Christopher Whidbey – National Institutes of Health
Lindsay Whitlow – National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

School of Law

Steven Bender – AccessLex
Maggie Chon* – U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
Paul Holland – Washington State Office of Public Defense
Paul Holland – Skagit Legal Aid (Legal Foundation of Washington)
Melissa Lee and Jessica Levin* – Legal Foundation of Washington
Lily Su – Washington State Bar Association
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Center for Community Engagement

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Provost/Other

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Colleen Montoya Barbano – Alfred & Tillie Shemanski Testamentary Trust
Elijah Nerger* – Washington State Department of Commerce
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Provost's Faculty Fellowships

The Office of Research and Sponsored Projects is proud to support the Provost's Faculty Fellowship (PFF) program. This program provides financial support to full-time faculty and full-time librarians who are involved in an active program of scholarship. PFF defines scholarship to include discovery, integration, application and teaching. The program provides financial support for efforts to build on previous scholarly or creative endeavors (e.g., for the writing of scholarly products or grant proposals) or to move projects in a new direction (e.g., research that could provide the basis for future grant proposals). The fellowship includes a $7,500 stipend paid during summer 2026. Awards are made based on merit as outlined in the rubric, with an intent of supporting a diverse group of faculty across disciplines, career stages and demographics.

Applications for the 2026 Provost's Faculty Fellowship program are due November 1.

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2025 PROVOST'S FACULTY FELLOWSHIP AWARDEES

John Carter, PhD, College of Science & Engineering
Mathematical Models for Tsunamis

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Unmanly Philosophy: Plato's Reimagining of Masculinity

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Corporate Prosecution and Punishment: A Focus on Compliance

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Alic Shook, PhD, College of Nursing & Health Sciences
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2025 ORSP AWARDS

• JOB WELL DONE •

Kumhee Ro

Associate Professor of Nursing & Health Sciences

For outstanding contributions made through her Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Health Policy Fellows award, concluded this year, during which she established herself as a national expert in health and healthcare workforce policy. Dr. Ro was recently recognized for her innovative work in this area by the Washington State Nurses Association 'Nurse Research Award' and by the National Organization of Nurse Practitioner Faculties 'Outstanding Policy Award.'

• PERSISTENT PROPOSER •

Sarah Cate

Associate Professor of Political Science

For her persistence to advance her research on the efforts to dismantle the "school-to-prison pipeline" and how they are reshaping education by submitting four grant proposals in just one year.

• ALL AROUND GRANTS CHAMP AWARD •

NSF S-STEM Team

Led by Mark Jordan, Associate Professor of Biology

Dr. Mark Jordan, in collaboration with Co-Investigators Jennifer Sorensen, McLean Sloughter, and Jennifer Coogan, capably leads the "SU Math and Science Scholars" program, funded through the National Science Foundation Scholarships for STEM (S-STEM), which provides low-income, academically-talented students with tuition scholarships and wrap-around academic supports. Dr. Jordan and team have been exemplary grant stewards thanks to their exceptional organizational skills, fiscal responsibility and strategic oversight, which have maximized the impact of the program.

• EMBODYING THE MISSION •

Charisse Cowan Pitre

Professor, College of Education

For embodying the mission of Seattle University and the College of Education by leading the proposal effort and now award, that will provide critical support to students and substantially increase the number of teachers well-trained and comprehensively equipped to serve in high-need or hard-to-staff schools in the greater Seattle area.

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