Executive Summary

Awards

The University of Oregon (UO) received $135.6 million from external funding sources in grants, contracts and other competitive awards for the fiscal year 2009-10 (FY10). To date, this is the highest total in sponsored funding received by the University, continuing a steady increase over the past decade with the second highest dollar value of awards received occurring in FY08 with $115.3 million.

610 awards were received by 255 Principal Investigators (PIs) in FY10. A majority (56%) of funding received by UO in FY2010 was received by the Research Centers and Institutes reporting to the Vice President for Research. The College of Education and the College of Arts and Sciences were the leading schools, receiving 25% and 14% of sponsored funding awarded in 2010, respectively.

Proposals

In FY2010, 811 proposals were submitted requesting a total $156.2 M in first-year funding, of this 69.4% of the submissions were for new funding for the University. Over 91% of the funding requested was submitted to the Federal government, either directly or via flow-through funding, including proposals for funding from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA).

The largest portion of proposal submissions in FY2010 came from Research Centers and Institutes (48% of New and Competitive Renewal Applications), followed by the College of Arts and Sciences (29%) and College of Education (14%).

Expenditures

Expenditures on approximately 994 active grants and contracts during FY10 totaled $115.6 M for direct and indirect costs. This represents a 4.8% increase in annual research expenditures for FY10 versus FY09. Expenditure totals cannot be directly compared to award totals for the same fiscal year, as awards are counted in the year in which they are received by UO but funds may be expended across multiple fiscal years. Research activities accounted for 73% of the total sponsored expenditures in FY2010, while training and other sponsored program types accounted for the remaining percentage.

Facilities and Administrative Costs

Facilities and Administrative (F&A) or indirect cost recovery totaled $19.5 M in FY10. The federally-negotiated F&A rate budgeted for research activities was 42% (other activities use different rates or do not allow F&A to be charged). Of the total $19.5 M in F&A costs recovered, 62% was reallocated directly in support of faculty as costshare or matching funds, new faculty start up costs, and other faculty research needs.