

South Dakota Workforce Development Council

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Degrees Conferred Report for FY06-FY10 Now Available

<http://www.sdbor.edu/services/policyplanning/DegreesConferred.htm>

A new report with degrees conferred in FY06 through FY10 is now available. **A copy is included for each member of the Council.** The report is organized by degree level:

- Associate degrees (yellow pages)
- Baccalaureate degrees (white pages)
- Graduate and professional degrees (green pages)

The report provides the telephone numbers of the university career centers.

Public Universities Have Nearly \$2 Billion Economic Impact

Board of Regents press release, September 20, 2010

<http://www.sdbor.edu/mediapubs/pressreleases/documents/092010Impact.pdf>

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. – The six public universities in South Dakota generate about \$1.97 billion a year in annual economic impact within the state, from a state investment of \$176 million. That is a key finding from a new research report released today that measures public higher education’s impact on the state economy.

“As a result of this first-ever system-wide study, we now are able to document the significant economic impact of the public universities in real dollars and cents,” said Jack R. Warner, the Board of Regents’ executive director and CEO. “This report confirms that our public universities contribute in vital and substantial ways to South Dakota’s economic development and quality of life,” he said.

The report was conducted by the Government Research Bureau at The University of South Dakota. Lead researcher Dr. Michael Allgrunn, an assistant professor of economics at USD’s Beacom School of Business, said the study showed the public universities directly support 5,326 full-time jobs in South Dakota. Another 9,432 jobs are located in the state because public universities generate business locally and indirectly support workers in other industries, Dr. Allgrunn said. “To put it another way, 14,758 full-time jobs in South Dakota exist because of the public university system,” he said.

Data from the public universities, combined with survey data from faculty, students, and alumni, and a dynamic regional economic model were used to estimate the impact of the public university system in South Dakota. “Where necessary, we chose to make conservative assumptions so that our estimates actually represent the lower range for the true economic impact of the public universities,” said Dr. William Anderson, director of the Government Research Bureau.

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More than 42,800 people live in South Dakota who would not be here without the public universities, according to Dr. Allgrunn's research. This includes students; faculty and staff employed by the universities and their families; as well as other workers and their families not affiliated directly with the universities, but who make a living here due to the economic activity that the public universities generate.

Other major findings from the study:

- Public universities generated \$182 million in direct economic impact through their daily operations and consumption of goods and services.
- More than \$142 million in revenue accrued to the state last year from federal and private grants and contracts for research and development projects at the public universities.
- Public university visitors added more than \$30.6 million to the South Dakota economy through off-campus spending for athletic events, performances, and other special events.
- Students paid more than \$233 million in tuition and fees to South Dakota public universities and spent an additional \$192 million on other goods and services while attending college here. All of the tuition and fee revenue and most of the other spending are lost to the state if students attended college elsewhere.

The study was sponsored by the Board of Regents. Warner said it is likely, now that baseline data have been established, that the research will be updated periodically. The full report is available from the regents' website at www.sdbor.edu.

Public Universities Engaged in Record Levels of Research

Board of Regents press release, August 10, 2010

<http://www.sdbor.edu/mediapubs/pressreleases/documents/081010Research.pdf>

PIERRE, S.D. – Total research awards to the six public universities in South Dakota exceeded \$154 million in the fiscal year that ended June 30, a record setting year for research support in the higher education system.

The amount awarded was up more than \$44 million from the previous fiscal year, according to the South Dakota Board of Regents. This 38.9 percent increase in research awards comes as the result of 1,265 research proposals submitted by the six campuses.

“Our faculty deserves the credit for this record-setting year,” said Gary Johnson, system vice president of research. “Research does not cost; rather it pays dividends to the state. Competitive research awards recognize outstanding faculty members, faculty who embrace research not just for research’s sake, but who make substantial contributions in their fields of expertise and carry new knowledge back to students in the classroom. Research also provides quality jobs and workforce experience to research associates and student assistants.”

Jack Warner, the regents' executive director and CEO agreed. “Our research awards from external funding sources, such as the federal government and private corporations, have grown considerably in recent years. The amount now received nearly equals the level of state general support that is annually appropriated for the public university system,” Warner said.

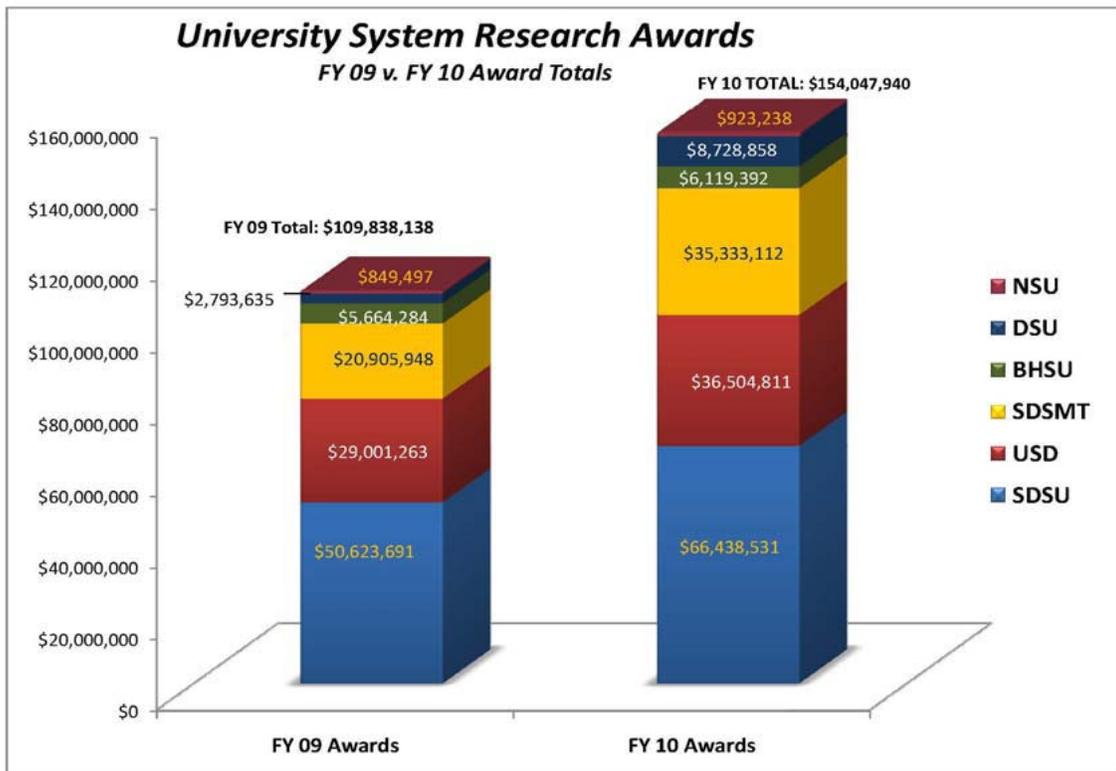
“Research is an industry all in its own right, creating quality jobs and spinning off a positive economic impact within the communities and region where university researchers live and work,” Warner said. In the

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last fiscal year for which data were available, research expenditures in South Dakota totaled \$86.3 million, resulting in an annual economic benefit to the state estimated at \$124.3 million.

Research awards reflect total value of new grants awarded to universities within a fiscal year. Many grants are actually expended over more than one year, so the amounts spent annually from grants are also tracked as expenditures. Both measures are good indicators of research activity, and South Dakota institutions are seeing significant increases in both grant awards and expenditures, regents’ officials said.

The chart included in the press release is provided below.



New Degrees and Delivery Sites Approved in August

- New Program: University of South Dakota Minor in Health Sciences. The minor will assist students interested in health-related careers.
USD Health Sciences: <http://www.usd.edu/health-sciences/health-sciences-major/index.cfm>
- Internet delivery: Dakota State University, B.B.A in Marketing
- Internet delivery: Dakota State University, Minor in Sociology
DSU online programs: <http://www.dsu.edu/disted/programs.aspx>