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Rising in the Rankings

The results are in: USF is one of the nation's fastest growing universities in terms of federal research and development expenditures. That's according to an annual survey conducted by the National Science Foundation.

■ "This is a positive sign of USF's progress toward meeting its goal of becoming a top 50 public research university in five years," USF President Judy Genshaft says. "It is a result of the faculty's hard work and dedication to research excellence. It is also a tribute to the wonderful support and funding from Congressman C.W. Bill Young."

USF broke into the prestigious group at the 71st spot as the recipient of more than \$84 million in federal research expenditures in 2003—an increase of more than 26 percent from the previous year and one of the most dramatic upward moves of institutions on the list.

The announcement follows two

other recent rankings that show USF's progress toward becoming one of the nation's top 50 public research universities.

USF is one of the nation's best institutions for undergraduate education, according to the Princeton Review, the world's leading test-prep company and publisher of *The Best 361 Colleges: 2006 Edition*, available at bookstores in late August. This is the first time USF has been included in the prestigious guide.

The Best 361 Colleges includes public and private schools, traditional and non-traditional colleges, historically black colleges and universities and science and technology-focused institutions. Rankings are based on surveys of more than 110,000 students at the schools in the book who rate their own schools and report on their campus experiences.

And for the second straight year, USF's College of Education has been ranked among the top third of education schools in the nation. *U.S. News and World Report* ranked the college 60th of 249 schools

which grant doctoral degrees in education.

The magazine ranks the schools based on a weighted average of 12 quality measures broken down into four categories: quality assessment, student selectivity, faculty resources and resource activity.

—ANN CARNEY

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Top Institutions in Federal Research-and-Development Expenditures

Federal funds for academic research rose by 13.1 percent in 2003, the second straight year of double-digit increases, the National Science Foundation reported last week. The growth, coupled with a continuing drop in funds from industry, fueled an increase in the federal share of academic research to nearly 62 percent, its highest level since 1985.

The federal total in 2003, \$24.73 billion, reflects the final year of a Congressional drive to double

spending at the National Institutes of Health over five years. Total federal appropriations for research since 2003 have continued to rise, but much more slowly.

The numbers come from the foundation's annual "Survey of Research and Development Expenditures at Universities and Colleges." The survey is based on figures from the 2003 fiscal year, the most recent data reported by the agency.

The survey includes a ranking of the 100 institutions that re-

ceived the most federal funds, and the names on this closely watched barometer of research activity remained virtually unchanged in 2003 from the previous year.

Institutions that broke into the list of the top 100 institutions in 2003 included Tulane University, at 97th, and Virginia Commonwealth University, at 99th.

Universities within the top 100 that rose the most positions from 2002 included Vanderbilt University (up 9, to 30th) and the Universi-

ty of South Florida (up 9, to 71st).

The largest drops were recorded by the University of Maryland at College Park (down 12, to 43rd), Louisiana State University (down 11, to 79th), and Georgetown University (down 15, to 94th).

For the first time, this year's survey provided details of research spending in nonscience fields, including education and business. Funds from all sources in those fields amounted to an additional \$1.37-billion in 2003.

2003 rank	Fiscal 2003	Fiscal 2002	1-year change
1. Johns Hopkins U.*	\$1,106,971,000	\$1,022,510,000	+8.3%
2. U. of Washington	565,602,000	487,058,000	+16.1
3. U. of Michigan	516,818,000	444,255,000	+16.3
4. Stanford U.	483,540,000	426,620,000	+13.3
5. U. of California at Los Angeles	421,174,000	366,762,000	+14.8
6. U. of Pennsylvania	415,631,000	359,383,000	+14.5
7. U. of California at San Diego	400,100,000	345,003,000	+14.8
8. U. of Wisconsin at Madison	396,231,000	356,749,000	+11.0
9. Columbia U.	377,841,000	340,458,000	+11.0
10. U. of Colorado	371,697,000	327,393,000	+13.5
11. U. of California at San Francisco	371,697,000	303,441,000	+17.8
12. Washington U. in St. Louis	357,364,000	303,441,000	+17.8
13. Massachusetts Institute of Technology	356,206,000	330,409,000	+7.8
14. Harvard U.	348,620,000	336,607,000	+3.6
15. U. of Pittsburgh	345,625,000	306,913,000	+12.6
16. Cornell U.	320,868,000	270,578,000	+18.6
17. Duke U.	320,864,000	261,356,000	+17.4
18. Baylor College of Medicine	302,764,000	259,475,000	+16.7
19. Pennsylvania State U.	301,084,000	284,706,000	+5.8
20. U. of Southern California	300,195,000	266,645,000	+12.6
21. Yale U.	298,713,000	274,304,000	+8.2
22. U. of Minnesota	293,266,000	295,301,000	-0.7
23. U. of North Carolina			

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55. U. of California at Irvine	\$133,873,000	\$115,548,000	+15.9%
56. Michigan State U.	133,820,000	122,595,000	+9.2
57. U. of Miami	130,863,000	121,171,000	+8.0
58. State U. of New York at Buffalo	129,794,000	121,378,000	+6.9
59. Purdue U.	129,199,000	107,477,000	+20.2
60. Indiana U.	128,894,000	114,268,000	+12.8
61. U. of Maryland at Baltimore	126,156,000	117,017,000	+7.8
62. U. of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center	122,869,000	117,633,000	+4.5
63. U. of Kentucky	120,003,000	100,426,000	+19.5
64. Colorado State U.	117,654,000	93,326,000	+19.6
65. State U. of New York at Stony Brook	112,452,000	108,122,000	+4.0
66. U. of Connecticut	111,854,000	93,326,000	+19.6
67. U. of Massachusetts at Worcester	109,082,000	93,992,000	+16.1
68. Wake Forest U.	108,467,000	91,738,000	+18.2
69. U. of Texas Health Science Center at Houston	107,481,000	98,676,000	+8.9
70. U. of New Mexico	106,541,000	104,252,000	+2.2
71. U. of South Florida	106,102,000	84,168,000	+26.1
72. Rutgers U.	106,060,000	91,205,000	+16.3
73. Dartmouth College	106,034,000	87,255,000	+21.6



New Digs

The dirt's been flying at USF St. Petersburg. This past spring, the university's largest regional campus broke ground on a seven-story residence hall and an 1,100-space parking garage including a major retail bookstore.

■ Residence Hall One, the school's first student residence hall, is slated for completion in summer 2006. The 126,000-square-foot residence hall will offer 354 students apartment-style, on-campus living. Suites include a living room and kitchen as well as private and/or double bedrooms. Each floor will additionally offer its residents a

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RESIDENCE HALL ONE—USF ST. PETERSBURG'S FIRST CAMPUS RESIDENCE HALL—WILL HOUSE 354 STUDENTS

full-service laundry room and study lounge.

Speaking at the groundbreaking for Residence Hall One, USF St. Petersburg Regional Chancellor Karen A. White said, "Today's ceremony is about the beginning of the campus of 2020. Future USF St. Petersburg students will continue to enjoy a close-knit, student-friendly campus where they can focus on their studies. It will be a place where professors challenge students to become citizen-scholars through academic study, service learning and research. And they will have a lively waterfront, residential living and a splendid city to enjoy."

Also slated for completion in Summer 2006 is the first phase of Parking Center One, an 1,100-space parking facility including a Barnes & Noble bookstore. The facility is located downtown, on the corner of Fifth Avenue South and Third Street. It will benefit students living in residence halls, commuters and downtown residents and business owners. Along with Barnes & Noble College Booksellers, the facility's first floor will house USF St. Petersburg's Police Department and Parking Services.

White says the new facility is symbolic of the great community

interest and support for campus expansion in St. Petersburg. "Parking Center One's location creates an important gateway, designed to fill the needs for both our expanding student population and our surrounding downtown community."

-ANN CARNEY