MEMO TO: The University Community

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SUBJECT: Research and Other Sponsored Program Achievements

The University faculty and staff deserve special recognition and commendation for the significant increase in external funding for research, training, institutional and student support programs achieved during the past fiscal year.

According to the Office of Research and Projects, the University received 97 awards, compared to 76 awards during the previous fiscal year, representing a 25 per cent increase in the number of grants/contracts funded. Of these awards, 41 were for research, while 35 were for training, 15 for student support and 6 for institutional support.

The level of research funding during the year was $473,799, amounting to 56.7 per cent more than the University received during the previous year. External funding for all programs totaled $4,228,184, an increase of $1,217,618 or 40.4 per cent over Fiscal Year 1975. There was a 70.7 per cent increase in student support awards and a 47.6 per cent increase in institutional support awards.

An increase also is noted in the ratio of proposals funded. The University submitted 202 applications to external agencies this past year. The ratio of proposals funded for Fiscal Year 1975 was 40 per cent, compared to 45 per cent in FY 1976.

The increases are particularly significant at a time when state funding for research and educational programs is generally constrained. It seems apparent that not only the quantity but also the quality of the proposals submitted by this institution has improved, and we have become more competitive in seeking external support for our academic, research and service programs.

Recognizing that research is essential to academic excellence, the administration will support the continued development of the University's growing research faculty as part of our basic 20-point program for improvement.