California State Agency Funding

In addition to serving as the state’s premier higher education system, the University of California is also an integral part of the operations of the major agencies and departments of state government. California’s state agencies rely on UC’s research capabilities to inform their policies and operations, and they also depend on UC’s institutional strengths and its presence in many communities to provide social services and healthcare to citizens throughout the state. UC’s long-standing agency partnerships are critical to the well-being of California residents and the health of the environment. Recent collaborative efforts between UC and state agencies include:

- the California Social Work Education Center at UC Berkeley, which receives funding from the California Department of Social Services to develop child welfare curriculum and to support students in 22 schools of social work throughout the state;
- the emergency response center for communicable diseases at UC Davis, supported by the Department of Public Health;
- the California Problem Gambling Treatment Services Program at UCLA;
- the Institute for Transportation Studies at UC Berkeley, a long-time partnership with the California Department of Transportation (CalTrans);
- the support for laboratory facilities and research programs to advance stem cell therapies, funded by the California Institute for Regenerative Medicine (CIRM);
- the Demand Response Research Center at Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, to conduct research in smart grid systems, supported by the California Energy Commission;
- the construction of research and administrative facilities at the Blue Oak Ranch Reserve in Santa Clara County, supported by the California Wildlife Conservation Board;
- the South Coast Baseline Monitoring Program, operated by the Scripps Oceanographic Institute at UC San Diego, supported by the State Coastal Conservancy;
- operation of the state’s veterinary laboratory diagnostic system by UC Davis, supported by the Department of Food and Agriculture.

These are just a few of the many projects at UC that are funded by state agencies. Their success hinges on close collaboration and a shared vision of how the practical objectives and strategic plans of state government converge with and reinforce the mission of a great public university.

The dimensions of state funding

UC’s close connections with many state government agencies and departments have resulted in about $2.4 billion (before adjusting for inflation) in funding for research, public service and related efforts over the last five years. These funds are separate from and in addition to state instructional appropriations. State agencies provide about 8.3% of UC’s sponsored project total, compared to the roughly two-thirds of UC project funding that comes from the federal government.
State funding supports a diverse portfolio of applied research, social service projects, training programs and infrastructure development. 52% of state funding is designated for research, including clinical trials, and about 24% supports public service and healthcare delivery programs. By comparison, federal funding is primarily directed towards basic research in medicine and in scientific fields, with 86% for research and 4% for public service.

About 95% of UC’s California state project funding is provided by programs from seven major state agencies.

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The project portfolios of the seven state agencies that have provided the most project support to UC over the past six years demonstrate both the broad range of UC’s collaborations with other branches of state government, and the extraordinary impact these projects have had across the state.

California Health and Human Services Agency

Responsible for the administration and oversight of both state and federal programs for health care, social services, public assistance and rehabilitation, the Health and Human Services Agency (HHS) is UC’s
largest state agency partner. Over the last five years, about $1.06 billion in support came from HHS, representing 44% of UC’s overall state project funding. While research is an important part of UC’s relationship with HHS, public service and training programs and infrastructure projects play a much greater role, representing about three-quarters of agency funding to UC.

The largest UC program supported by HHS is the California Social Work Education Center (CALSWEC), managed at UC Berkeley, with $217 million in funding over the last five years. This project is financed in large part by federal Title IV-E Child Welfare Training Program matching funds, which originate with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and are administered by state HHS counterparts. The California HHS agency in turn subcontracts with UC Berkeley, which manages and oversees the distribution of these funds to 22 schools of social work throughout the state, principally to provide stipends to students who intend to follow careers in child welfare services. After graduation, the students will work in county child welfare services for a period equal to the time for which they received state support. The CALSWEC program is a successful example of how federal, state and public university organizations can align their operations to serve the public good. More information about this program is available at the CALSWEC website (http://calswec.berkeley.edu/title-iv-e-stipend-program).

Other major partnerships with California HHS, many with the Department of Public Health (DPH), include:

- the Residency Program in General Preventive Medicine and Public Health, a collaboration between UC San Francisco and UC Berkeley School of Public Health — $68M from DPH;
- the Communicable Disease Emergency Response program at UC Davis — $64M from DPH;
- the California Poison Control System, including the 800-number hotline service, operated by UC San Francisco — $67 from the HHS Emergency Medical Services Authority;
- the UC CalFresh Nutrition Education Program, managed by UC Davis — $49M from the Department of Social Services;
- the STD Prevention Training Center at UC San Francisco — $68M from DPH;
- the Statewide California Cancer Registry operated by UC Davis — $55M from DPH;
- the Prostate Cancer Treatment Program at UCLA — $16M from the Department of Alcohol and Drug Problems.

These examples, along with hundreds of other service and training programs, illustrate how crucially UC’s public service mission depends on state funding, particularly from Health and Human Services.

California Institute for Regenerative Medicine (CIRM)

In 2004, California voters responded to the federal government’s limitation on funding stem cell research by passing Proposition 71 — the California Stem Cell Research and Cures Initiative. This created the California Institute for Regenerative Medicine as an independent agency of the state government, with the mission and the funding to promote stem cell research in California. The CIRM
program began laying the foundations for research into stem cell therapies by providing funding for training researchers and constructing special laboratory facilities.

Since 2008, when the first awards were issued, UC has received over $1 billion from CIRM, and a significant portion of the early awards were laboratory construction and renovation grants. In the past five years, UC has received about $360 million from CIRM, making it UC’s second-largest source of state funding. About 91% of these recent awards are for research.

Every campus within the UC system has received some funding over the past five years from CIRM, though most of the funding has gone to campuses with medical centers.

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Major campus stem cell research awards from CIRM include:

- genetic re-programming of stem cells to fight cancer at UCLA — $20M;
- treatments for osteoporosis at UC Davis — $20M;
- treatment of retinitis pigmentosa at UC Irvine using retinal progenitor cells — $17M;
- clinical trial of treatments for Huntington’s Disease at UC Davis — $18M;
- clinical trial at UCLA of stem cell gene therapy for sickle cell disease — $14M;
- targeting of tumor initiating cells in solid tumors at UCLA — $11M;
- support for the Alpha Stem Cell Clinic at UC San Diego, one of three CIRM-funded clinics focussing on stem cell-related drugs and therapies — $8M.

CIRM has also funded about 200 other research and training projects over the last six years, and continues to be a major source of support for innovative medical research.

**California Natural Resources Agency**

The California Natural Resources Agency includes a number of departments and commissions that frequently collaborate with UC. About 80% of UC’s $354M funding from the Natural Resources Agency over the past five years is provided by four of its divisions, the largest of these being the California Energy Commission.
Nearly 90% of UC’s funding from the California Natural Resources Agency supports research, principally focussed on energy use and conservation, alternative energy sources, environmental monitoring and resource management.

Every UC campus, along with Lawrence Berkeley Lab and the Division of Agriculture and Natural Resources, has received funding from the Natural Resources Agency over the last five years. Major UC awards from Natural Resources Agency divisions include:

- wave monitoring and study of beach processes — $6.9M from the Department of Water Resources;
- the California Natural Gas Vehicle Incentive Program, operated by UC Irvine — $23.7M from the California Energy Commission;
- development by UC Berkeley of multi-use facilities and infrastructure at the Blue Oak Ranch Reserve in Santa Clara County, part of the UC Natural Reserve System — $8.7M from the California Wildlife Conservation Board;
- research in building energy efficiency technologies at Lawrence Berkeley Laboratory — $8.4M from the California Energy Commission;
- research at Lawrence Berkeley Laboratory on deploying anaerobic digestion for municipal solid waste-to-energy plants — $4.3M from the California Energy Commission;
- study of the distribution of Longfin Smelt in the San Francisco Estuary — $3.4M from the California Department of Water Resources.

These large awards are only a small sample of the nearly 600 UC projects funded by the Natural Resources Agency over the last five years. Support from the Energy Commission, coupled with federal support from the U.S. Department of Energy, has helped to make UC a world leader in assessing, monitoring and ultimately solving global energy problems.

**California Transportation Agency**

The University of California serves as an important research resource for CalTrans, and has received about $181M in project funding over the past five years. More than 75% of CalTrans funding to UC is directed towards research, and about 25% supports public service programs, principally the management of the statewide sobriety checkpoint program.
About 60% of all CalTrans funds go to UC Berkeley, principally to the Berkeley Institute of Transportation Studies for research, and to the Safe Transportation Research and Education Center, which manages the sobriety checkpoint effort. This is the largest single UC project that CalTrans funds, with more than $30M received over the last five years. A large portion of these funds originate with the U.S. National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, and this program represents another important example of federal, state and public university collaboration.

Other significant CalTrans projects at UC include:

- support for the UC Pavement Research Center, a collaboration between UC Berkeley and UC Davis for research on improved pavement structures, materials and technologies — $46M;
- development of innovative highway maintenance and construction technology at UC Davis — $10M;
- support for the management of the California Partners for Advanced Transportation Technology research program at UC Berkeley’s Institute for Transportation Studies — $10M.

California Department of Food and Agriculture

Ever since the University of California was designated, in 1868, as California’s Land-Grant university under the terms of the federal Morrill Land Grant Act, UC has promoted agriculture in the state through a wide range of research and extension programs. Over the past five years, the California Department of Food and Agriculture has provided $162M in program support to UC. About 90% of this amount has gone to the UC Davis School of Agriculture, which, in turn, runs many programs in conjunction with and on behalf of UC’s Division of Agriculture and Natural Resources (ANR).

The largest single component of UC’s relationship with the Department of Food and Agriculture revolves around a partnership with the UC Davis School of Veterinary Medicine to manage the California Animal Health and Food Safety Laboratory system. Through rapid and reliable diagnosis of animal diseases and food safety testing, this network of four diagnostic laboratories, one of which is on the UC Davis campus, helps to protect the health of the state’s livestock and poultry and the safety of the state’s food supply. Over the past six years, UC Davis received about $65M to manage this program, and an additional $41.5M in infrastructure awards for construction of the South Valley Animal Health Laboratory in Tulare County.

Another important partnership between the Department of Food and Agriculture and multiple UC campuses is a comprehensive effort to monitor and manage Pierce’s disease in grapes, a bacterial infestation that is currently a major challenge facing the state’s wine producers. Three UC campuses—Berkeley, Davis and Riverside—and the Division of Agriculture and Natural Resources have received more than $6.6M over the last five years to conduct more than 30 projects related to Pierce’s disease. Some of these projects involve studying the distribution and insecticide resistance of the main insect vector for this disease, the Glass-Wing Sharpshooter. Other efforts consider biological mechanisms for controlling the bacterium responsible for the disease and developing disease-resistant strains of grapestocks.
Most of the other roughly 300 projects with the Department of Food and Agriculture, totalling about $50M, are mid-size research grants, principally to UC Davis, but also to Riverside, Berkeley and the Division of Agriculture and Natural Resources. These projects include:

- research and education at UC Davis in seed biotechnology — $1.2M;
- nitrogen management training for ANR Certified Crop Advisors — $477K;
- research at UC Riverside on the Pink Hibiscus Mealybug, an invasive species that attacks citrus crops and ornamental plants—$475K;
- consumer outreach by ANR to enhance awareness and marketing of specialty crops in the Sierra foothills — $390K;
- assessing the effectiveness of biological controls for the olive fruit fly at UC Berkeley -- $337K.

The results of these research projects are communicated to the farmers and livestock producers across the state through outreach programs, farm advisors and Cooperative Extension efforts managed by ANR as part of its mission to serve California agriculture.

California Department of Education

UC’s connection with the state Department of Education — in addition to the support and oversight of the University’s degree-granting operations — focuses on management of a wide range of educational service programs on the Department’s behalf. These projects involve about $63M over the past five years.

The largest of these efforts is the California Subject Matter Project, receiving over $18M in funding over the past five years. Administered through the UC Office of the President, this project supports a network of nine discipline-oriented projects throughout the state that promote teacher professional development. The objective is to assist teachers in their efforts to help students meet college entrance (“a-g”) requirements. (For more information about this project, see https://csmp.ucop.edu/.)

Other California Department of Education projects at UC include:

- EastBay Collaborative for Underserved Children, an after-school initiative managed by UC Berkeley involving district schools and community organizations — $8.5M;
- statewide implementation by UC Irvine of the Afterschool Outcome Measures online toolbox — $2.9M;
- the “Family Childcare at its Best” training and technical assistance program at UC Davis — $3.4M;
- development by UCLA of career and college readiness indicators for high school students — $2.3M.

The partnership projects between UC and the state Department of Education are based on the fundamental principal that the University’s role in maintaining a well-educated population is not limited
to its own classrooms. It must also consider the education pipeline from pre-school through high school, and the ongoing professional development of childcare professionals and teachers.

**State agency partnership perspective**

The agency project portfolios presented here include some of the largest partnerships between UC and California state agencies, but these represent only a few of the 3,000 projects the state has funded at UC over the past five years. Each of these myriad efforts, even those with relatively modest sums attached, is carefully designed to meet a critical need and to assist state government in serving the people of California. The volume and scope of these projects demonstrate how the University of California acts as an indispensable partner with state agencies, providing unmatched research capabilities as well as the institutional means to deliver essential social welfare and educational services to the state’s growing and diverse population.