



ORSP Update

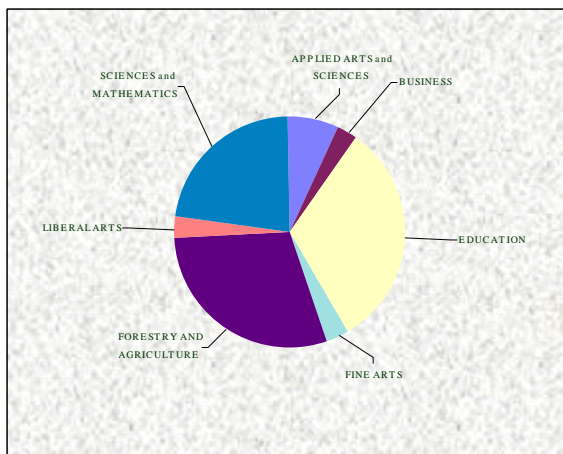
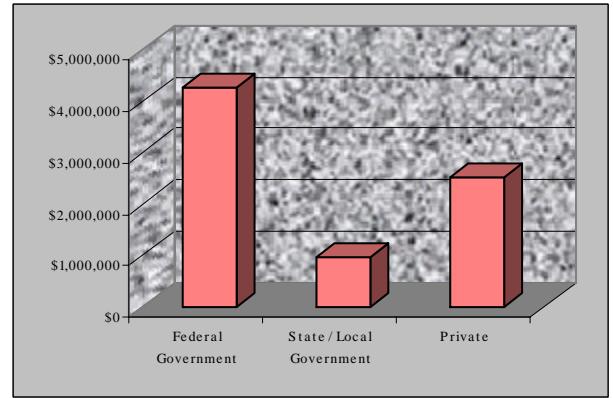


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'05 FUNDING HIGHLIGHTS

Now that we have welcomed in the New Year, we would like to take a look back and share some facts and figures from the past funding year. More and more faculty and staff members are getting involved in externally funded projects and we are pleased to be able to share their stories throughout the year in the ORSP Update.

During FY05, SFA expended \$7,729,328 in external grant funds. The bulk of these funds came from the federal government (\$4,260,829), \$2,509,529 from private sources, and \$958,971 from state and local governments. The chart below illustrates the distribution of expenditures by college.



We look forward to another exceptional year for FY06 with major new funding awarded to SFA in the Department of Secondary Education (\$6.1 million for a six-year GEAR UP Program), the department of Human Services (nearly \$2 million for three projects from the U.S. Department of Education), the East Texas Research Center at the Steen library (more than \$570,000 from the Institute of Museum and Library Services for the Texas Tides on-line resources project), and the College of Forestry and Agriculture (\$4.1 million for the Columbia Geospatial Service Center and \$595,200 for the National Center for Pharmaceutical Crops).



BRIGHT IDEAS CONFERENCE

ORSP is proud to be serving on the Scholarship Conference Committee, which was established by the Provost to organize an event to showcase faculty research, creative activities, and performance accomplishments to the regional, local, and campus communities. The **Bright Ideas Conference** will be held on the afternoon of **April 28th** to spotlight and honor the very best current researchers and performance artists at SFA.

In addition to one **'spotlight presentation'** from each college and the library, there will also be a venue for **posters, demonstrations, and exhibits** that will be displayed throughout the afternoon. An evening reception with the presentation of awards for the outstanding graduate thesis and for the college honorees will cap off the day's activities.

We hope all of the SFA community will participate in this event and support the extraordinary accomplishments of its members. Students are invited to attend the afternoon presentations, peruse the display area, and interact with SFA faculty and staff in a way that they may never before have had the opportunity.



UPCOMING WORKSHOPS



ORSP will be conducting three workshops during the Spring Semester. These workshops are designed to assist faculty and staff in external and internal proposal preparation and in the administration of current grants. Sign up for them on our website (www.sfasu.edu/orsp/Training/index.html) or look for an email announcement a few weeks before the event.

- January 20th: **Effort Reporting**
Important information on how to document time spent working on a state or federal grant project. Sample forms and guidelines provided.
- January 27th: **Faculty Research Grant Panel**
Get insight on this internal grant program from former University Research Council members and grant recipients.
- April 7th: **Electronic Grant Applications**
Many external sponsors, the federal government in particular, are converting to computer-based systems for funding notification, grant submission, and administration of awards. Learn about some of these systems and how to use them.

IN OTHER NEWS...

New ORSP Publication - Federal Grants

ORSP is pleased to introduce **Federal Grants Review**, a new periodic compilation of current federal grant opportunities. The publication includes information gathered from electronic notices that we receive and prospective programs that seem to best fit SFA faculty and staff areas of interest. If you have specific topics of interest that you would like us to keep an eye open for, just send us an email with your keywords – we can either include these in the publication as they arise or we can send them to you separately.



Get Connected!

ORSP will be updating the **Faculty Research Directory** in January. This ORSP publication serves as a central source of information about faculty members' professional experience, research interests, and creative endeavors. The directory also includes a list of specialized facilities and equipment that may be made available to the SFA community for collaborative use.

If you would like to be included in the next directory, please complete the Faculty Research Interest Directory Form (www.sfasu.edu/orsp/networking) and submit it as an attachment to ORSP (orsp@sfasu.edu) as soon as possible. ORSP will use the pictures from the on-line faculty directory; however, you may submit an alternate picture (emailed electronic photos preferred). Please try to limit your responses to the space provided. ORSP will format your document for publication, so you do not need to spend time trying to get your document in a print-ready format.

Go to www.sfasu.edu/orsp/whatsnew for current and back issues. You can also receive this publication on a regular basis by sending an email with "Federal Grants Review" in the subject line to orsp@sfasu.edu.

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