



# University of Colorado's Federal Funding Priorities for Fiscal Year (FY) 2026



University of Colorado

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# CU System Programmatic Priorities

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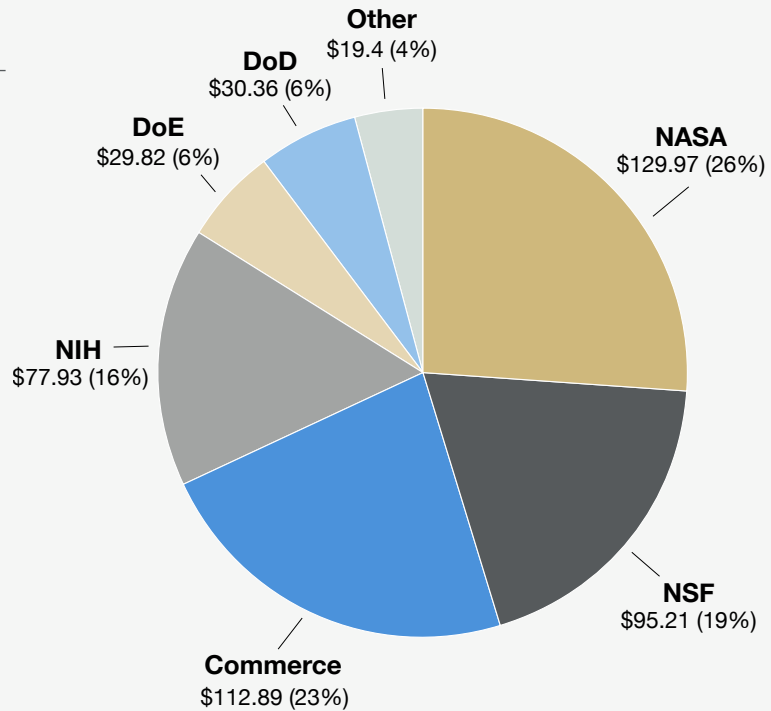
	FY24 Enacted	FY25 Enacted	FY26 Request
<b>Commerce – Justice – Science Bill</b>			
<b>National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)</b>			
Science Mission Directorate	7,300	7,334	9,000
<i>Heliophysics</i>	805	805	850
Aeronautics Research Mission Directorate	935	935	1,000
Space Technology Mission Directorate	1,000	1,000	1,500
Space Grant Program	58	58	65
<b>National Institutes for Standards and Technology (NIST)</b>			
NIST Scientific and Technical Research and Services (STRS)	1,080	857	914
NIST Construction of Research Facilities (CRF)	88	88	200
<b>National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)</b>			
Oceanic and Atmospheric Research (OAR)	656	656	721
<i>Cooperative Institutes (CIs)</i>	104	104	104
<i>Regional Integrated Sciences Assessments (RISA)</i>	16	16	21
<b>National Science Foundation (NSF)</b>	<b>9,060</b>	<b>9,060</b>	<b>9,900</b>
<b>Interior – Environment</b>			
National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH)	207	207	225
U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) Climate Adaptation Centers	63	63	65
Joint Fire Science Program*	6	6	20
<b>Labor – Health and Human Services – Education and Related Agencies Bill</b>			
<b>Department of Education</b>			
Pell Grant Maximum award (in thousands)	7,395	7,395	7,595
Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants (SEOG)	910	910	966
Federal Work Study (FWS)	1,230	1,230	1,306
TRIO Programs	1,191	1,191	1,227
International Education Programs (Title VI)	86	86	91
Institute of Education Sciences (IES)	793	793	854
<b>Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)</b>			
National Institutes of Health (NIH) – base	47,081	47,081	51,303
Agency for Healthcare Research & Quality (AHRQ)	369	360	500
Health Resources Services Administration (HRSA), Health Professions Workforce Training (Title VII)	580	580	980
HRSA Nursing Workforce Training (Title VIII)	305	305	530
HRSA Children's Graduate Medical Education (GME)	390	390	778
CDC National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health Education and Research Centers	32	32	33
<b>Defense Bill</b>			
<b>Department of Defense (DoD)</b>			
Science and Technology Basic Research (6.1)	2,628	2,474	2,786
Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA)	4,123	4,145	4,370
Congressional Directed Medical Research Programs (CDMRPs)	1,530	650	1,653
<b>Veterans Affairs Bill</b>			
VA Medical and Prosthetic Research	943	868	1,200
<b>Energy and Water Bill</b>			
<b>Department of Energy (DoE)</b>			
Office of Science	8,240	8,240	9,500
Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE)	3,460	3,460	3,460
Advanced Research Projects Agency for Energy (ARPA-E)	460	460	500

\*JFSP is jointly funded by the Departments of Interior and Agriculture

# FY2024 Federal Agency Awards by Campus

## University of Colorado Boulder

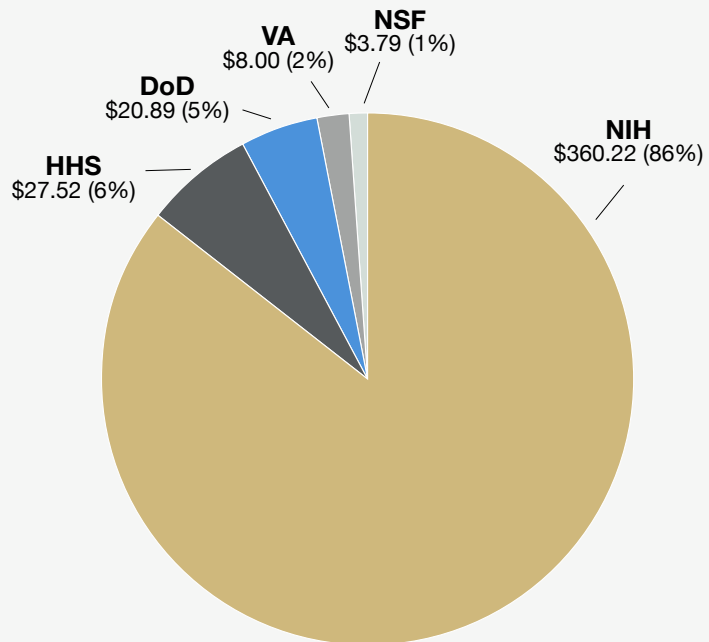
CU Boulder faculty earned **more than \$742 million** in sponsored research in FY 2024, including **more than \$495 million** from federal agencies.



\* Includes DOE National Labs, including NREL

## University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus

CU Anschutz Medical Campus faculty earned **\$910 million** in sponsored research in FY 2024, including **more than \$420 million** from federal agencies.



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**#1**

public university recipient of NASA research awards

**200**

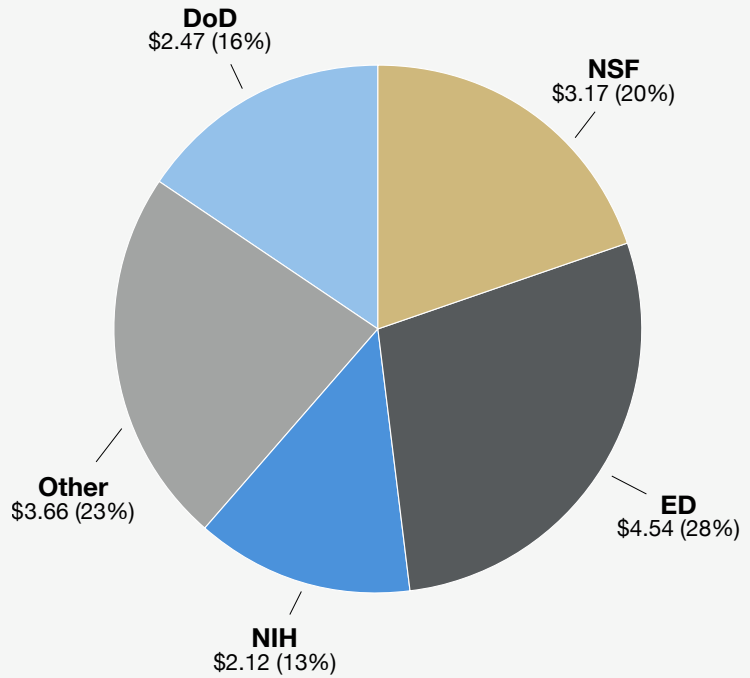
new companies have resulted from CU research

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hospital in Colorado

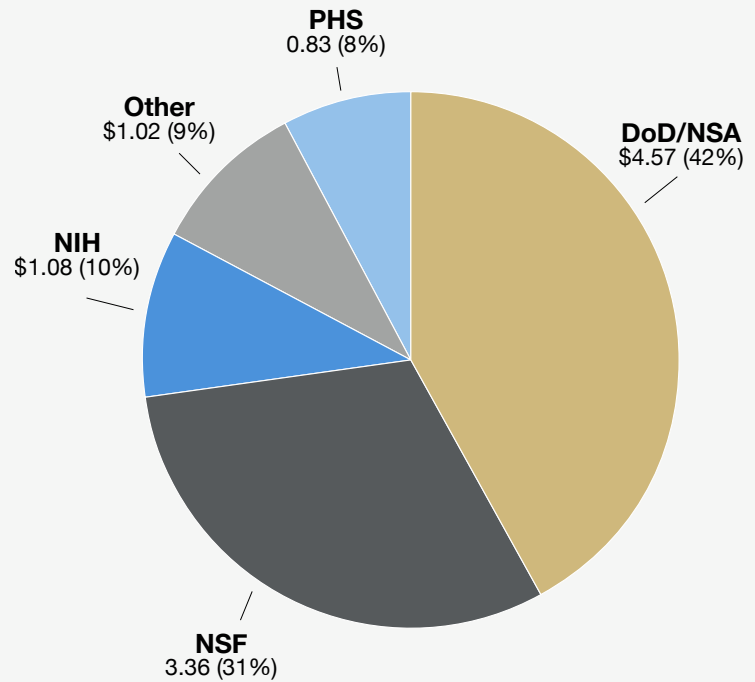
## University of Colorado Denver

CU Denver faculty earned **more than \$31 million** in sponsored research in FY 2024 and nearly **\$16 million** from federal agencies.



## University of Colorado Colorado Springs

UCCS faculty earned **more than \$19 million** in sponsored research in FY2024 with **nearly \$11 million** directly from federal agencies.



(\$ in millions)

**\$1.7 billion**

in research funding

**10**

MacArthur Genius Fellows

**5**

Nobel Laureates

# U.S. Department of Education

Federal student aid is critical to ensuring access to higher education for students in Colorado and across the U.S. The Federal Pell Grant Program provides need-based grants to financially disadvantaged students. Pell Grants are the foundation of low-income students' aid packages, to which other forms of aid are added. The Pell program is the largest federal source of college aid to students and supports students on all four CU campuses.

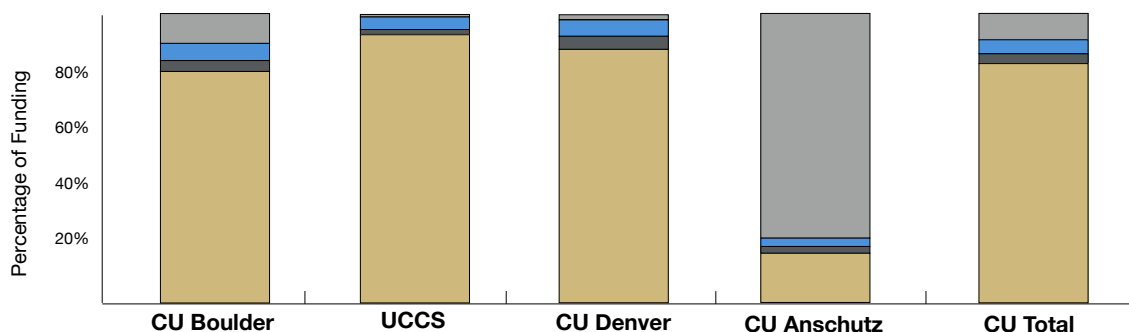
The University of Colorado supports raising the maximum Pell Grant award from \$7,395 to \$7,595. Even in a constrained fiscal environment, it is imperative to prioritize investment in our nation's students by appropriating a modest increase to the Pell program in Fiscal Year 2026. In 1975, Pell Grants covered 80 percent of the cost to attend a four-year, public university. Today, the maximum grant covers roughly 21 percent of the cost of a CU education. Increasing the maximum Pell Grant award will ease student loan burden, help students meet basic needs, and expand financial aid to more students. Over the past decade, CU internal funding for grants and scholarships has reached \$276 million. Greater federal support for Pell Grants will enable the university to extend funding to more students and families.

Other important federal student aid and support programs to CU include Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants (FSEOG), which provide up to \$4,000 in additional grant assistance to Pell recipients with unmet need and require a one-to-three institutional match; Federal Work-Study (FWS), which provides funding for on-campus jobs so students can pay educational costs; and TRIO Programs (TRIO), which provide outreach and student services for low-income and first-generation students.

Title VI International Education and Foreign Language Programs support Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS), and international studies infrastructure building programs at U.S. universities. Title VI programs strengthen our nation's long-term national security, global leadership, and economic competitiveness. CU has a long history of leading successful Title VI centers, including CU Denver's Institute for International Business, a Title VI-sponsored Center for Business Education and Research (CIBER) and CU Boulder's Center for Asian Studies (CAS) and Latin American + Latinx Studies Center (LALSC).

## FY 2024 Federal Financial Aid – CU System

Financial Aid Type	Students	Amount	Financial Aid Type	Students	Amount
Federal Pell Grant	11,690	\$61,470,249	Federal Direct (Stafford) Loans – Unsubsidized	18,516	\$168,403,220
Federal Supplemental Education Opportunity Grants (SEOG)	1,980	\$2,239,810	Federal PLUS Loans	2,878	\$80,098,584
Federal Work Study (FWS)	1,112	\$3,601,328	Federal Graduate (PLUS) Loans	2,268	\$54,147,657
Federal Direct (Stafford) Loans – Subsidized	11,122	\$44,767,617			



	CU Boulder	UCCS	CU Denver	CU Anschutz	CU Total
Other Federal Grants	\$3.51	\$0.13	\$0.21	\$2.97	\$6.78
Federal Work Study	\$2.02	\$0.65	\$0.82	\$0.11	\$3.60
Federal SEOG	\$1.28	\$0.25	\$0.63	\$0.09	\$2.50
Pell Grants	\$27.22	\$14.16	\$19.42	\$0.65	\$61.48

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