

# **Research Report**

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# **Cornell Research and Scholarship**

Two components – as seen by federal agencies

- "Departmental Research" not separately budgeted or reported
- "Organized Research" separately budgeted research activities
  - Includes:
    - Externally sponsored research
    - Research supported by state and federal appropriations
    - Research supported by separately budgeted Cornell funds

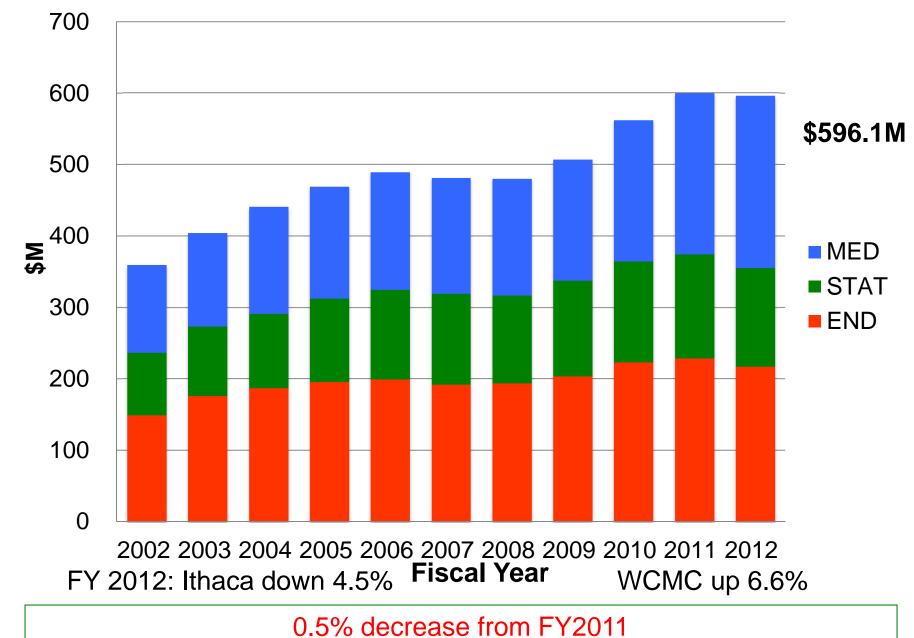
Research Division's primary concern:

Supporting and overseeing Cornell's organized research on Ithaca, Geneva and NYC Tech campuses

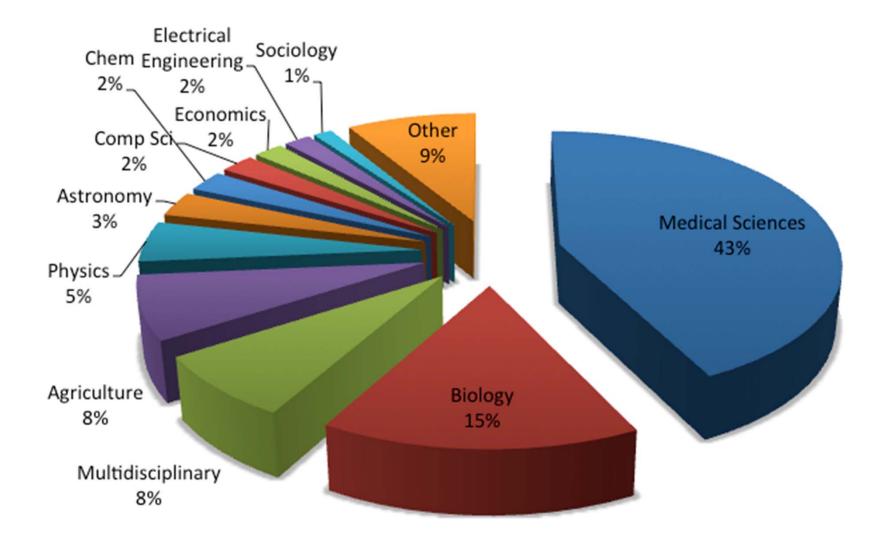


# Scope of Cornell's Organized Research

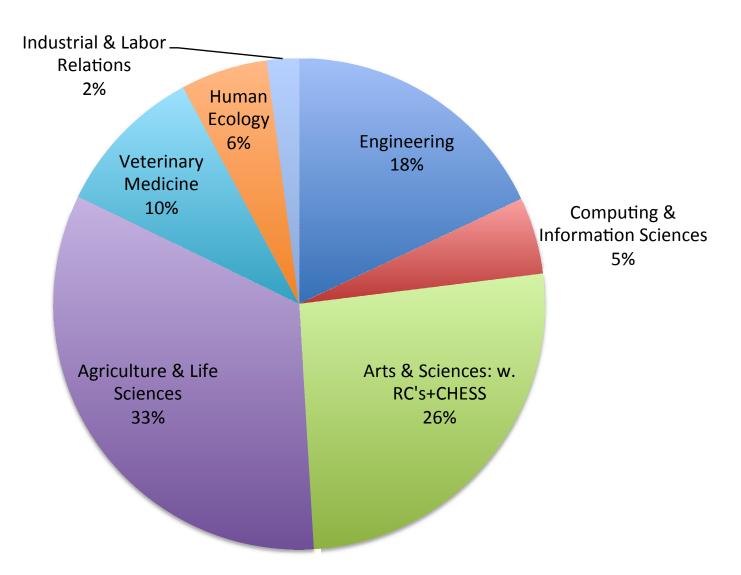
- \$509M research expenditures (Ithaca campus) FY2012
  - Sponsored, state and federal appropriations, internal support (mainly contract colleges)
  - 26% of Ithaca campus budget
- ~1,900 graduate students (GRAs only)
  ~3,900 total personnel supported with sponsored funds
- ~1,100 principal investigators with active awards
- >225 department and college research administrators



#### **Sponsored Research Expenditures**



**Research Expenditures by Major Discipline** 



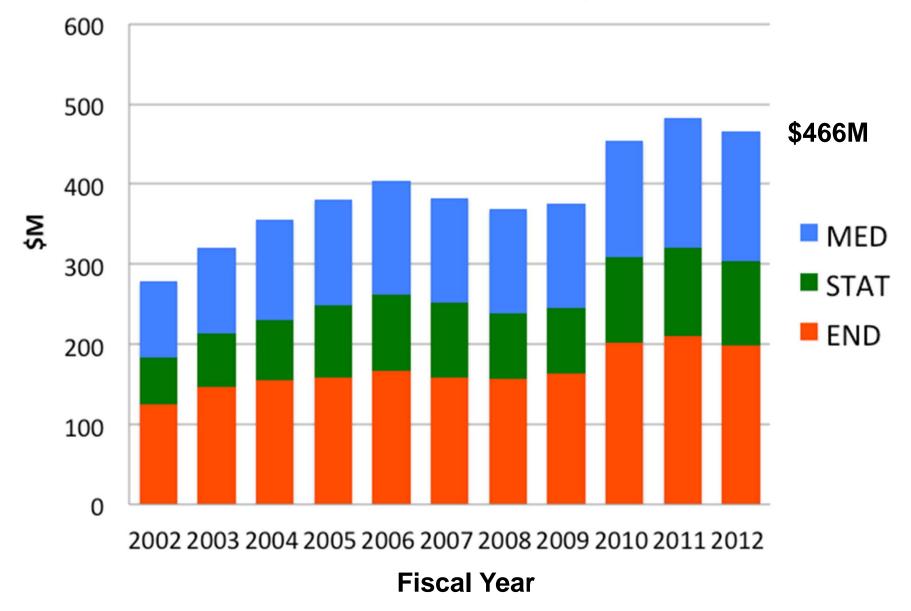
#### **Sponsored Research (Direct) by Unit**

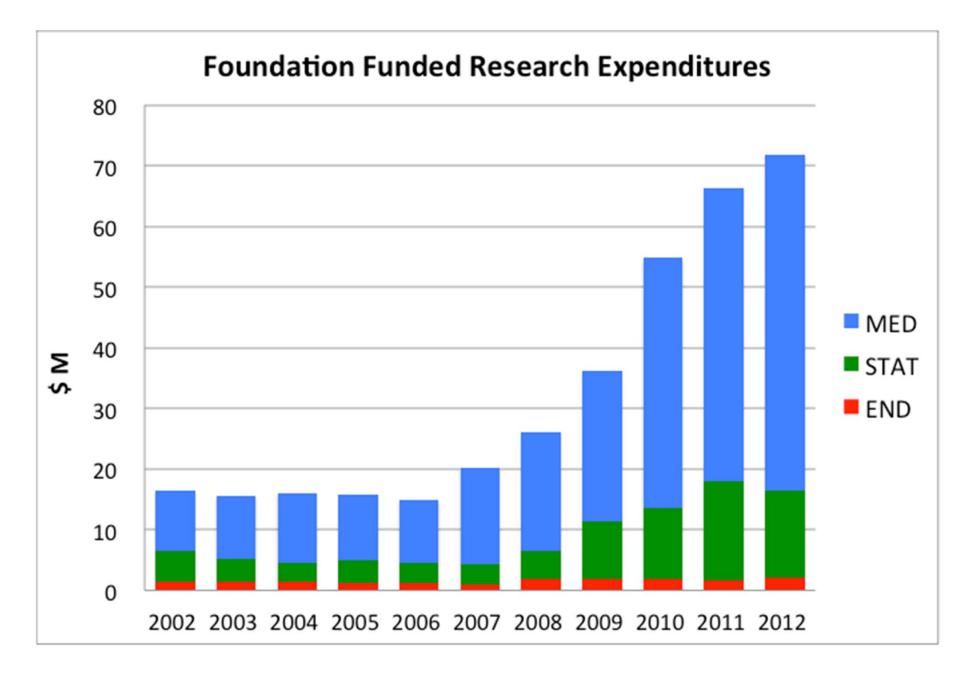
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#### **Sponsored Research By Funding Source**

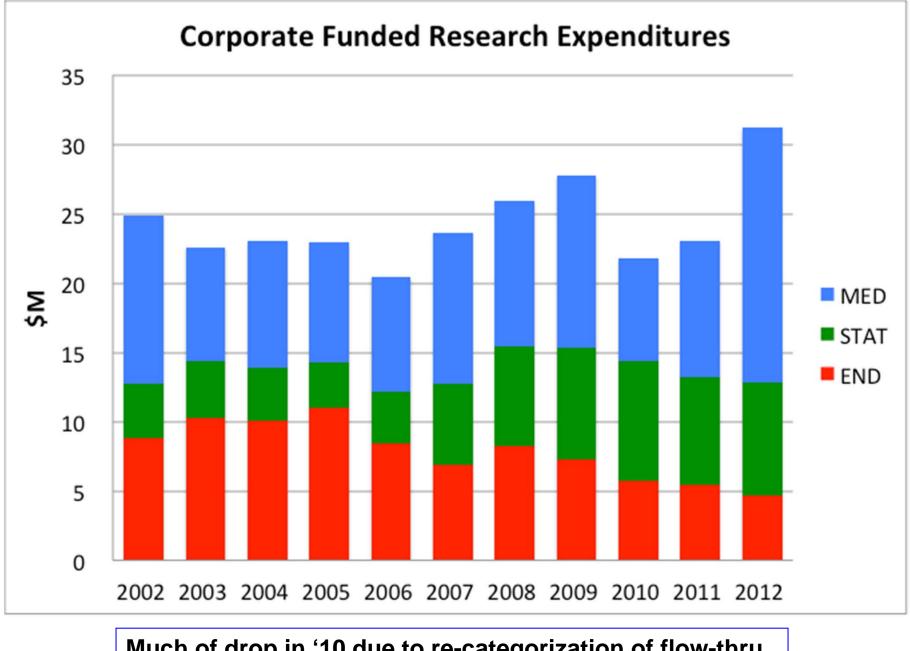
**Fiscal Year** 

#### Federally Funded Research Expenditures



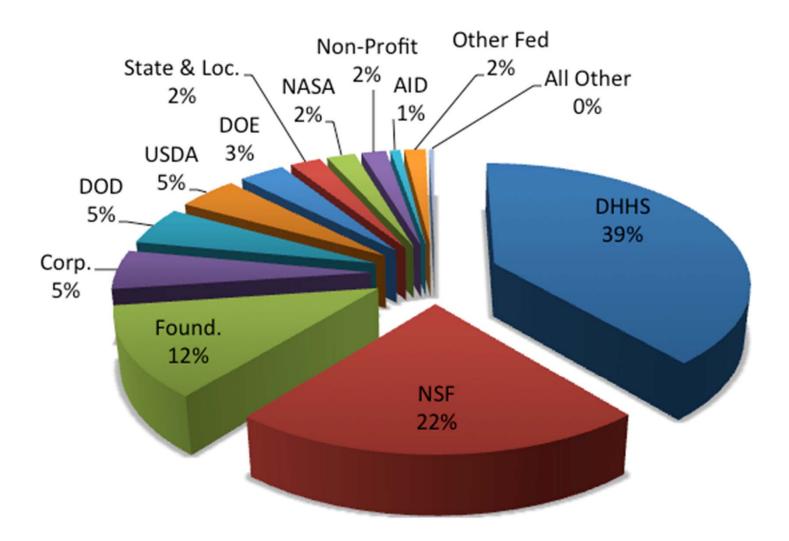


**Fiscal Year** 



# Much of drop in '10 due to re-categorization of flow-thru of federal funds

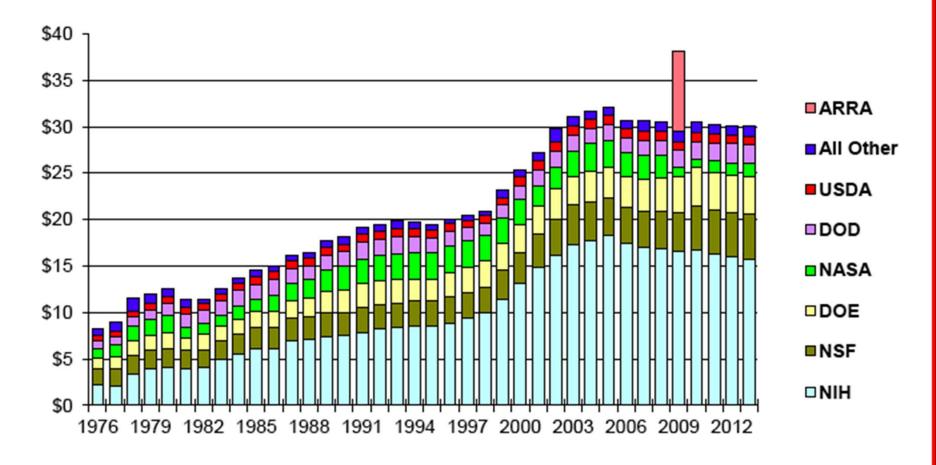
#### **Sponsored Research Funding by Source**



Cornell #3 University in NSF Research funding – FY12

#### Trends in Basic Research by Agency, FY 1976-2013

in billions of constant FY 2012 dollars

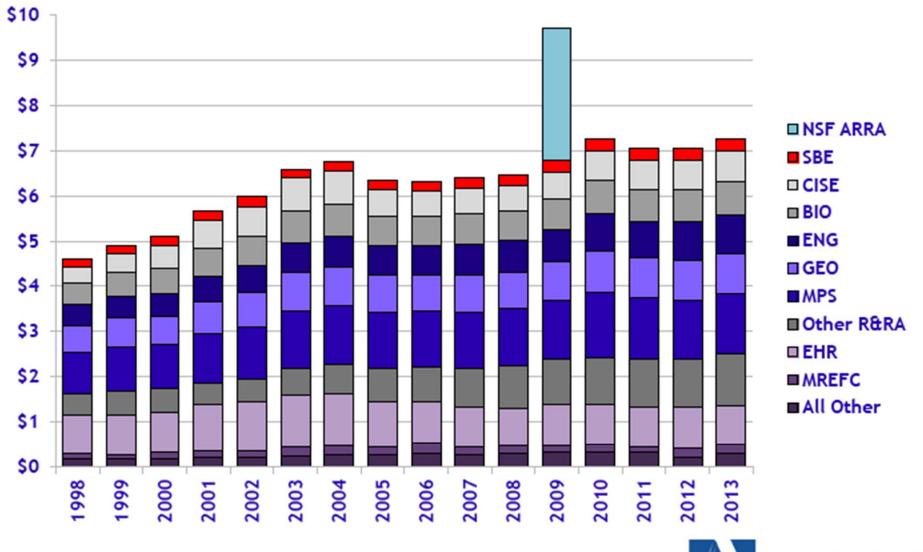


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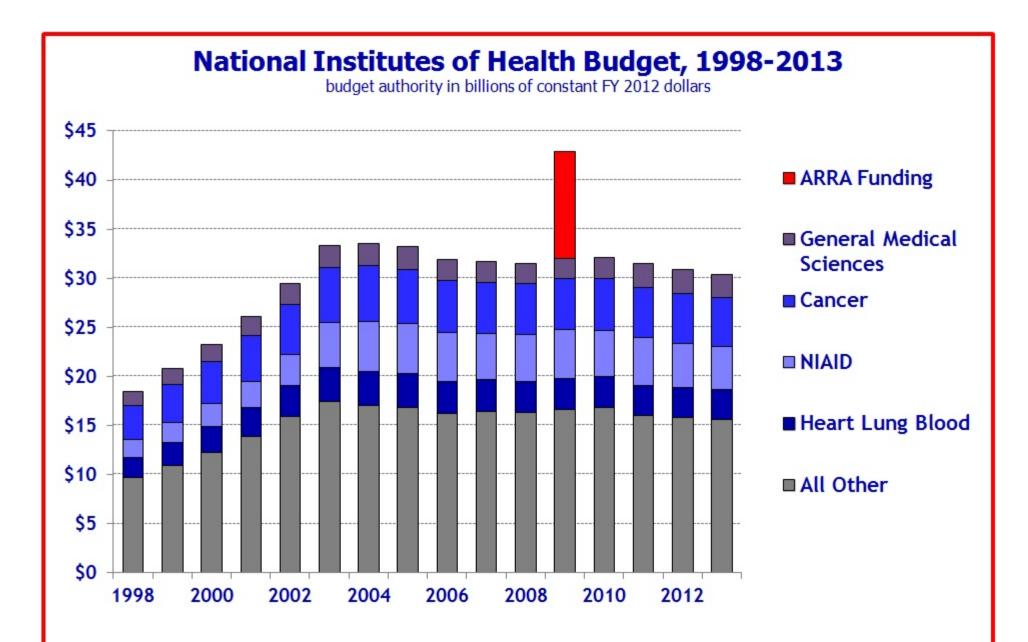


#### **National Science Foundation Budget**

Budget Authority in billions of constant FY 2012 dollars



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### **Research Division Components**

#### 1. Research Administration Units

Office of Sponsored Programs (OSP)

~1,900 new proposals annually

~3,700 active awards; 608 active sub-awards

Office of Research Integrity and Assurance (ORIA) Faculty compliance committees

> IACUC - 500+ animal use protocols IRB - 1,400+ human subject research protocols Institutional Biosafety Committee – 240 active protocols fCOI Committee

Cornell Center for Technology Enterprise and Commercialization 390 invention disclosures,158 patents, 7 startup companies, 184 new licenses \$12.6M CCTEC gross revenue

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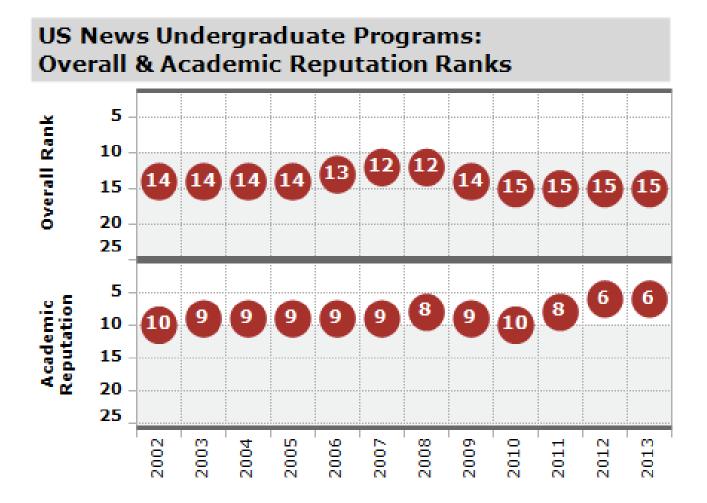
#### 2. Research Support Facilities

Center for Animal Resources and Education (CARE) 930 unique CU users (2012) **Biotech Institute/Life Sciences Core Facilities** 1059 unique CU users Center for Materials Research (shared facilities) (CCMR) 822 unique CU users Center for Advanced Computing (CAC) 645 unique CU users Nanobiotechnology Center (NBTC) 318 unique users Cornell Nanoscale Facility (CNF) 434 unique CU users Cornell High Energy Synchrotron Source (CHESS), 217 unique CU users Cornell Institute for Social and Economics Research Survey Research Institute



## Cornell Research and Scholarship Excellence and Productivity

Academic Reputation – ranked 6<sup>th</sup> by US News





## Cornell Research: Excellence and Productivity

More graduate programs ranked in the top 10 by Academic Analytics' "Faculty Scholarly Productivity Index" metric than any other university.

Third in number of graduate programs ranked in top 5

Why?

Excellence within the disciplines

More than the sum of the parts Graduate field system Efficiency and effectiveness of shared resources Interactions and collaborations across the disciplines



## **Research Division Components**

#### 3. Interdisciplinary Research Centers and Institutes Includes:

Center for Accelerator Based Sciences and Education (CLASSE)

Cornell Center for Materials Research (CCMR) Center on the Microenvironment and Metastasis (CMM) Energy Materials Center at Cornell (EMC2) Center for Radiophysics and Space Research KAUST-Cornell Center for Energy and Sustainability Weill Institute for Cell and Molecular Biology Atkinson Center for a Sustainable Future Kavli Institute at Cornell for Nanoscience Center for Vertebrate Genomics Cornell Center for Comparative and Population



#### Cornell Humanities – More than the sum



Society for the Humanities: Est. 1966

"One of the world's leading incubators of interdisciplinary innovations in the humanities"

**Mellon Foundation Awards** – Three \$1M+ awards recently, one a matching challenge for an endowment



## Cornell Nanoscience – More than the sum Kavli Institute at Cornell for Nanoscale Science



Shared nano-instrumentation facility – *in PSB* Shared postdocs, multiple PI - team projects ite al











**23 Science and Nature** Journals papers in 2.5 years

**16 Faculty Members** 







5 KIC PDs **1 Visiting Faculty Fellow** 

















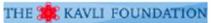














# Cornell Research: Looking Forward

- External-based (federal) prospects: Challenging, at least for short term
  - Increasing regulatory burden on researchers and institutions
  - Available federal funding
    - flat (in current dollars) at best
    - 6% or more reduction possible this year due to sequestration
- Internal prospects positive strong and growing foundation for success
  - Faculty renewal making good progress
  - Cornell's research enterprise is well oriented for today's challenges
    - Culture of success in multi-disciplinary collaborations
      - Arising from strength in the disciplines
    - Shared/core facilities that are truly shared and that efficiently meet the needs of our researchers
    - Institutes and centers that truly promote interaction and creativity