

Funding the Future FY26: ADR Series Part 6

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External research funding is critical to the strategic plan of Michigan State University, and the business school is increasingly expected to play a role in both leading and supporting large-scale funded research projects. This funding also helps support faculty via summer salary and course buyouts, doctoral students via stipends and travel, and overhead support to both the college and units.

Accepted proposals have passed an additional layer of peer review, providing direct evidence of research accomplishment, and in most cases, supports future publications, citations, and doctoral student placements. Thus, as part of the plan to expand the evidence of what constitutes research accomplishment, the current Strategic Plan for Research and Scholarship recognizes the following faculty members who, according to the Office of Sponsored Programs, had active funding of \$50,000 or more (relative to their effort on the project team) during the recently completed fiscal year (July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026). In terms of trends, we had 3 faculty with this level of funded activity, down from 6 last year.

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