

The University of Michigan Regents Communication

Item for Information

Research Award and Expenditure Report

Background and Summary

Attached is the July 2026 Research Award and Expenditure Report, prepared by the Office of the Vice President for Research. This item is provided for information and does not request action by the Board of Regents.

- **Year-to-date activity** includes \$1.9 billion in research expenditures, with modest year-over-year changes in expenditures, submissions and new awards.
- **Month-by-month charts** compare research expenditures, proposal submissions and new awards across fiscal years 2024, 2025 and 2026.
- **Top May awards** identify major new awards by sponsor category, including federal agencies, industry and foundations.

This report summarizes the overall trends in grant and contract activity across all three campuses of the University of Michigan through the eleventh month of Fiscal Year 2026, which ended May 31.

Respectfully submitted:



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Fiscal Year 2026, Through Month Eleven (ended May 31)

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Overview

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\$1.9B

Total research expenditures, YTD FY26
(through May 31)

▼ 1.5%

Research expenditures down vs. prior year

▲ 1.8%

Number of research submissions up vs. prior
year

▼ 0.4%

Value of those submissions down vs. prior
year

▲ 1.5%

Value of new research awards up vs. prior
year

▲ 2.2%

Number of new research awards up vs. prior
year

Highlights This Month

\$1.7 Million · Department of Defense

Awarded to Arul Chinnaiyan, the S.P. Hicks Endowed Professor of Pathology and director of the Michigan Center for Translational Pathology, to [target](#) a molecular partnership that drives treatment-resistant prostate cancer. The work focuses on degrading two proteins, p300 and CBP, that help switch on tumor-promoting genes — an approach his team has shown can shut down cancer-driving signals in preclinical studies.

\$1.4 Million · Department of Defense

Awarded to Carl Koschmann, pediatric neuro-oncologist and co-director of the Chad Carr Pediatric Brain Tumor Center, to [validate](#) a blood test for diffuse midline glioma, an aggressive and currently incurable childhood brain tumor. A reliable plasma test could let doctors diagnose the tumor and track its response to treatment without the risks of repeated surgical sampling.

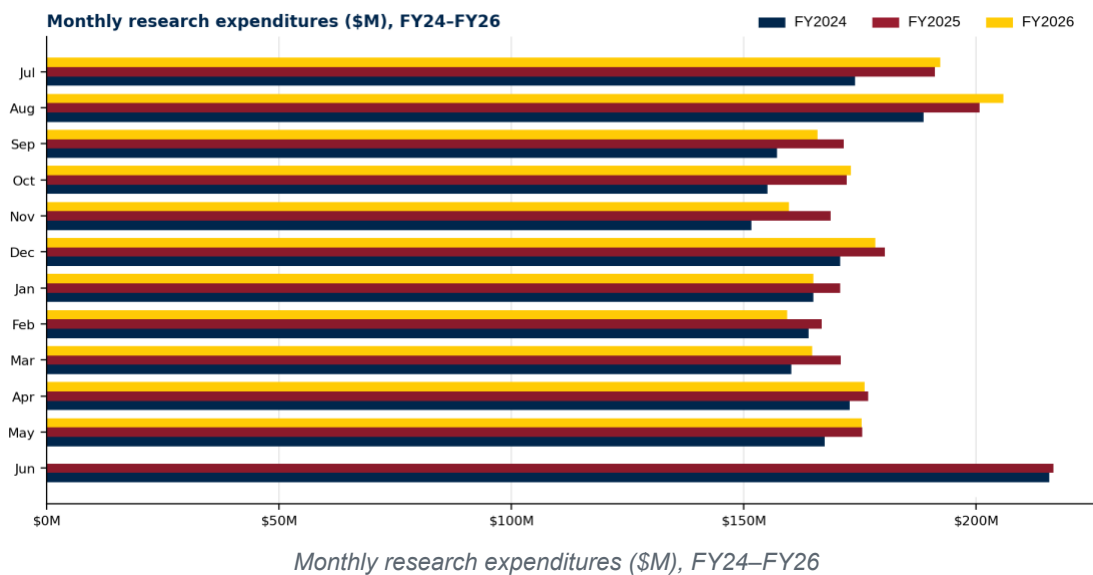
\$1.7 Million · National Science Foundation

Awarded to Luis Zaman, assistant professor of ecology and evolutionary biology and of complex systems in LSA, to [explore](#) one of biology's deepest questions: why evolution itself becomes more capable over time. Working with both living microbes and self-replicating computer programs, his lab studies how the push and pull between hosts and parasites shapes the diversity and complexity of life.

Expenditures

Total research expenditures each month, comparing fiscal years 2024, 2025 and 2026. Spending stays relatively steady, generally rising across the three fiscal years and reaching its highest point at fiscal year end in June.

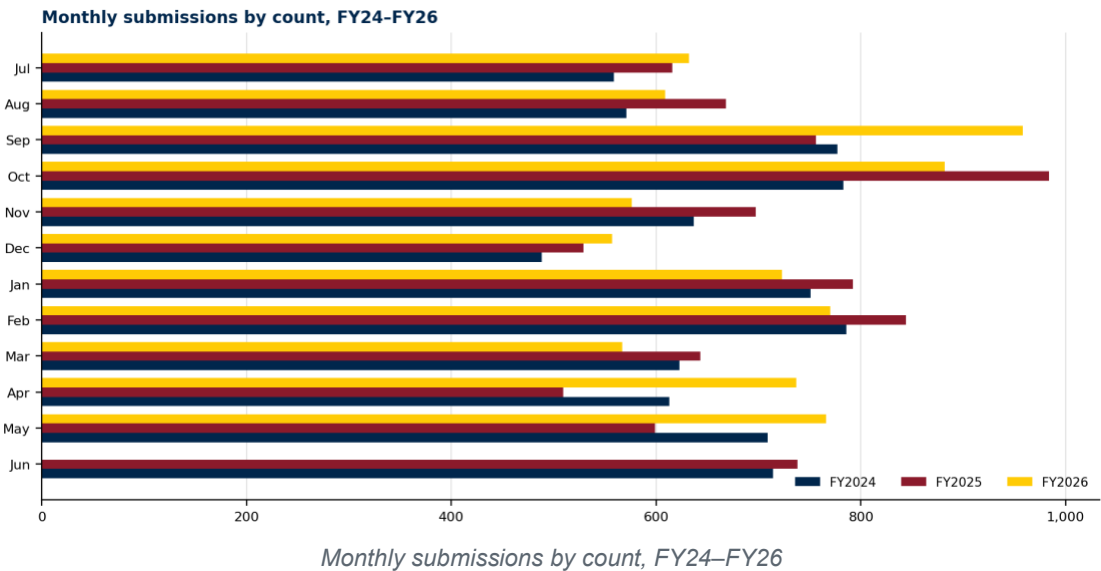
Fiscal Year	Year-to-Date Total
FY24	\$1,826,136,236
FY25	\$1,944,795,155
FY26	\$1,915,081,697



Submissions by Count

Number of proposals submitted to sponsors each month, comparing fiscal years 2024, 2025 and 2026. Submission activity typically peaks in the fall (September and October) and again in late winter (February), reflecting common sponsor deadline cycles.

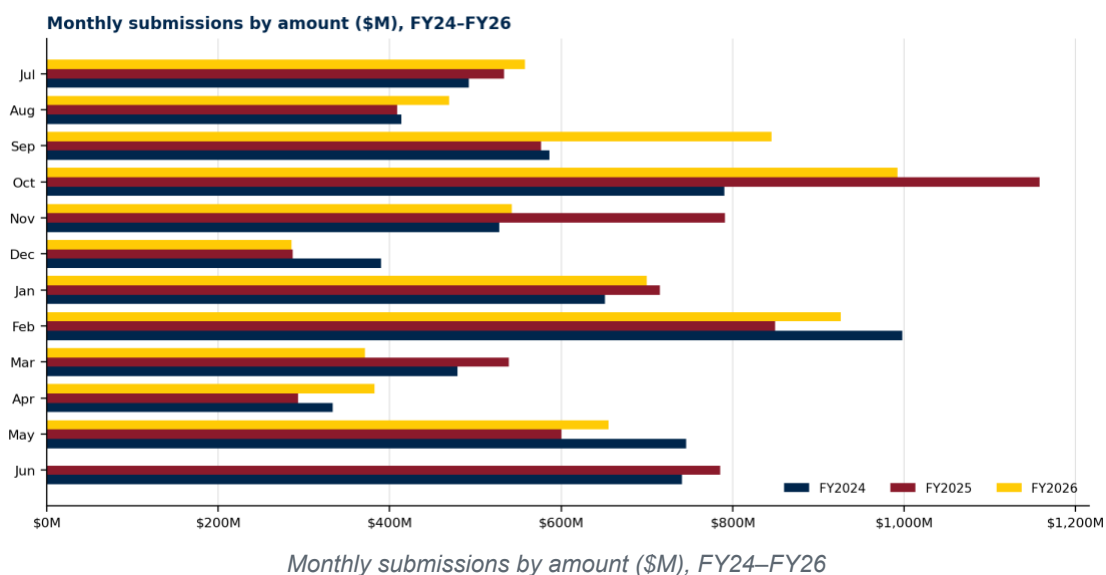
Fiscal Year	Year-to-Date Total
FY24	7,297
FY25	7,637
FY26	7,777



Submissions by Amount

Total dollar value of proposals submitted to sponsors each month, comparing fiscal years 2024, 2025 and 2026. Monthly totals vary widely because a small number of large proposals can drive a single month well above the others.

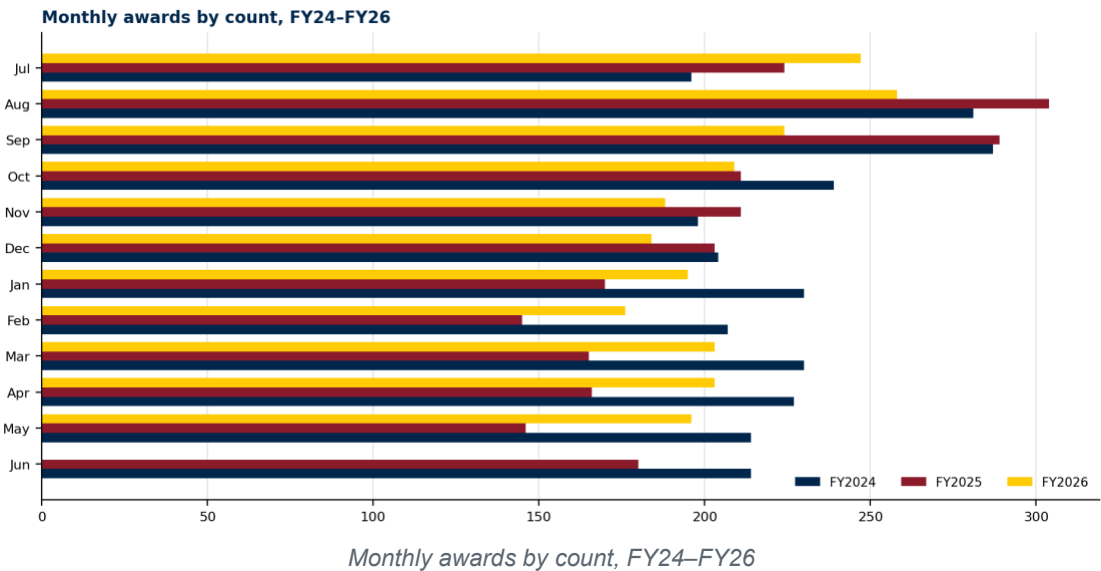
Fiscal Year	Year-to-Date Total
FY24	\$6,408,936,076
FY25	\$6,752,181,311
FY26	\$6,727,994,820



Awards by Count

Number of new awards received from sponsors each month, comparing fiscal years 2024, 2025 and 2026. Award counts are highest in the late summer and early fall (August and September) as sponsors finalize funding decisions.

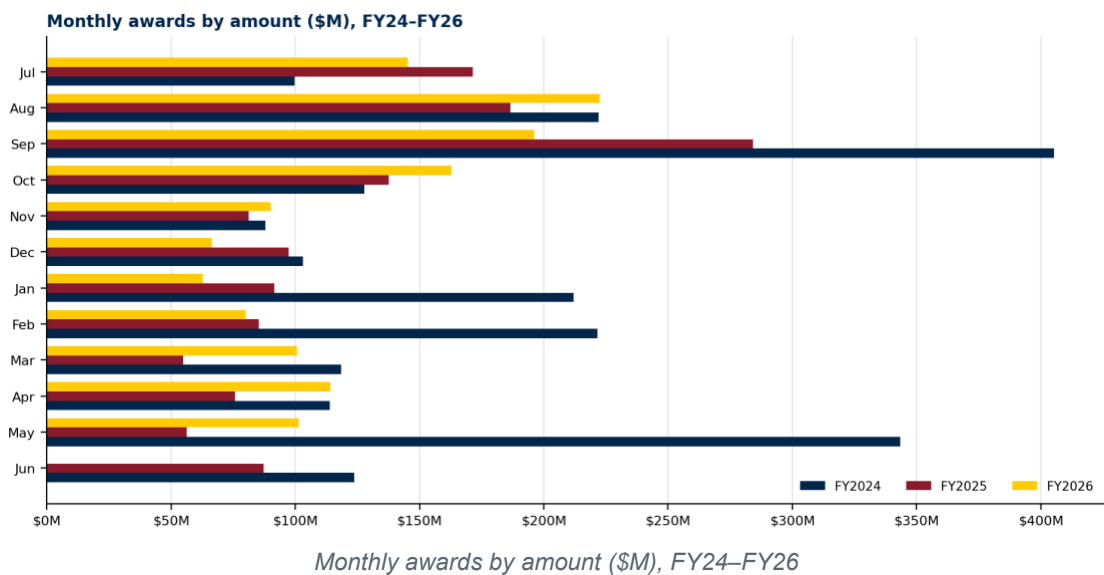
Fiscal Year	Year-to-Date Total
FY24	2,513
FY25	2,234
FY26	2,283



Awards by Amount

Total dollar value of new awards received each month, comparing fiscal years 2024, 2025 and 2026. Because individual large awards can dominate a month, the totals swing more sharply than the award counts do.

Fiscal Year	Year-to-Date Total
FY24	\$2,055,817,470
FY25	\$1,322,456,773
FY26	\$1,342,595,490



National Science Foundation

Principal Investigator	Zaman, Luis
Department	LSA Ecology & Evolutionary Bio
Award Title	CAREER: Understanding and Harnessing the Unreasonable Effectiveness of Evolution with Microbial and Computational Model Systems
Sponsor	National Science Foundation
Award Total	\$1,742,691
Duration (years)	5.0

Principal Investigator	Keane, Sarah
Department	LSA Biophysics
Award Title	RNA:RNA Interactions Regulating Virulence Gene Expression in Listeria
Sponsor	National Science Foundation
Award Total	\$862,279
Duration (years)	3.0

Principal Investigator	New, Max
Department	CoE EECS – CSE – Systems
Award Title	CAREER: Foundations and Verification of Parsers and Type Checkers
Sponsor	National Science Foundation
Award Total	\$680,000
Duration (years)	5.0

National Institutes of Health

Principal Investigator	Thurber, Greg
Department	CoE Chemical Engineering Dept
Award Title	Payload Selection to Maximize Multiple Mechanisms of Action for High Avidity Low Affinity Antibody Drug Conjugates
Sponsor	HHS – National Institutes of Health
Award Total	\$3,232,803
Duration (years)	5.0

Principal Investigator	Tessier, Peter
Department	PHARMACY Pharmaceutical Sci
Award Title	Non-Invasive Modulation of Microglia Gene Expression Using Peripherally Administered Antibody Conjugates
Sponsor	HHS – National Institutes of Health
Award Total	\$3,162,585
Duration (years)	4.8

Principal Investigator	Kozloff, Kenneth
Department	MM Orthopaedic Surgery
Award Title	Determining Mechanisms of Bone Remodeling Response to High Metabolic Demands of Aerobic Exercise
Sponsor	HHS – National Institutes of Health
Award Total	\$3,162,336
Duration (years)	5.0

Department of Defense

Principal Investigator	Bordeau, Brandon
Department	PHARMACY Pharmaceutical Sci
Award Title	Development of Antibody CBP/p300 Degradation Conjugates for the Treatment of Castration Resistant Prostate Cancer
Sponsor	Defense, Department of – Defense Health Agency
Award Total	\$2,098,823
Duration (years)	4.0

Principal Investigator	Chinnaiyan, Arul
Department	MM Ctr fr Translational Path.
Award Title	Targeted Disruption of the AR-p300 Enhanceosome in Prostate Cancer Using Domain-Alteration Chimeras (DALTACs)
Sponsor	Defense, Department of – Defense Health Agency
Award Total	\$1,700,000
Duration (years)	3.0

Principal Investigator	Koschmann, Carl
Department	MM Pediatrics-Hematology Oncol
Award Title	Clinical Validation of a Plasma ctDNA Assay for Diffuse Midline Glioma (DMG) Diagnosis and Surveillance
Sponsor	Defense, Department of – Defense Health Agency
Award Total	\$1,396,065
Duration (years)	3.0

Industry

Principal Investigator	Morrissey, James
Department	MM Biological Chemistry Dept
Award Title	Neutrophil Proteases Modulate the Fibrinogen/Fibrin/Fibrinolysis Axis During Severe Viral-Induced Thromboinflammation
Sponsor	Research Triangle Institute dba RTI International
Award Total	\$1,999,998
Duration (years)	3.0

Principal Investigator	Ghosh, Monalisa
Department	MM Int Med-Hematology/Oncology
Award Title	A Phase 1b, Open-Label, Multi-cohort Study of AZD0120, an Autologous CD19/BCMA Targeting Chimeric Antigen Receptor T-cell, in Adults with Autoimmune Diseases
Sponsor	AstraZeneca Pharmaceuticals LP
Award Total	\$1,936,900
Duration (years)	4.0

Principal Investigator	Enzler, Thomas
Department	MM Int Med-Hematology/Oncology
Award Title	A Multicenter, Randomized, Open-Label, Phase 3 Trial of Trastuzumab Deruxtecan (Enhertu) Plus Chemotherapy Plus or Minus Pembrolizumab versus Chemotherapy Plus Trastuzumab Plus or Minus Pembrolizumab as First-line Treatment in Participants with Unresectable, Locally Advanced or Metastatic Disease
Sponsor	Daiichi Sankyo, Inc.
Award Total	\$1,907,153
Duration (years)	4.9

Foundations

Principal Investigator	Abou, Libak
Department	MM PM&R
Award Title	Development and Pilot Testing of Cognitive Behavioral Based Physical Therapy to Target Falls in Wheelchair Users with SCI
Sponsor	Craig H. Neilsen Foundation
Award Total	\$350,000
Duration (years)	3.0

Principal Investigator	Coe, Antoinette
Department	PHARMACY Clinical Pharmacy
Award Title	Addressing Unmet Pharmacy Needs for American Indian / Alaska Native and Broader Detroit Communities
Sponsor	Michigan Health Endowment Fund
Award Total	\$299,900
Duration (years)	2.0

Principal Investigator	Gazmararian, Alexander
Department	CPS-Research
Award Title	Understanding the Relationship Between Natural Disasters, Bluelining, Insurance Market Reforms, and Climate Change Adaptation
Sponsor	Russell Sage Foundation
Award Total	\$200,000
Duration (years)	2.0