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Information Item

AAC-6 Update on Research and Engagement

Through research, engagement, and innovation, UNC Greensboro is transforming knowledge, students, and the region. The quality as well as diversity of our scholarship is evident in the selected highlights below.

External Funding

The positive trend in submissions and awards seen last fall continues. For the first half of the fiscal year, we have secured close to \$2 million more in funding compared to last year at this time, a 9.8% increase. Most of the increase is in federal and state awards/contracts.

Awards and Submissions

	7/1/16 to 12/31/16		7/1/15 to 12/31/15	
SUBMISSIONS	Number	Amount	Number	Amount
	215	\$57,769,739	194	\$41,956,559
AWARDS	Number	Amount	5	Amount
	121	\$19,246,855	133	\$17,350,447

Selected Highlights

Several recent awards highlight the critically important role that UNCG researchers are playing in enhancing the quality of life both on campus and across the state. With funding from state agencies and local foundations, many of these initiatives have been sustained for over a decade, impacting the health and wellness of countless thousands of individuals across the state.

The North Carolina Star Rated License was established in 1999 to better define the quality of child care in the state and to assist parents in choosing child care. From its inception, UNCG has successfully managed the NC Rated License Assessment Project (NCRLAP). Under the direction of Drs. Linda Hestenes, Sharon Mims, and Steve Hestenes in the *Department of Human Development and Family Studies*, NCRLAP's mission is to help increase child care quality by reliably assessing environments in child care centers, public schools, after-school programs, and family child care homes. This \$3.5 million contract helps early childhood professionals to better understand positive child care practices and is an example of UNCG's expertise in early childhood.

Title IX Coordinator Murphie Chappell (*Office of the Chancellor*) received new funding from the North Carolina Department of Public Safety for the project “UNCG Service Expansion for Victims of Campus Violence.” With this funding, UNCG will develop and implement the Campus Violence Response Center (CVRC). Designed to increase knowledge of, and access to, comprehensive campus and community services for victims of sexual violence, domestic violence, dating violence, stalking and other forms of campus violence, UNCG CVRC is the first of its kind in the UNC system. Translating research on best practice family justice center models, the CVRC will create a single point of access to provide comprehensive services to all victims of campus violence.

The Juvenile Justice Substance Abuse Mental Health Partnership (JJSAMHP) Initiative is a statewide partnership designed to support locally-driven, organized, coordinated and effective service delivery system improvements. Under the direction of Dr. Sonja Frison (*Center for Youth, Family, and Community Partnerships*), the local teams work to provide a continuum of evidence-based and specialized mental health and substance abuse treatment options for individuals in the juvenile justice system and their families. With continuous funding since 2008 from the NC Division of Mental Health/ Developmental Disabilities/Substance Abuse Services, Dr. Frison and her team provide training, technical assistance, and evaluation for the JJSAMHP.

The Congregational Social Work Education Initiative (CSWEI) Program, begun in 2007, and the more recently funded Partnership to Address Co-Occurring Disorders in Vulnerable Populations provide evidence-based social work and health care services to underserved, vulnerable individuals in easily accessible, community based settings. Under the leadership of Dr. Jay Poole, *Department of Social Work*, CSWEI serves immigrants and refugees, older adults, and individuals and families who lack permanent housing. Utilizing an interdisciplinary team approach, partnering with the Congregational Nurse Program as well as UNCG’s Center for New North Carolinians, this initiative also provides a state of the art training opportunity for students to work as part of an interdisciplinary team and to see how research is translated into practice.



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