

# Research Administration at the University of Maryland

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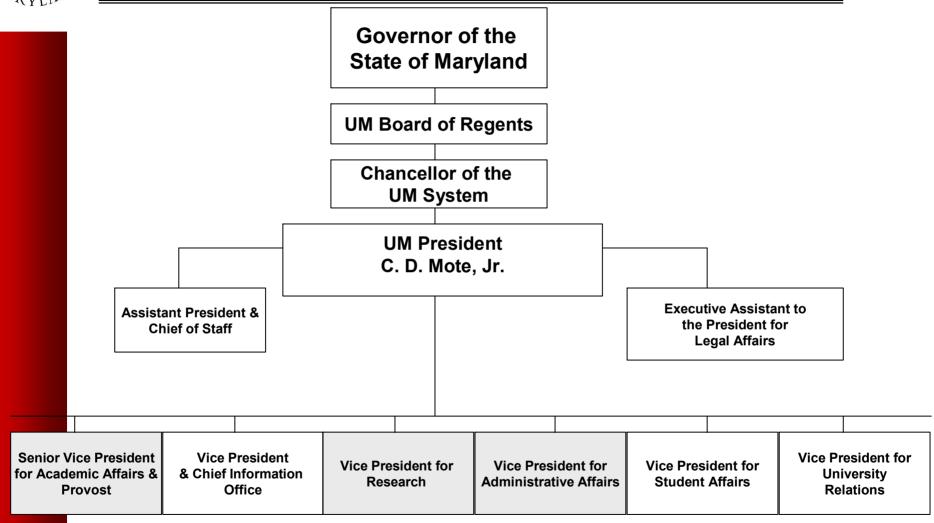


# **University of Maryland Profile**

- **→** Founded 1856
  - Initially an Agricultural College
- ➡ Research Intensive Doctoral Public University
- → Flagship institution within State System of universities
- **→** Academic Programs
  - College & Schools 13
  - Undergraduate majors 127
  - Graduate degrees 112
- **→** Employees
  - Faculty 3,674
  - Graduate Assistant 3,932
  - Staff 4,675
- → Total enrollment 35,102
  - Undergraduate 25,154
  - Graduate 9,948

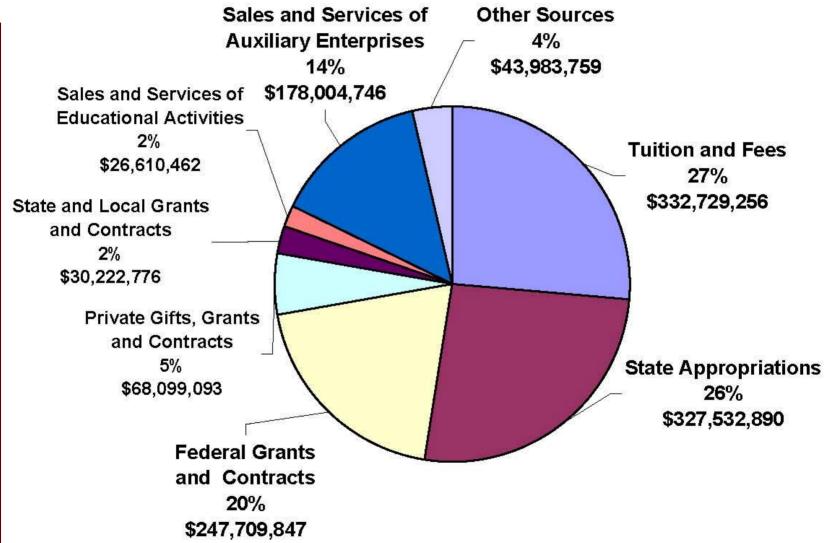


#### **University of Maryland Organization**





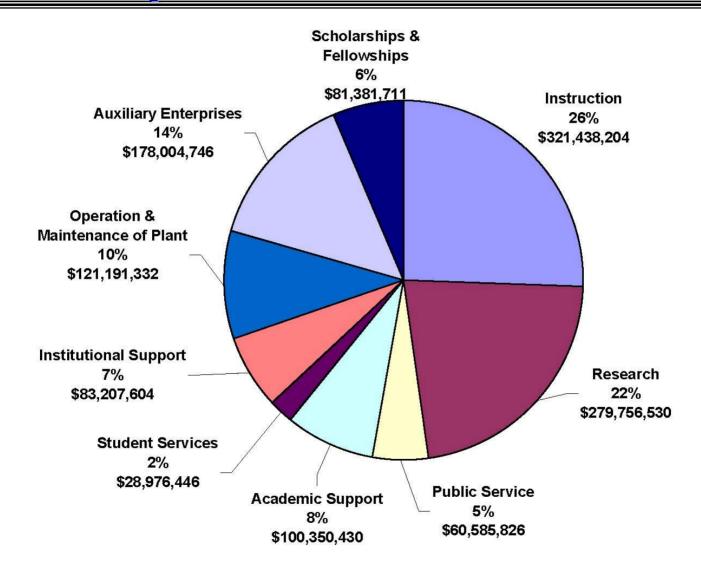
#### **UM Revenue FY06**



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#### **UM Expenditures FY06**



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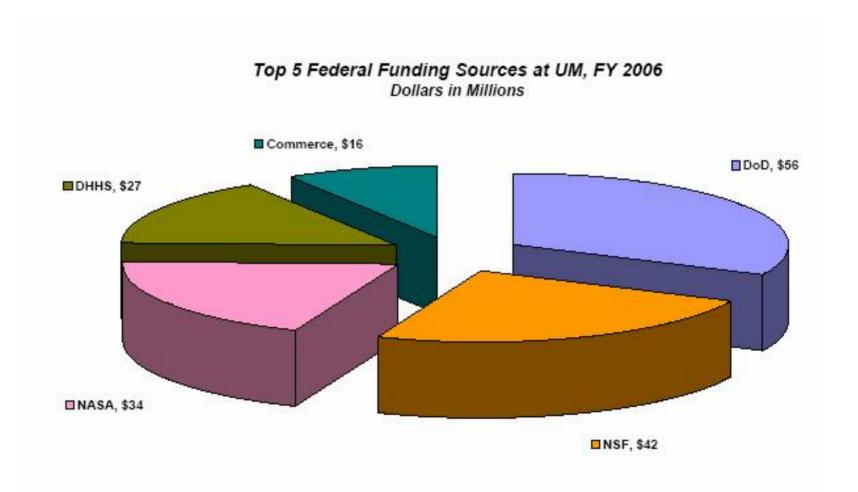


## **Funding by External Sponsors FY06**

- →3,905 Separate Awards totaling \$350 Million
- →Over 787 individual agencies as sources of sponsored awards
- **→**3,023 accounts
  - -1,820 Federal Sponsors
  - -331 State of Maryland sponsors
  - -872 Other

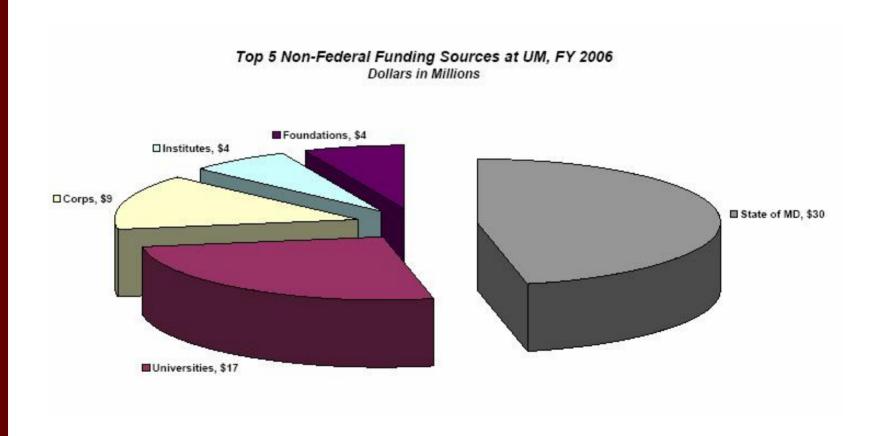


## **Top Five Federal FY06**



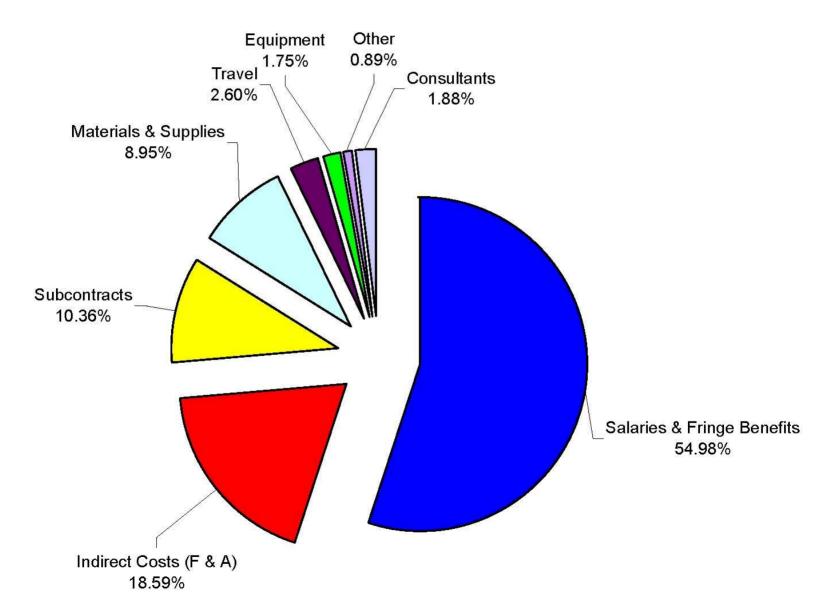


## **Top Five Non-Federal FY06**





#### **Sponsored Projects Expenditures FY06**





## **Federal Regulations**

- → Apply to private and state universities equally
- → Awards made to institution not PI
- →Government sets national rules and regulations for grants management
- → Three are issued as "circulars"



#### The Circulars

- → A-21 determines allowable direct and indirect costs
- →A-110 determines how grants and contracts are administered and what financial systems are needed
  - Expanded authority
- → A-133 determines audit requirements



#### **Direct Costs**

- → Costs that can be identified specifically with a project
- **→**Examples
  - Salary of Researcher
  - Graduate student support
  - Laboratory Supplies
  - Field Travel
  - Scientific Equipment



#### **Indirect Costs**

- → Called Facilities and Administrative (F&A)
- → Costs that cannot be identified with individual award
- **→** Examples
  - Salary of department administrator
  - Lights, heat, water
  - Libraries
  - Departmental research administrator
  - Cost to modernize laboratory



## What Does "Allowable" Mean?

- → An allowable cost must be:
  - -REASONABLE
  - ALLOCABLE
  - CONSISTENTLY TREATED
- → If a cost cannot meet the above criteria, it is unallowable, no matter what it is for.



#### **Examples: Allowable And Unallowable Costs**

- → Meal expense on campus, no documentation of business purpose
  - Unallowable
- → Travel expense of PI and Spouse
  - PI expense allowable, (non-employee)
     spouse unallowable
- → Alcohol served at a business function
  - Unallowable
- → Gift for visiting researcher
  - Unallowable



# **Expanded Authority**

- → Expanded authority University can approve many award actions
  - Increased budget flexibility
  - No cost time extensions
  - Pre-award costs
  - Carry-forward costs
  - Technical progress reports/minimal continuation proposals



How do we support the research enterprise and make it work as smoothly as possible within our federal and state rules and regulations?



## **Role of Administrative Affairs**

- → Secures funds from sponsor
- → Prepares financial reports
- **→** Facilitates audits
- **→** Deals with vendors
- **→**Equipment inventory



#### **Role of Academic Affairs**

- → Research development
- → Proposal submission & award management
- → Develop research policies
- → Technology transfer



#### Role of the PI

- → Use good judgment to conduct the research and spend the grant money
- → Directs day- to- day management of project
- → Follows agency terms and conditions



#### Research Administration Office

- → Submits proposals to agencies
- → Assists faculty and staff to manage projects
- → Develops procedures to reduce administrative burden for researcher
- → Provides training
- → http://www.umresearch.umd.edu/ORAA/



#### **Research Administration Goals**

- → Develop trust with faculty
- → Build good relationship with sponsors
- → Provide excellent service
- → Give respect to research community
- → Negotiate solutions which benefit faculty and sponsor
- **→** Be flexible