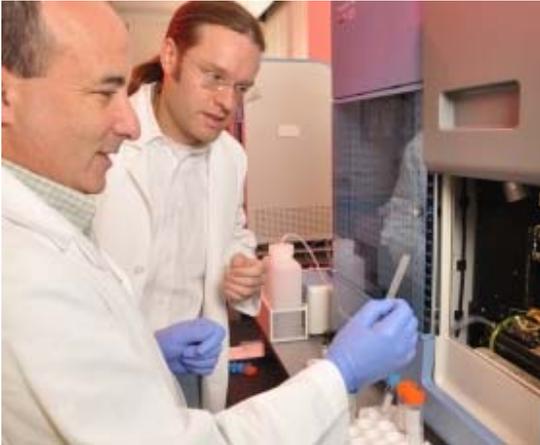


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"Given the current economic climate, it's impressive that we've continued to keep growing the pool of research funding here at UNC," said Barbara Entwisle, Ph.D., interim vice chancellor for research and economic development, noting that fiscal year totals have maintained an upwards trend since 1996, when the annual tally amounted to just under \$249 million.

"These results reflect the caliber, effort and initiative of the University's faculty and research support staff," Entwisle said. "We're fortunate to have some of the world's brightest minds working on solutions to some of the planet's most challenging problems, and helping position the state of North Carolina as an internationally-recognized hotbed of innovation and enterprise."

In many cases, researchers from multiple University schools, departments and units collaborate on research grants, contracts and studies. That approach reflects the University's emphasis on interdisciplinary teaching and scholarship between and among the health, natural and social sciences, as well as the liberal arts and the humanities.

For more information on the fiscal 2010 figures and UNC research trends, visit http://research.unc.edu/about/facts-rankings/DATA_RES_RESFACTS_CHARTS.

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