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University of Dayton

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# NEWS

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The University of Dayton's research reputation is national, according to National Science Foundation statistics.

University ranks No. 2 in the nation in federally funded materials research and development and third for all materials research and development — ahead of research powerhouses MIT, Princeton, Georgia Tech, North Carolina State and Ohio State.

"A rich research program is more important to the quality of a university and the education of its undergraduate students than ever before," said University of Dayton President Eric F. Spina. "Research, scholarship and creative activity inform and enrich the learning environment, create opportunities for students to do hands-on work that defines the state of the art and enables faculty and students to contribute positively to society. Our very high level of sponsored research activity represents well the dynamic and exciting learning environment at the University of Dayton, where education and research go hand-in-hand."

And our national research reputation reaches beyond materials. According to NSF statistics for fiscal year 2015, Dayton's \$98.6 million research volume in fiscal year 2015 ranks among the top 30 nationally in the following categories...

14th — research and development sponsored by the U.S. Department of Defense

17th — federally sponsored engineering research and development

21st — federally sponsored aerospace research and development

27th — all sponsored aerospace research and development

30th — all sponsored engineering research and development

Among Catholic universities and all universities in Ohio, the University of Dayton ranks No. 1 in all sponsored engineering research and development and materials research and development. In Ohio, the University ranks No. 1 for research and development sponsored by the U.S. Department of Defense.

"We've grown in engineering because we have not limited ourselves to basic research but, for a university, were early to embrace applied research," said John Leland, University of Dayton vice president for research and University of Dayton Research Institute executive director. "We've excelled at advancing great ideas and great discoveries into applications that benefit humanity. In more recent years, we've gone a step further and are now demonstrating and validating that these concepts will work as they are designed to."

The University's research excellence has continued in 2016, eclipsing the \$100 million mark for the first time, reaching \$117.6 million. The figure ranks ninth among private comprehensive research universities without medical schools in the U.S.

In the Research Institute's 60 years, it has performed more than \$2 billion in total sponsored research.

"It really reflects the hard work and dedication of our people, who bring in and perform great research every day," said Research Institute Director Allan Crasto. It also speaks to the reputation we've developed among our customers that we will deliver outstanding work on budget and on time."

The University of Dayton Research Institute has 520 employees in labs and offices on campus and at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base near Dayton, as well as at Robins Air Force Base, Georgia.; Eglin Air Force Base, Florida.; Hill Air Force Base, Utah; and the High Performance Computing Modernization Program office in Lorton, Virginia.

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