External funding provides multiple benefits to a university, including those gained directly by individual faculty members, students, alumni, academic programs, and to the University at large. Funds may directly support faculty research, provide research assistantships and enhanced academic experiences to students and work opportunities for alumni, promote recruitment and retention, and allow faculty, students, and staff to further the University mission by significantly impacting the broader community. External funding also promotes the sustainability of the University by diversifying the institution’s financial base, and for tuition-dependent institutions like Detroit Mercy, external funding is imperative to allowing us to continue to impact the greater good.

Whereas external funding for scholarly activities typically is generated by the federal government or philanthropic foundations, there is often a great degree of variability among the type and scope of funding provided, and the extent of impact the funding may have. In an effort to illustrate the numerous ways in which external funding impacts the University and its stakeholders, this is the introductory article in a new series detailing the long tail of external funding.

Student-Focused Funding

External funding to support research and other scholarly activities plays a crucial role in academe and is largely the domain of faculty—designed specifically and to some degree, exclusively, for scholars. However, a significant amount of federal funding is also made available to scholars for use in preparing students in specific disciplines and to expand the workforce with highly specialized professionals in order to meet emerging needs in society. Not only is this type of funding instrumental to reinforcing the University mission and the University’s stature as a premier institution of learning, its economic impact stretches far and wide. For instance, funding for academic programs and enhanced student preparation has provided: external tuition support for students, salary support for faculty and staff, and additional compensation for faculty. It has also created work opportunities for alumni and community members, and provided necessary funding to support evaluation activities, supplies, and other essential related tools and activities. In addition, this type of funding often has a direct impact on the community by providing specific services, expanding the workforce, and enhancing the community’s infrastructure. While difficult to quantify, it is the community impact of this type of external funding that so reflects the Mission of Detroit Mercy.

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To illustrate the impact of external funding related to academic preparation and workforce expansion, three recent grant projects are discussed below. Each of the grants was awarded by federal agencies (Health Services and Resources Administration, National Science Foundation) and had total budgets of more than $500,000.

1) $752,000 – Health Services and Resources Administration  
Academic Unit Impacted by Award: McAuley School of Nursing  
Project Director: Carla Groh, Professor of Nursing

The Health Resources and Services Administration’s Nurse Education, Quality, Practice and Retention project provided enhanced clinical practice to nursing students in order to positively impact the community through the delivery of needed health care. The majority of funding supported faculty and staff salaries ($590,924) while $57,600 was allocated to hire a local consultant, and more than $40,000 provided additional funding for faculty and staff travel and the purchase of materials and supplies.

2) $598,000 Award – National Science Foundation  
Academic Unit Impacted by Award: College of Engineering and Science  
Project Director: Shuvra Das, Professor of Engineering

The NSF Scholarships in STEM (S-STEM) award was designed to encourage student pursuit of science, technology, engineering and math degrees. The program made it possible for Detroit Mercy to award $576,000 directly to undergraduates in the form of scholarships. Because this was a scholarship-based program, 96% of the grant award was allocated directly to student tuition with only 4% ($22,000) allocated to project evaluation, supplies and other intangibles.
3) $702,000 Award - Health Services and Resources Administration (2014-2017)
Academic Unit Impacted by Award: Counseling Program
Project Director: Nancy Calleja, Professor of Counseling and Addiction Studies

The HRSA award was made possible as a result of a federal initiative to expand the professional behavioral health workforce with those specially trained to work with high-risk adolescents. As a result of the award, the Working with At-Risk Youth Fellowship program (WARY) was implemented in the graduate Counseling program. The WARY Fellowship program provides enhanced curricular and specialized internship placements to selected Counseling students, providing students with a $10,000 stipend for their commitment to work with at and high risk youth during the first five years of their career. In addition to providing more than $500,000 in Counseling student stipends, the funds also supported six Graduate Research Assistants. In addition, the funds provided $8,000 to Counseling program alumni who worked on the project, and $157,000 in faculty salary support.

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For other resources, such as video tutorials about grant budgeting, information commonly required in grant applications, compliance requirements and internal processes, please visit the OSPRA website at [http://www.udmercy.edu/academicaffairs/ospra/](http://www.udmercy.edu/academicaffairs/ospra/)
NIH Funds ReBUILDetroit Pilot Grants

In April 2017, ReBUILDetroit funded five pilot, collaborative and course development projects submitted by investigators across partner institutions as part of a competitive granting process. Pilot awards totaled nearly $125,000, and are part of the five-year, $21MM ReBUILDetroit grant funded by the National Institutes of Health (NIH).

A team comprised of faculty and administrators from University of Detroit Mercy, Wayne State University and Marygrove College developed and disseminated the Request for Proposals in fall 2016. Investigators from all three partner institutions were eligible to submit. The team solicited external reviewers who provided detailed feedback to investigators. Based on reviewer comments, recommended proposals were sent to the NIH for final review and approval. The following grants have been approved by the NIH (Principal Investigators are listed first. Detroit Mercy investigators are in bold):

**Course Development Grants**

- **Kendra Evans, Elizabeth Roberts-Kirchhoff,** and **Katherine Lanigan.** “Development and Implementation of Bioanalytical Research Project in Quantitative Analysis Laboratory.” $24,990.62

- **Gregory Grabowski** and **Rachelle Belanger,** “Advancing Undergraduate STEM Education: Development of a Research-Focused Histotechnology Course.” $25,878.44

**Collaborative and Pilot Grants**

- **Klaus Friedrich** and Christine Chow, “Amino Acid-Type Carrier Ligands for DNA-Probing.” $23,117.00

- **Carla Groh** and **Mitzi Saunders,** “Transition from Spousal Caregiving to Widowhood: A Mixed Method Comparison between Rural and Urban Women.” $24,998.00

- **Jacob Kagey** and Tiffany Cook, “Investigation of the multi-faceted role of Yorkie in Drosophila melanogaster eye development in the roles of cell proliferation, cell survival, and cell fate specification.” $25,418.71

The long-term objective of the ReBUILDetroit project (Research Enrichment Building Undergraduate Infrastructure Leading to Diversity) is to align institutions and faculty from University of Detroit Mercy, Marygrove College and Wayne State University to support the development of innovative undergraduate research training programs that eventually will increase the number of undergraduate and underrepresented students pursuing biomedical, behavioral, social, and clinical research careers. The grant is currently in its third year.
State of Michigan Funds the Design of a Community Gathering Space

The Michigan Economic Development Corporation has awarded the Detroit Collaborative Design Center a $100,000 grant to create a community space in the Fitzgerald neighborhood. Architects will focus on the beautification and repurposing of vacant land at the intersection of Fenkell Ave. and Charrylawn St, an area in northwest Detroit which is often overlooked. The project will include community engagement, design and engineering for the proposed landscape, and also construction. Long-term maintenance and ownership will be made possible by a community lease through the Detroit Land Bank Authority. A local community organization will oversee the project, in coordination with local block clubs that will also inform design decisions. The landscape plan will be detailed in collaboration with residents and will likely include features such as native plantings, seating and pathways. The estimated completion date for the space is summer 2018.

Changes to the Federal Policy for the Protection of Human Subjects

In January 2017, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) and 15 other federal agencies issued a final rule to update regulations that safeguard human subjects. The revised rule strengthens protections for research participants while attempting to avoid additional administrative burdens. Most provisions in the new rule will go into effect in January 2018.

The current set of regulations, commonly referred to as the Common Rule, has been in place since 1991. Since the research environment has changed significantly since then, the HHS and other agencies published a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) in September 2015. The proposed rule drew more than 2,100 comments. In response to these concerns, the final rule contains many significant changes from the NPRM.

Important elements in the final rule include the following (taken from HHS.gov):

- The requirement for consent forms to provide potential research subjects with a better understanding of a project’s scope, including its risks and benefits, so they can make a more fully informed decision about whether to participate.
- Requirements, in many cases, to use a single institutional review board (IRB) for multi-institutional research studies. The proposal from the NPRM has been modified, however, to add substantial increased flexibility in now allowing broad groups of studies (instead of just specific studies) to be removed from this requirement.
- For studies on stored identifiable data or identifiable biospecimens, researchers will have the option of relying on broad consent obtained for future research as an alternative to seeking IRB approval to waive the consent requirement. As under the current rule, researchers will still not have to obtain consent for studies on non-identified stored data or biospecimens.
- The establishment of new exempt categories of research based on the level of risk they pose to participants. For example, to reduce unnecessary regulatory burden and allow IRBs to focus their attention on higher risk studies, there is a new exemption for secondary research involving identifiable private information if the research is regulated by and participants are protected under the HIPAA rules.
- Removal of the requirement to conduct continuing review of ongoing research studies in certain instances where such review does little to protect subjects.
- Requirement that consent forms for certain federally funded clinical trials be posted on a public website.

The final rule can be accessed at https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2017/01/19/2017-01058/federal-policy-for-the-protection-of-human-subjects
Detroit Mercy Celebrates Scholarly Achievement

More than 300 members of the Detroit Mercy community participated in the 12th Annual Celebration of Scholarly Achievement, sponsored by Delta Dental of Michigan. The annual event highlights the diverse scholarship of faculty, undergraduate and graduate students and spotlights the impact of Detroit Mercy in industry, design, education, health care and other fields.

This year’s event showcased four books, nine book chapters, 70 journal articles, 12 conference proceedings, one electronic presentation and 84 scholarly posters.

Also featured were nine Celebrate Service posters highlighting the important service activities of faculty and students. A diverse array of posters from all colleges and schools included initiatives such as Rx for Reading and the Pediatric Dentistry Club. Nurse Anesthesia’s mission trips to Guatemala and the Philippines were represented. The College of Business Administration discussed a financial literacy education program for middle school students. The Counseling, Psychology and Law Clinics were highlighted, as were the Career Education Center and the Institute for Leadership and Service.

Congratulations to all faculty members and students who have published, presented or received an award during the 2016-17 academic year. Your accomplishments heighten the distinction of University of Detroit Mercy.

For more details and event photos, please see the website: http://research.udmercy.edu/find/special_collections/digital/csa/.

Leah Aggison and Jace Paupert. Photo by John Powell
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Books


Book Chapters


Journal Articles


https://www.hindawi.com/journals/crinm/2016/7575623/abs/


Published Conference Proceeding


Conference Presentation


Fulk, Brandi, Steven Huprich, and John Porcerelli. "Object Relations in Binge Eating Disorder." Society for Personality Assessment. San Francisco, California. 16 March 2017


**Student Awards**

*Christoff, Maria.* "Suffering, the Other, and a Vote for Trump." *Schillinger Memorial Essay Competition.* Section V of the Division of Psychoanalysis (39) of the APA.


*LaLonde, Cathleen* and *John Porcerelli.* "Differentiation-Relatedness and Partner-Violence in Urban Women." *1st Place Poster Award.* Society for Personality Assessment.

