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Research Updates and Collaborating for Success Stacey S. Patterson, Ph.D. June 21, 2019

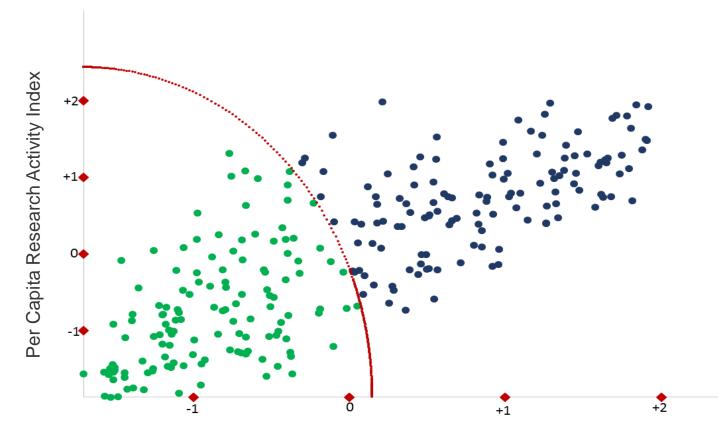


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Studious inquiry or examination especially: investigation or experimentation aimed at the discovery and interpretation of facts, revision of accepted theories or laws in the light of new facts, or practical application of such new or revised theories or laws.

CARNEGIE CLASSIFICATION

Research Activity Index Results Based on Rank-order Data



The University of Tennessee, Knoxville, is the only public R1 institution in Tennessee.

Aggregate Research Activity Index

SPONSORED PROGRAMS = GRANTS AND CONTRACTS FACULTY AND STAFF SECURE FOR UT. What do sponsored programs revenues pay for?



PROPOSALS

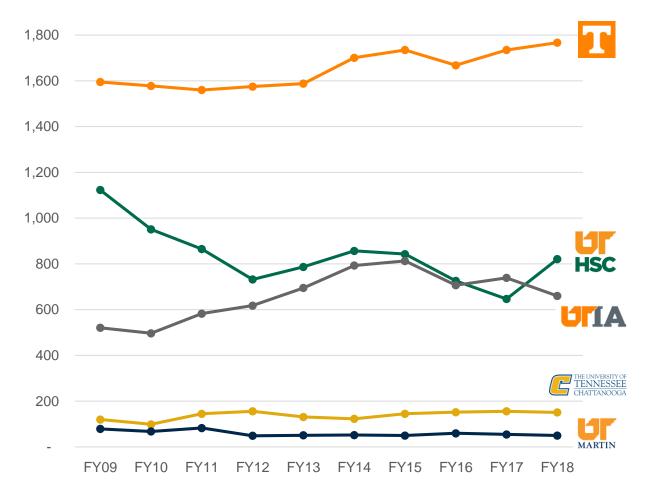
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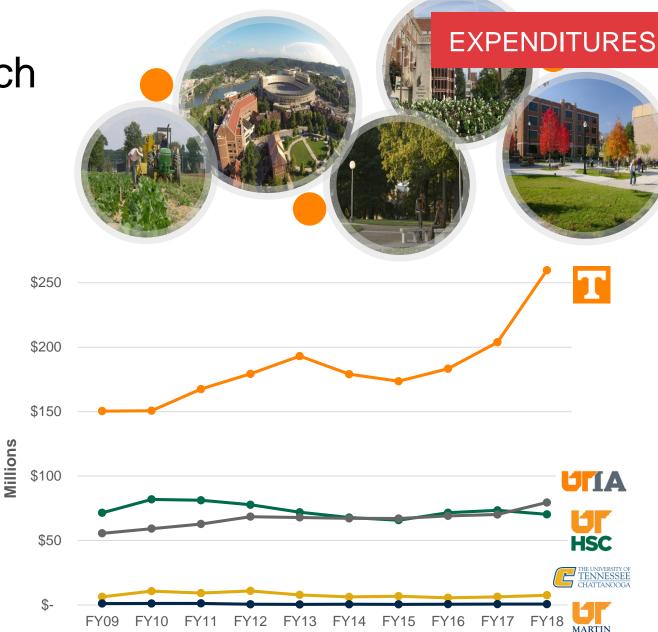
Number of UT Proposals Submitted

- Last year, researchers across the UT System submitted over 3,400 proposals for extramural funding.
- Campus research offices are working to find new opportunities, remove barriers and increase the proposal pipeline.



Total Research Expenditures by Campus

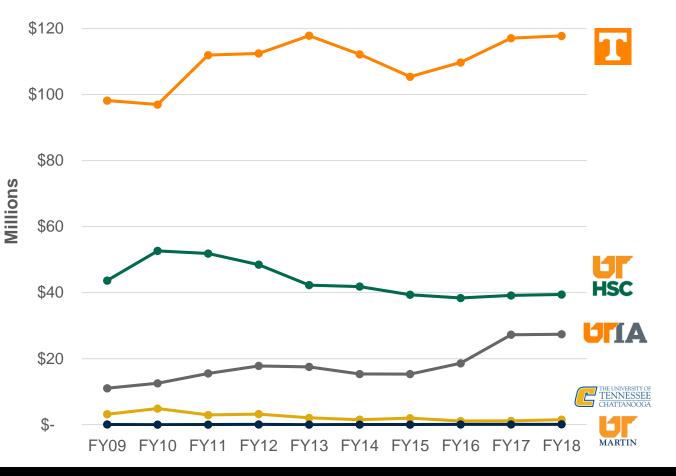
- Research expenditures as reported on the NSF HERD Survey is the gold standard metric.
- System-wide, research expenditures hit an all-time high in FY18 at \$417M increasing 46% since FY09.
- The growth over the last two years at UT Knoxville was driven primarily by IACMI.





Federal Research Expenditures by Campus

System-wide federal research expenditures have increased 19% since FY09.

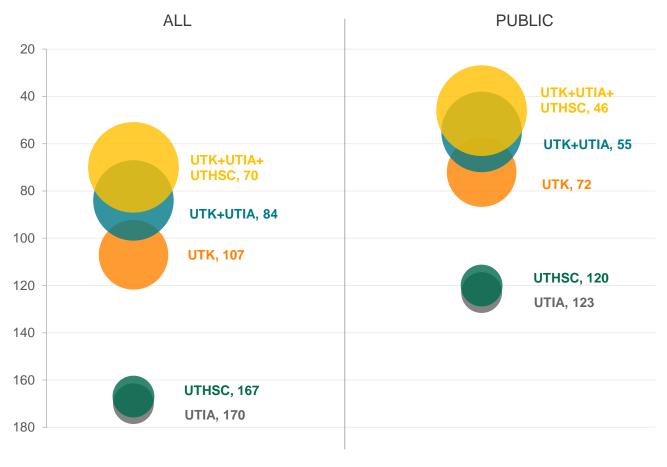


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EXPENDITURES

Research Expenditure Rankings as Reported on NSF HERD Survey

TOTAL RESEARCH EXPENDITURES

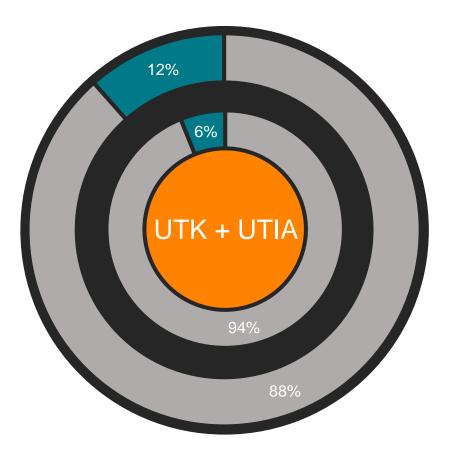


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How do we continue to grow research funding?

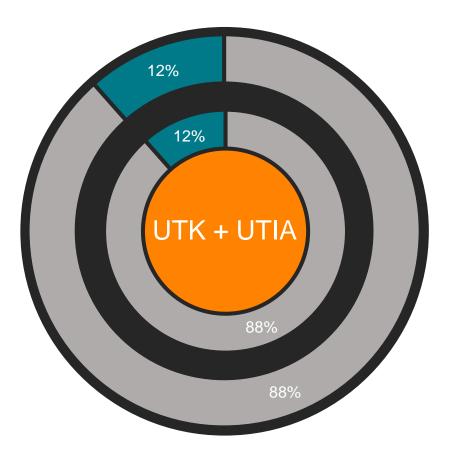
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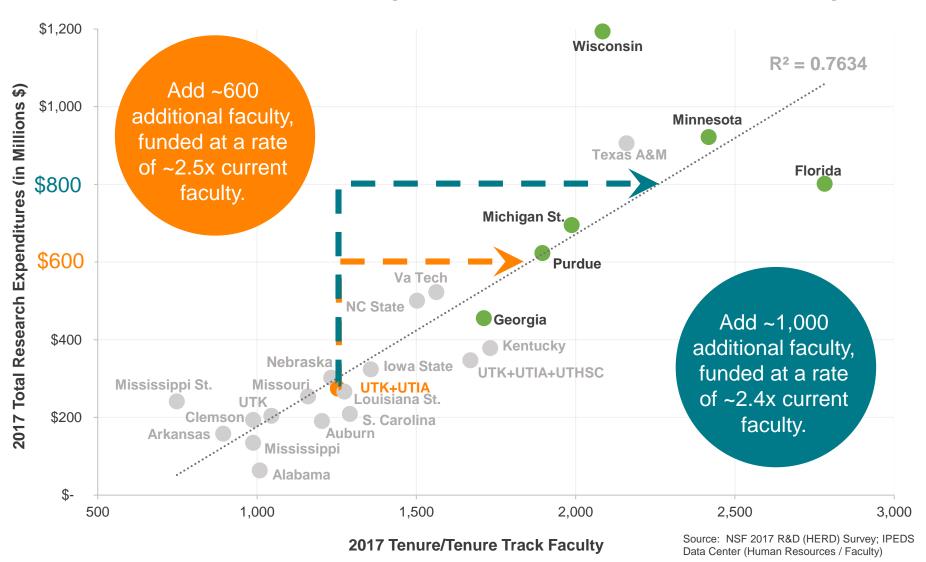
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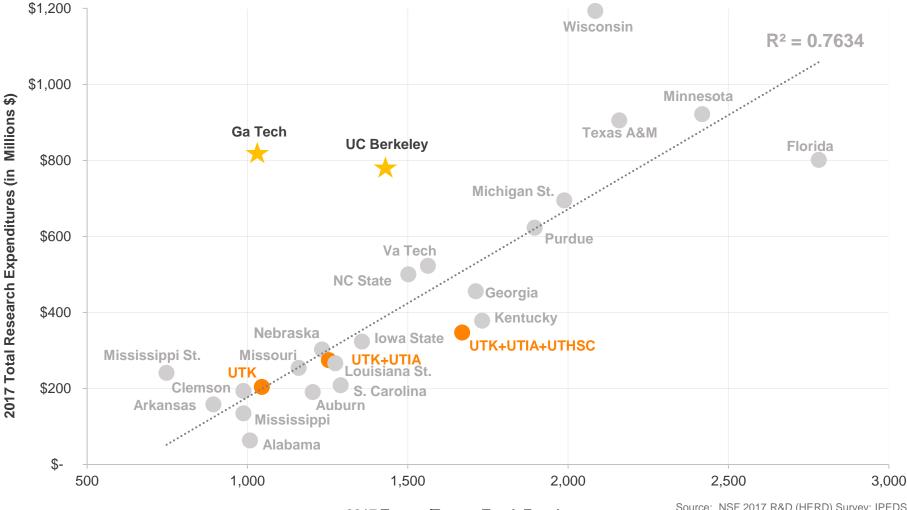
Traditional Approach: Add Faculty



TOTAL RESEARCH FUNDING What would it take to grow *total* research funding?



TOTAL RESEARCH FUNDING What is different at Georgia Tech & UC Berkeley?



2017 Tenure/Tenure Track Faculty

Source: NSF 2017 R&D (HERD) Survey; IPEDS Data Center (Human Resources / Faculty)



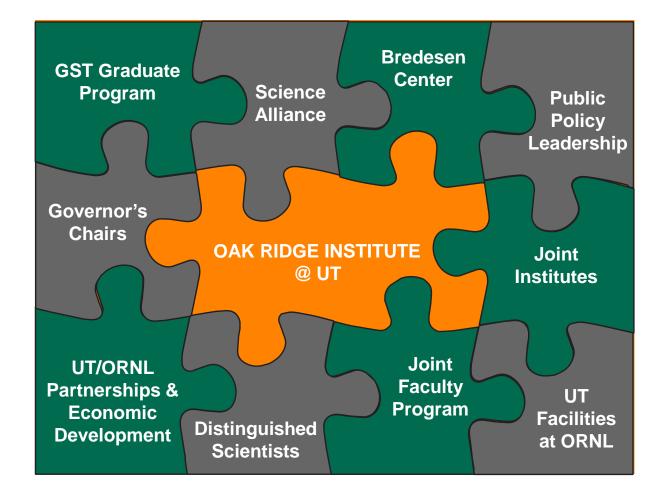
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Oak Ridge Institute @ UT

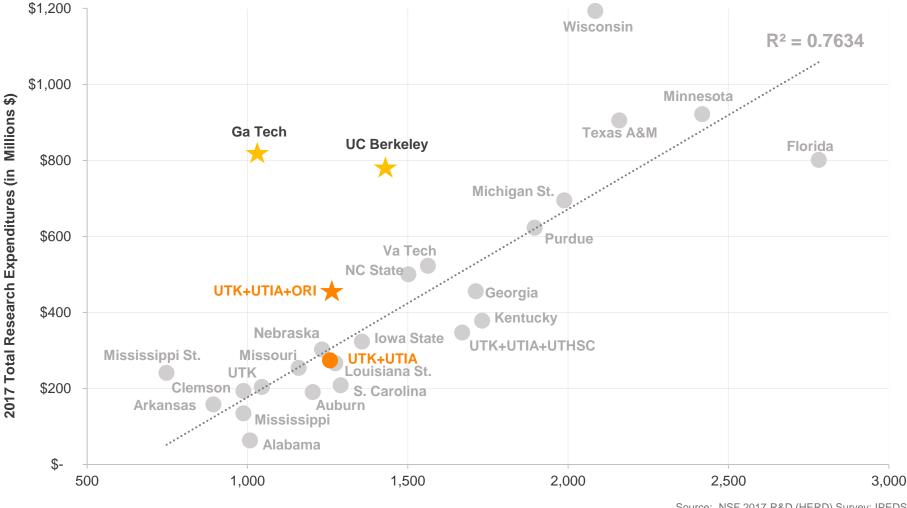
Requires ten-year commitment to become self-sustaining.

- Focused interdisciplinary problem-based science and engineering.
- Recruit 60 new researchers/ faculty complemented by ORNL scientists.
- Grow joint PhD program to 500 students.
- Attract \$150++ million in new research funding annually.



Positions UT as a Top Public Research Institution!

TOTAL RESEARCH FUNDING Impact of ORI Investment



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Conclusion

To grow UT's research enterprise, we must employ both traditional and novel approaches:

- Identify opportunities and eliminate barriers to success
- Diversify funding sources
- Recruit faculty in growth areas
- Leverage and enlarge our unique partnership with ORNL

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