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## Georgia Southern grant awards for faculty on the rise

July 30, 2020

Georgia Southern University saw a significant increase in grant and contract funding awarded to its faculty for research in the 2020 fiscal year. Georgia Southern faculty and staff received 144 awards totaling \$10.7 million, which represents nearly a 67% increase over the previous year. The University received \$6.4 million in FY2019 and \$5.6 million in FY2018. This year marks the first time that faculty-led research at Georgia Southern broke the \$10 million threshold.

Vice Provost for Research Christopher Curtis, Ph.D., praised the faculty for their achievements.

“These are highly competitive awards from the state, the federal government and private enterprises,” he said. “To grow our research portfolio in a national environment of diminishing funding is truly remarkable and a testament to the intellectual firepower and creativity of our professors. Georgia Southern is a Public Impact Research university, which means that the success of these researchers will be felt well beyond the confines of the University and will extend across the region.”

Faculty engage in research that contributes significantly to the University’s \$1.4 billion economic impact on the coastal region and that makes Georgia Southern a leading Public Impact Research university in the Southeast.

The Allen E. Paulson College of Engineering and Computing, the College of Science and Mathematics and the Jiann-Ping Hsu College of Public Health each received over \$2 million in sponsored awards in FY2020.

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