Our faculty’s ability to compete for federal funding at an impressive level, despite the constrained funding climate, is a credit to their innovation and creativity and the university’s commitment to research excellence and infrastructure.

Jordan L. Cohen, Vice President for Research and Economic Development
FY2011 marks the 10th consecutive year that funding exceeded one-third of a billion dollars. This outstanding productivity continues to place the UI among the nation’s elite public research universities. According to the most recent National Science Foundation survey (2009), the UI is ranked 21st among public universities in terms of federal expenditures for research and development, up from 24th in 2008.

The total of $33.3 million in federal stimulus funding for FY2011 represented another notable accomplishment by UI faculty. The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act provided an extraordinary opportunity for faculty to augment their already strong programs with higher risk research applications. UI faculty competed very effectively for these funds, garnering 210 ARRA awards totaling almost $80 million over three years.

The National Institutes of Health (NIH) continues to be the UI’s largest sponsor of federally funded research, and accounted for over $205 million, or 45 percent, of the university’s extramural funding portfolio in FY 2011. UI funding from the Department of Defense (DOD) was more robust and diversified in FY 2011, reaching $17 million and more than doubling the previous year’s level of funding.

University of Iowa grant and contract funding totaled $456.6 million in FY2011, remaining remarkably vigorous despite a significant downturn in overall federal funding for research. The number marks the UI’s second-highest yearly total ever, just 2.2 percent below the record total of $466.5 million received in 2010.
On the cover: A ribbons model of an antibody, also known as immunoglobin.

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