In the post-federal stimulus era, the landscape for research funding has grown more challenging and complex. In 2013, University of Iowa faculty navigated this competitive environment by maintaining strong federal support and identifying new targets of opportunity with industry and the private sector.

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FY2013 marks the 5th consecutive year that external funding for research eclipsed $400 million. Despite federal agency cutbacks, UI researchers proved resilient and creative, pursuing new revenue streams and increasing their share of funding from corporate, industrial and philanthropic sources.

UI researchers earned $62 million in corporate and industrial funding in FY2013, $10 million more than the previous fiscal year, or an increase of 17 percent. Funding from foundation and nonprofits also rose to $46 million, an increase of 5 percent.

The National Institutes of Health (NIH) continues to be the UI’s largest sponsor of federally funded research, accounting for over $169M, or 40 percent, of the university’s extramural funding portfolio in FY 2013. The UI is ranked 14th among public universities in total NIH funding.
On the cover: Tom Schnell leads a 3 year, $1.2M project funded by NASA that is focused on helping pilots react and recover when the autopilot system in the plane malfunctions.