The UI has recorded another strong year in research funding in an increasingly competitive funding environment. I am proud of our faculty’s commitment to excellence in their scholarship and their impact on the State of Iowa.

Jordan L. Cohen, Vice President for Research and Economic Development
FY2012 marks the 4th consecutive year that external funding for research eclipsed $400 million. This outstanding productivity continues to place the UI among the nation’s elite public research universities.

The National Institutes of Health (NIH) continues to be the UI’s largest sponsor of federally funded research, accounting for over $185M, or 42 percent of the university’s extramural funding portfolio in FY 2012. The UI is ranked 15th among public universities in total NIH funding.

UI research supported by the National Science Foundation more than doubled over last year, increasing from $8M in FY11 to over $17M in FY12. Across all funding sources, researchers landed 2,124 grant and contract awards, the most ever when excluding stimulus-funded projects.

**Total Awards by College, FY2012**

- **Medicine**: $209.1M
- **Other Administrative Units**: $59.2M
- **Liberal Arts and Sciences**: $52.8M
- **Public Health**: $51.1M
- **Engineering**: $30.9M
- **Pharmacy**: $12.6M
- **Education**: $7.9M
- **Dentistry**: $7.8M
- **Graduate College**: $3.2M
- **Nursing**: $3.2M
- **Business**: $0.5M
- **Law**: $0.3M

**Total**: $438M

**Total Awards by Source, FY2012**

- **Industry**: 12%
- **NIH**: 42%
- **Other Non-Federal**: 6%
- **State Agencies**: 4%
- **Other**: 2%
- **FEDERAL**: 9%

**University of Iowa grant and contract funding totaled $438 million in FY12, remaining robust and competitive despite a significant downturn in overall federal funding for research in the post-stimulus (ARRA) era. Excluding short-term stimulus funding last year and this year, total external funding increased 3.2 percent over FY11.**
On the cover: It may look like an exotic butterfly, but this image produced by UI neuroscientist Li-Hsien Lin shows the location in the spinal cord of three enzymes that are critical for breathing and heart function. It was a winner of the Federation of American Societies of Experimental Biology’s 2012 Bio-Art Competition.