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ACCOMPLISHMENTS



Estimated Revenue
2025–2027

\$269,888,474

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Sponsored Project Awards
FY25

\$20,244,449

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UND SMHS Alumni

12,800+

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Vital Signs 2025 represents the good-faith effort of the UND School of Medicine & Health Sciences to provide current and accurate information about the School. Numerous sources were used in gathering the information found in this community report. We welcome corrections, which we will incorporate in subsequent issues of *Vital Signs*.

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To serve North Dakota for the benefit of its people and to enhance the quality of their lives.

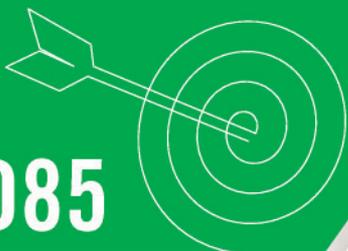
(See North Dakota Century Code, Section 15-52-01)



UND students with local kiddos at the School's annual student-led Teddy Bear Clinic in Grand Forks, Oct. 2025



ND85



TRAINING NORTH DAKOTANS, SERVING NORTH DAKOTA

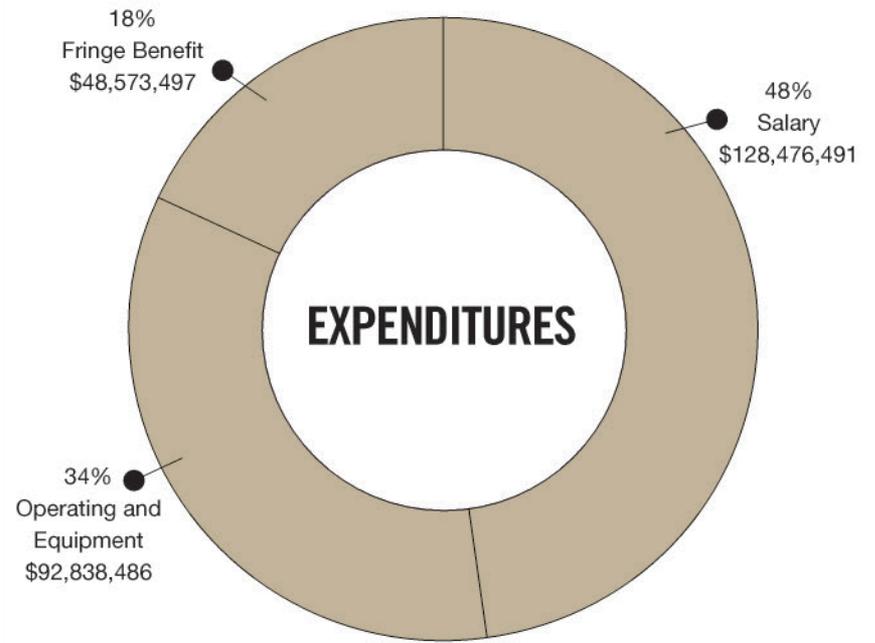
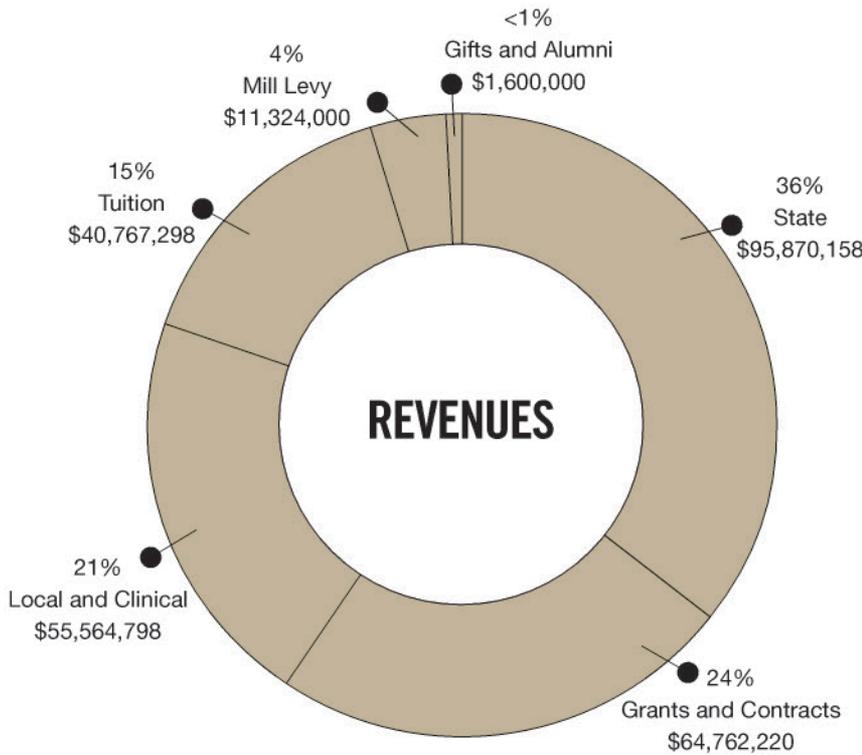
To better retain an adequate healthcare workforce for this century, North Dakota's only comprehensive school of medicine and health sciences wants 85% of our medical and physician assistant applicants to have direct North Dakota ties by 2030.

How we're reaching North Dakota Students

- Visiting more N.D. high schools
- Seeking greater participation in N.D. Scrubs Camps and Academies
- Establishing even better partnerships with local healthcare institutions
- Providing outreach to N.D. HOSA advisors and HOSA events
- Increasing partnership with UND undergraduate college advisors and N.D. pre-med groups
- Establishing and maintaining a hometown ambassador database to help foster UND connections with local communities
- Building stronger connections with influencers in students' lives: teachers, counselors, and parents
- Maintaining support with our Indians Into Medicine (INMED) program, which helps prepare Indigenous students for medical education

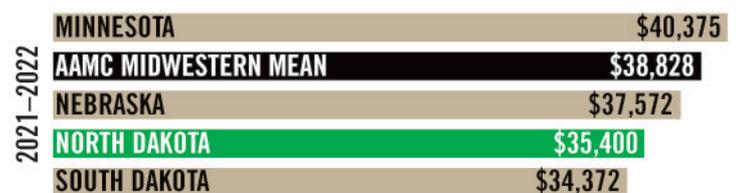
OUR 2025–2027 BIENNIAL BUDGET \$269,888,474

The majority comes from non-state sources such as grants, contracts, patient revenue, and tuition.



For every **\$1** appropriated to the School by the Legislature, the School generates about **\$1.52** in grants, contracts, tuition, and clinical revenues.

FIRST YEAR IN-STATE RESIDENT TUITION AND FEE RATES FOR REGIONAL MEDICAL SCHOOLS PER THE ASSOCIATION OF AMERICAN MEDICAL COLLEGES (AAMC)

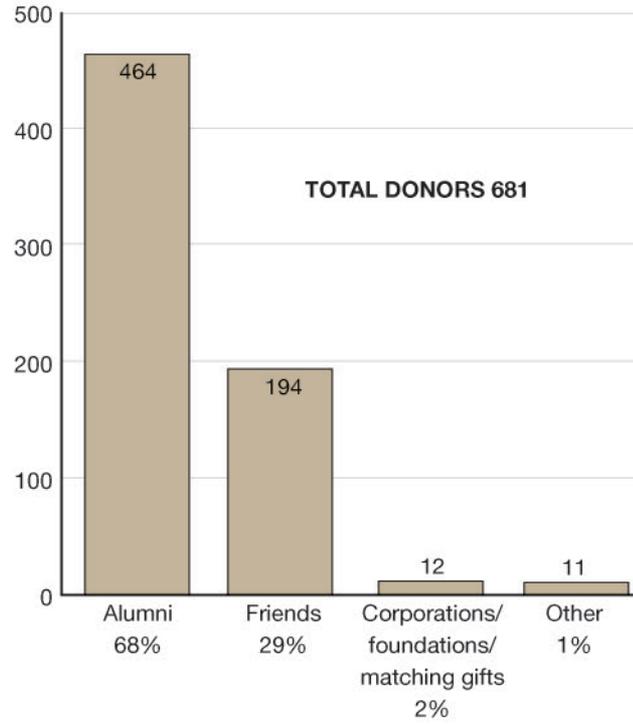
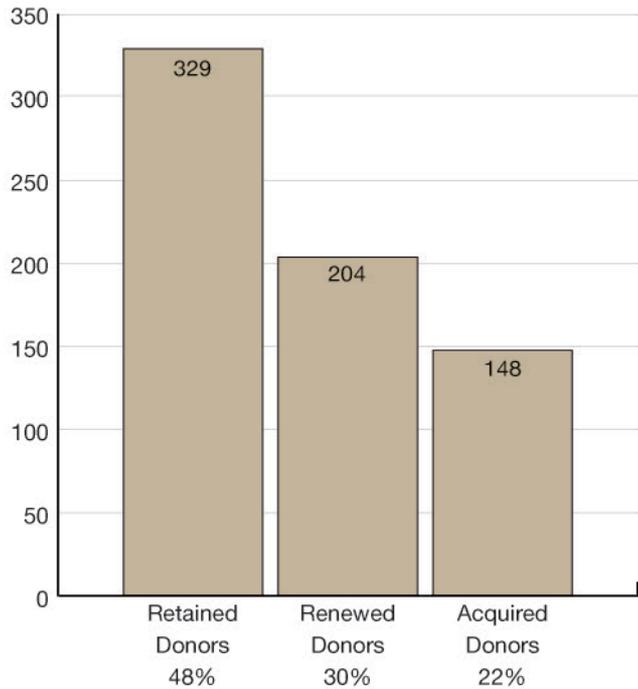


AAMC Midwest Mean - average of MN, NE, SD, ND

Source: AAMC 2013–2025 Tuition and Student Fees Report, aamc.org/data-reports/reporting-tools/report/tuition-and-student-fees-reports

TOTAL GIFTS IN FY25 \$4,474,070

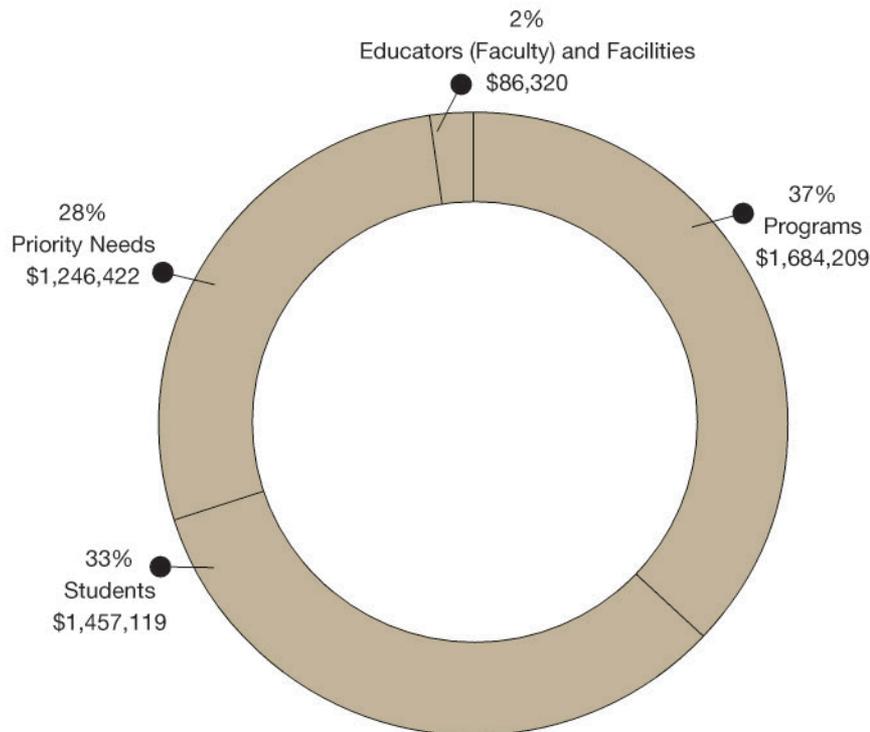
SOURCES OF DONATIONS



FISCAL YEAR 2024

Retained Donors	381
Reengaged Donors	167
New Donors	196
TOTAL DONORS	744
Alumni	467
Friends	130
Other	119
Corporations/foundations/matching gifts	28
TOTAL DONORS	744
Students	\$ 6,771,115
Priority Needs	3,346,308
Programs	2,276,546
Educators (faculty) and Facilities	605,050
TOTAL	\$ 12,999,019

USES OF DONATIONS



Source: Source: UND Alumni Association & Foundation



“Your [gift] means so much to me, and I am grateful for it. Donors like you inspire me and I wish to do the same in the future.”

JACK WOLSKY

Minot, N.D.
M.D. Class of 2028

FISCAL YEAR 2023

Retained Donors	423
Reengaged Donors	195
New Donors	79
TOTAL DONORS	697
Alumni	456
Friends	207
Other	18
Corporations/foundations/matching gifts	16
TOTAL DONORS	697
Students	\$ 2,617,962
Priority Needs	177,363
Educators (faculty) and Facilities	150,050
Programs	118,422
TOTAL	\$ 3,063,797



GRADUATE PROGRAMS

Biomedical Sciences (Graduate—Master and Doctoral)	41
Clinical and Translational Science (Graduate—Master and Doctoral)	8
TOTAL	49

Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) and Master of Science (MS) degrees in Biomedical Sciences, with specializations in:

- Inflammation and Infectious Disease
- Neuroscience and Neurodegenerative Disease
- Epigenetics
- Molecular and Cellular Biology

Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) and Master of Science (MS) degrees in Clinical and Translational Science, with specializations in:

- Molecular and Pathological Basis of Human Disease, Bioinformatics, and Human Population Genetics

MEDICAL DOCTOR (MD) PROGRAM

Year 1 Class of 2029	78
Year 2 Class of 2028	73
Year 3 Class of 2027	69
Year 4 Class of 2026	70
TOTAL	290

Medical Doctor (MD)

All medical students spend their first 20 months in Grand Forks. They learn through lectures, laboratories, patient simulations, and in patient-centered-learning groups, where basic and clinical sciences are taught in the context of patient cases. They then spend two years and four months of clinical training in Bismarck, Fargo, Grand Forks, Minot, or a rural community through the Rural Opportunities in Medical Education (ROME) Program. Our revised hands-on, patient-centered learning curriculum offers more first-year elective options and gets students into the clinical setting faster than many medical colleges.

HEALTH SCIENCES

Athletic Training	
Minor Pre-Athletic Training	51
Master of Athletic Training	2
Medical Laboratory Science	
Pre-Medical Laboratory Science	88
Certificate	74
Histotechnician	22
Bachelor of Science	75
Master of Science	41
Occupational Therapy	
Pre-Occupational Therapy	127
Occupational Therapy Doctorate	136
Physical Therapy	
Pre-Physical Therapy	244
Doctor of Physical Therapy	154
Physician Assistant	
Master of Physician Assistant Studies	63
Public Health	
Master of Public Health	29
Indigenous Health Ph.D.	
	52
TOTAL	1,158

Athletic Training (MAT)

- Our inaugural class of Master of Athletic Training students graduated in 2024

Medical Laboratory Science (BS, MS, Certificates)

- Four-year Bachelor of Science or post-baccalaureate certificate
- MLS Categorical Certificates
- Master of Science
- Histotechnician Certificate

Occupational Therapy (OTD)

- Three-year pre-occupational therapy program and three-year Occupational Therapy Doctorate

Physical Therapy (DPT)

- Three-year pre-physical therapy program and three-year Doctor of Physical Therapy

Physician Assistant Studies (PA-C)

- Two-year Master of Physician Assistant Studies (MPAS) leading to the Certified Physician Assistant credential

INDIGENOUS AND PUBLIC HEALTH

Indigenous and Public Health (PhD and MPH)

UND's Master of Public Health program houses three specializations – Health Management & Policy, Indigenous Health, and Population Health Research & Analytics. Likewise, our School's world-first doctoral program in Indigenous Health gives graduate students opportunities to promote synergy across research, education, service, and training that focuses on Indigenous health.

POST-MD DEGREE (RESIDENCY)

Residency/Fellowship Training

The SMHS partners with area providers on post-graduate residency training in family medicine, forensic pathology, geriatric medicine, hospital medicine, internal medicine, pediatrics, psychiatry, surgery, orthopedic surgery, transitional, neurology, and hematology/oncology.

TOTAL 191

UNDERGRADUATE EDUCATION

The School's faculty also teach courses in anatomy, physiology, pharmacology, biochemistry, microbiology, and immunology that enroll over 1,000 undergraduate students each year who will become physicians, therapists, nurses, dietitians, exercise scientists, public health professionals, and forensic scientists.



MEDICAL RESIDENCIES

Our physician graduates complete anywhere from three to seven years of residency training.

Residency training throughout North Dakota is provided in seven specialties

- Family Medicine (Bismarck, Fargo, Grand Forks, Hettinger, Minot, and Williston)*
- Internal Medicine (Fargo, Bismarck)
- Neurology (Fargo)
- Orthopedic Surgery (Fargo)
- Pediatrics (Fargo)
- Psychiatry (Fargo, Jamestown)
- Surgery (Fargo, Grand Forks)
- Transitional (Fargo)**

Post-graduate fellowships

- Forensic Pathology (Grand Forks)
- Geriatrics (Fargo)
- Hematology and Medical Oncology (Fargo)
- Hospitalist (Bismarck)
- Cardiovascular Disease and Surgical Critical Care starting in 2026 (Fargo)

Some programs have training specific to rural medicine (rural rotations are completed in the towns listed in parentheses)

- UND Family Medicine in Bismarck (Fort Yates, New England, Solen, and Selfridge), Fargo (Valley City and Wahpeton, N.D., and Detroit Lakes and Perham, Minn.), Hettinger (Bowman, New England, Mott, and Watford City, N.D., and Lemmon, S.D.), Minot (Belcourt, Garrison), and Williston
- UND Surgery Rural Track (Jamestown, N.D., and Fergus Falls and Perham, Minn.)
- UND Psychiatry Rural Outreach, including telemedicine (Dickinson, Williston, New Town, Minot, Bismarck [2 sites], Devils Lake, Grand Forks/Grafton, Valley City and Jamestown)

Residency Match Day

This year, 57 UND School of Medicine & Health Sciences students successfully matched with residency programs. More than 47% of M.D. Class of 2025 graduates at UND (27/57) matched into primary care specialties of family medicine, internal medicine, obstetrics & gynecology, and pediatrics. Nearly 23% (13/57) of the cohort are set to enter internal medicine while 6 students are entering a variety of family medicine residencies. Eleven of those 57 graduates entered residencies in North Dakota.

* The Family Medicine Program in Grand Forks is sponsored by Altru Health System. The Williston and Hettinger sites are separate ACGME-accredited programs. Williston and Hettinger residents spend their first year in Minot and Bismarck respectively, but complete their last two years in Williston or Hettinger.

** Transitional residency is a yearlong program designed to introduce graduates to a wide range of medical and surgical specialties. The goal is to build a broad foundation of clinical skills as a base for future training in a medical subspecialty.

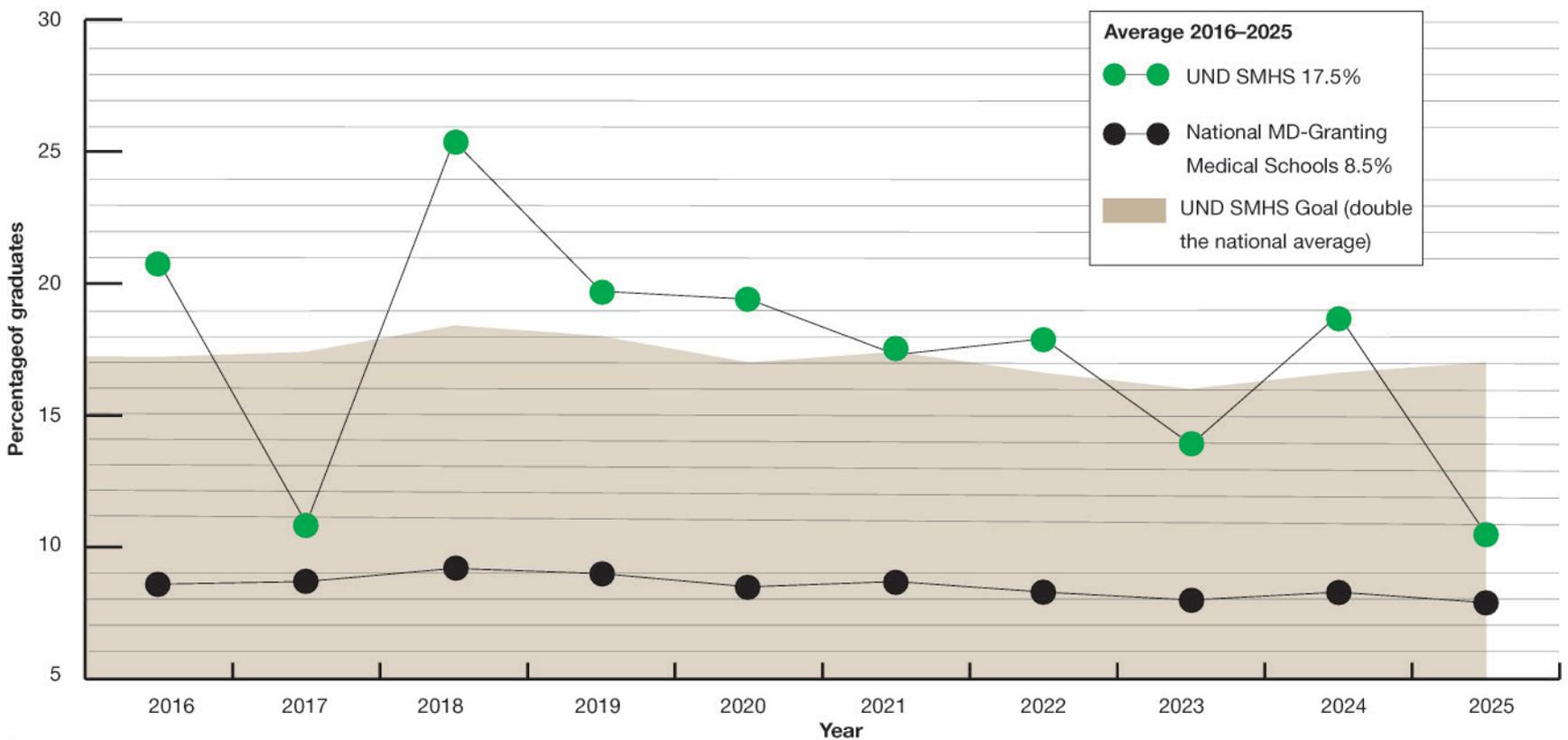
ABOVE & BEYOND

Our goal is to exceed the national average of students specializing in family medicine by 100 percent

A study completed by the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) noted that the University of North Dakota School of Medicine & Health Sciences was again among the top contributors to building the nation's family physician workforce.



GRADUATES CHOOSING FAMILY MEDICINE 2016–2025*

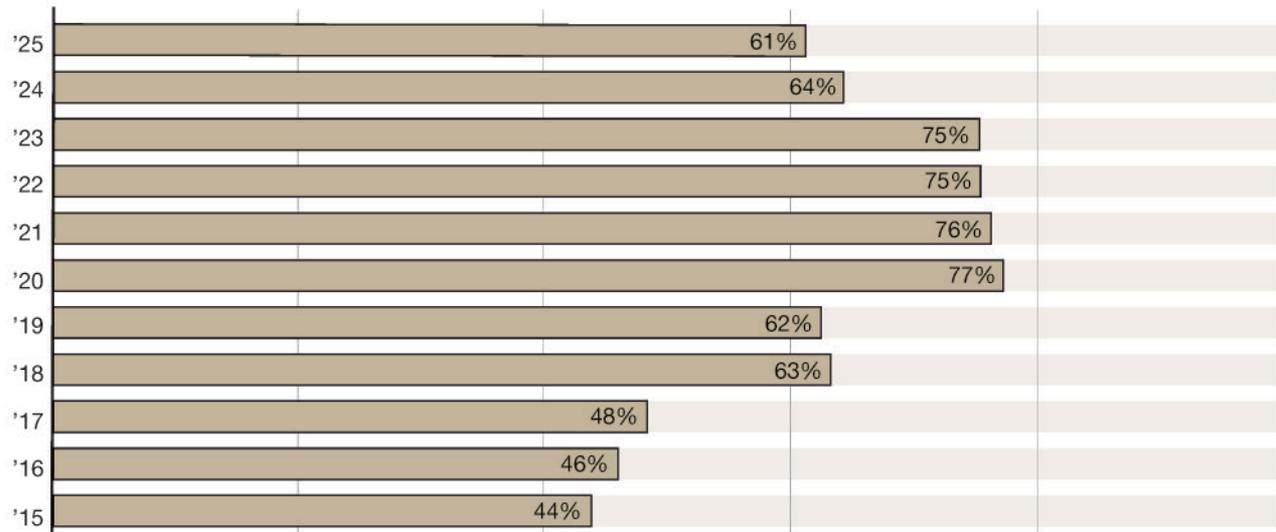


Sources:
National Resident Matching Program [nrmp.org/match-data-analytics/residency-data-reports](https://www.nrmp.org/match-data-analytics/residency-data-reports)
Department of Family & Community Medicine, UND SMHS, March 2025

* U.S. M.D. seniors successfully matching in the NRMP

RETENTION OF UND SMHS MEDICAL STUDENT GRADUATES FOR PRACTICE IN-STATE

Percentile rank (compared with other medical schools)



Source: Missions Management Tool, 2015–2025 AAMC

DEGREE PROGRAM PASS RATES

PROGRAM

Athletic Training
Medical Laboratory Science
Occupational Therapy
Physical Therapy
Physician Assistant
Medicine
Step 1
Step 2
Step 3

Sources: Data are from the most recent examination results per the departments.

FROM AND FOR NORTH DAKOTA

Our goal with ND85 is to get more North Dakota students to and through their healthcare education at UND as soon as possible.

Why? Because North Dakota is facing a shortage of at least 250 physicians today. But data indicates that most physicians end up practicing close to where they train during either medical school and/or their post-graduate medical residency. This means that if we can grow our class sizes and residency programs we'll retain more graduates for practice in-state in the future.

UND SMHS PASS RATE	NATIONAL PASS RATE
100%	79%
89%	68%
100%	96%
93%	89%
97%	92%
99%	91%
(First time examinees taking the exam from Jan. 1, 2024 to Dec. 31, 2024)	
100%	97%
(First time examinees taking the exam from Feb. 15, 2024 to Feb. 15, 2025)	
99%	97%
(First time examinees taking the exam from Jan. 24, 2024 to April 17, 2025)	

PERCENTAGES OF PHYSICIANS PRACTICING IN NORTH DAKOTA WHO GRADUATED FROM THE UND SCHOOL OF MEDICINE & HEALTH SCIENCES AND/OR COMPLETED AN IN-STATE RESIDENCY

	2019	2021	2023	2025
All Specialties	46%	50%	49%	50%
Family Medicine	74%	78%	79%	81%
Internal Medicine	41%	44%	40%	39%
Obstetrics and Gynecology	66%	69%	69%	72%
Pediatrics	41%	45%	42%	38%
Psychiatry	41%	48%	48%	45%

Source: AMA Master File, 2025. [Data file]. Wood Dale, Ill. Medical Marketing Service

SCHOOL OF MEDICINE & HEALTH SCIENCES ALUMNI TOTAL: 12,801

Athletic Trainers	312
Biomedical Sciences and Clinical & Translational Science	267 (since 1995)
Indigenous Health	5
Medical Laboratory Scientists	2,903
Occupational Therapists	2,220
Physical Therapists	2,208
Physician Assistants	2,060
Physicians	2,658
Public Health Professionals	167

PERCENTAGES OF OTHER HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS PRACTICING IN NORTH DAKOTA WHO ARE GRADUATES OF THE UND SCHOOL OF MEDICINE & HEALTH SCIENCES

Athletic Trainers	34%
Medical Laboratory Scientists	38%
Occupational Therapists	47%
Physical Therapists	43%
Physician Assistants	32%

Source: North Dakota state licensing boards and academic departments

UND SMHS MEDICAL DOCTOR PROGRAM OUTCOMES

METRIC	PERCENTILE RANK
Fraction of class identifying as American Indian	99th
Graduates entering primary care	94th
Graduates practicing in family medicine	96th
Graduates practicing in rural areas	98th

Source: Missions Management Tools 2025, AAMC



More than **700** practicing physicians serving North Dakota communities received their education at

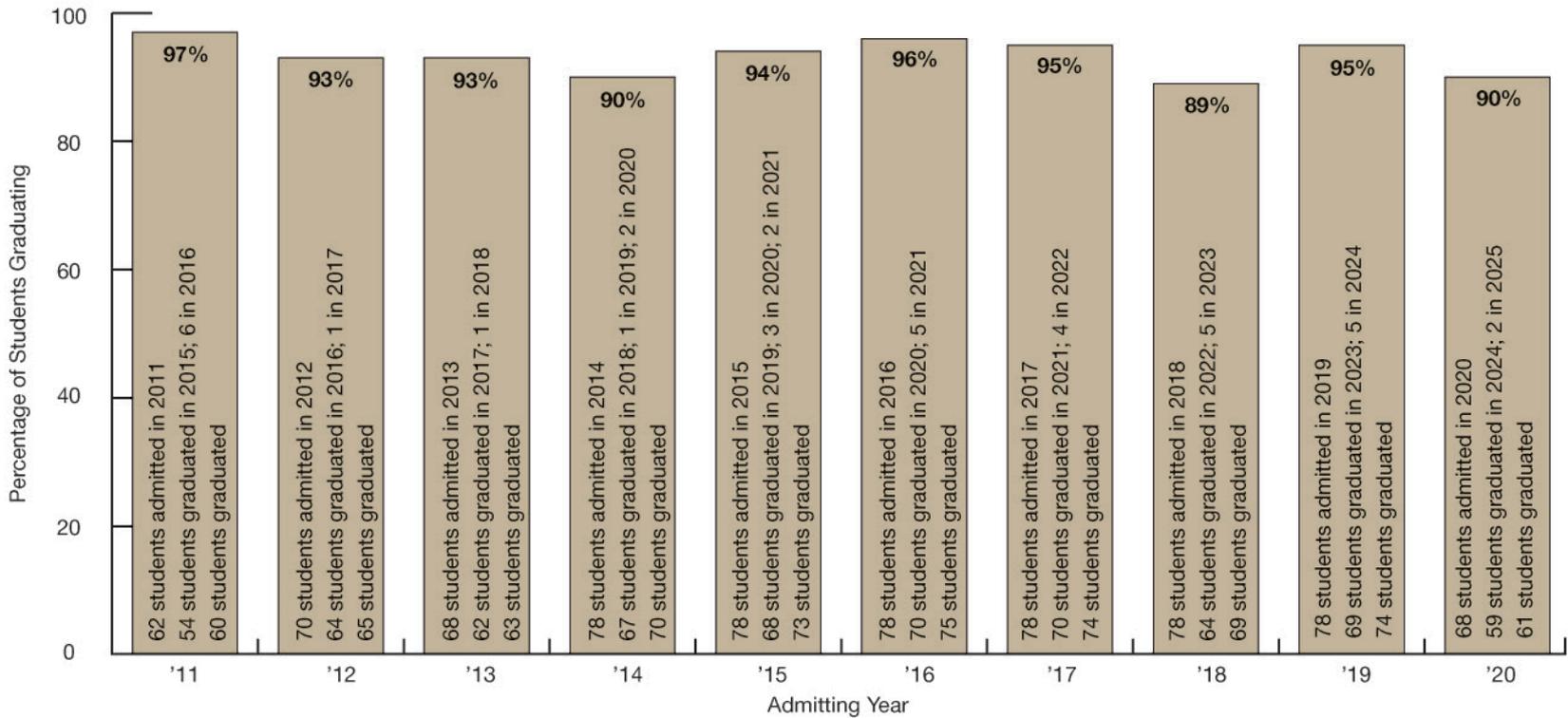
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COMPLETION RATES*

Completion rates measure the percentage of students who enrolled in a professional degree program and completed their degree within the maximum allowable time, which varies based on the program.

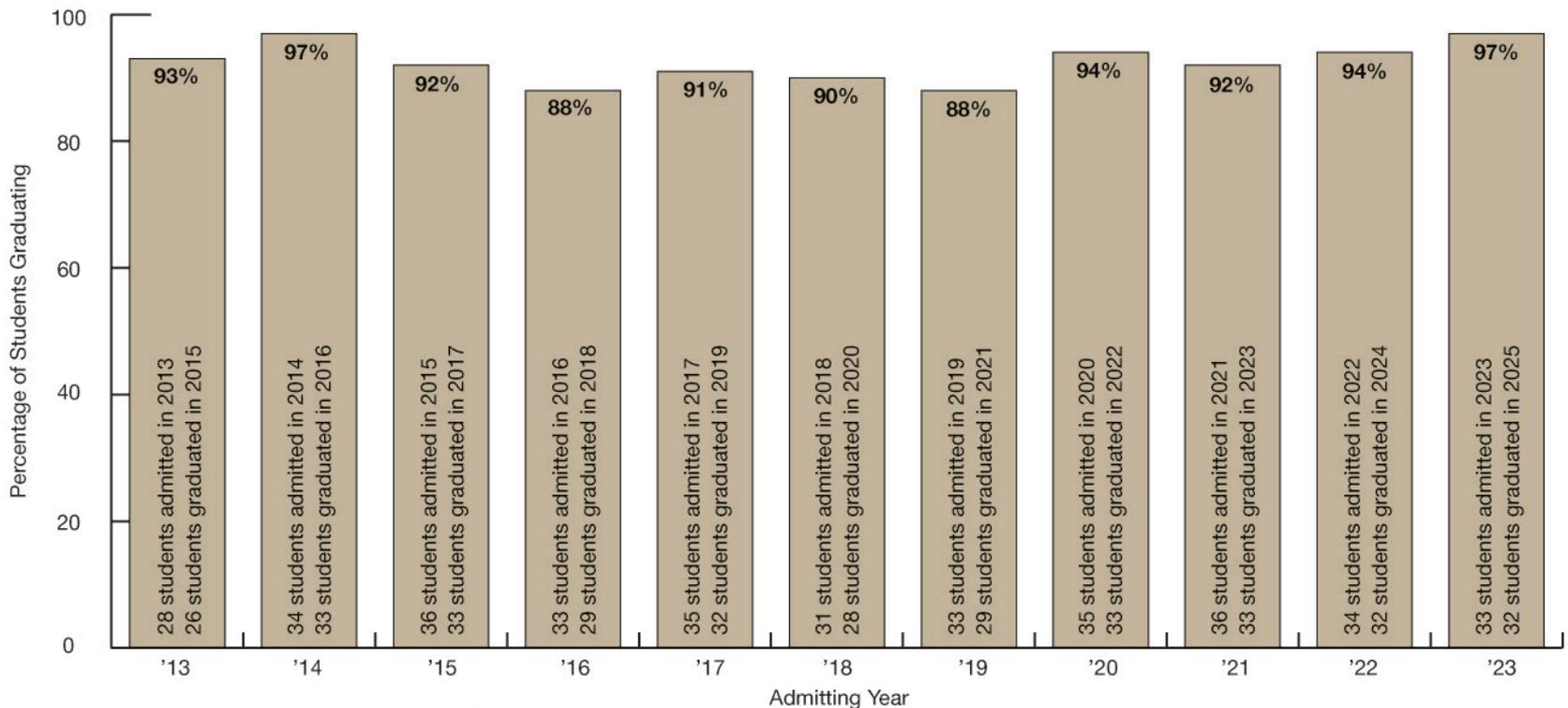
DOCTOR OF MEDICINE (FOUR-YEAR PROGRAM)

For Doctor of Medicine students at the School, the maximum time allowed to complete a four-year degree is six years. The national completion rate for medical students who graduate within seven years is 96 percent.



MASTER OF PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT STUDIES (TWO-YEAR PROGRAM)

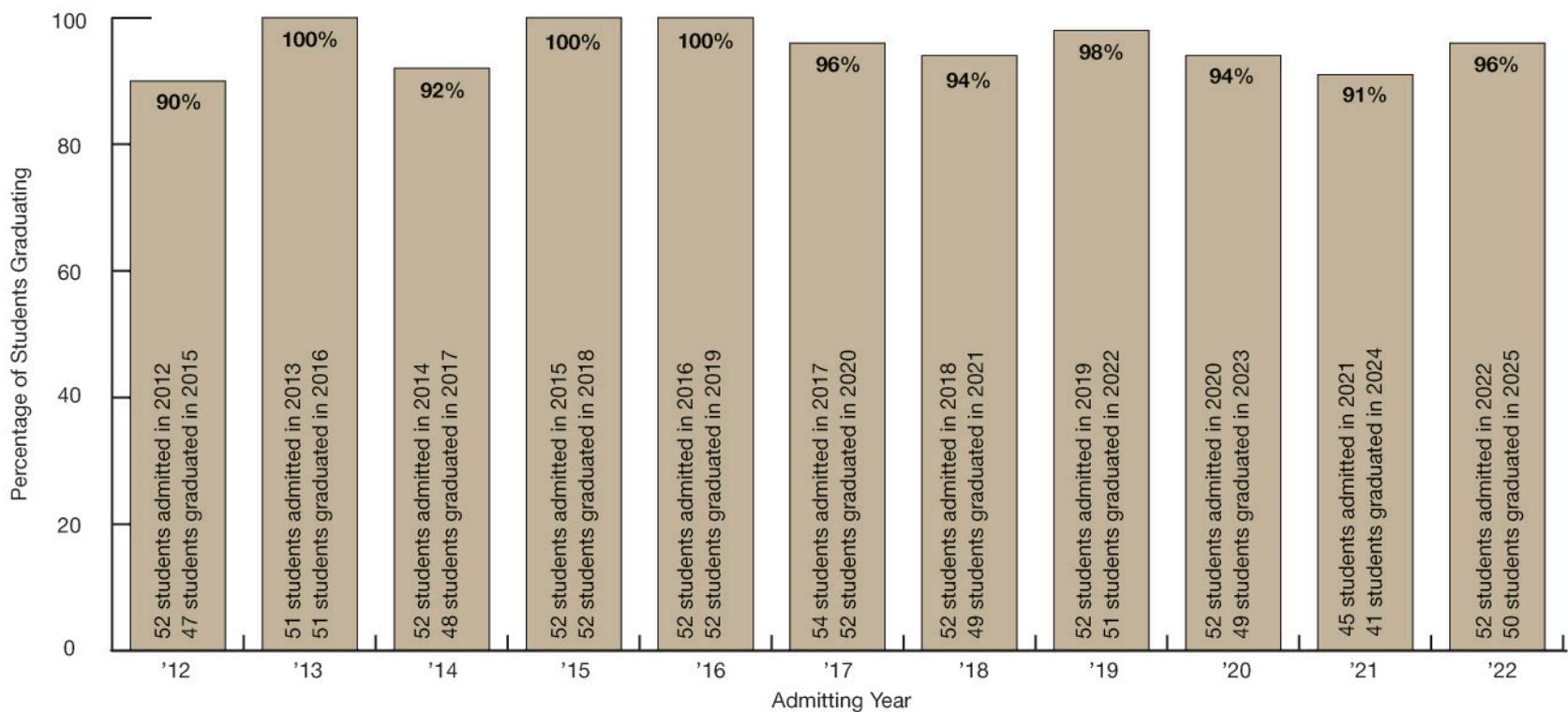
Beginning in 2006, the program accepted a new class every other year. It returned to an annual admission structure effective with the class matriculating in 2013.



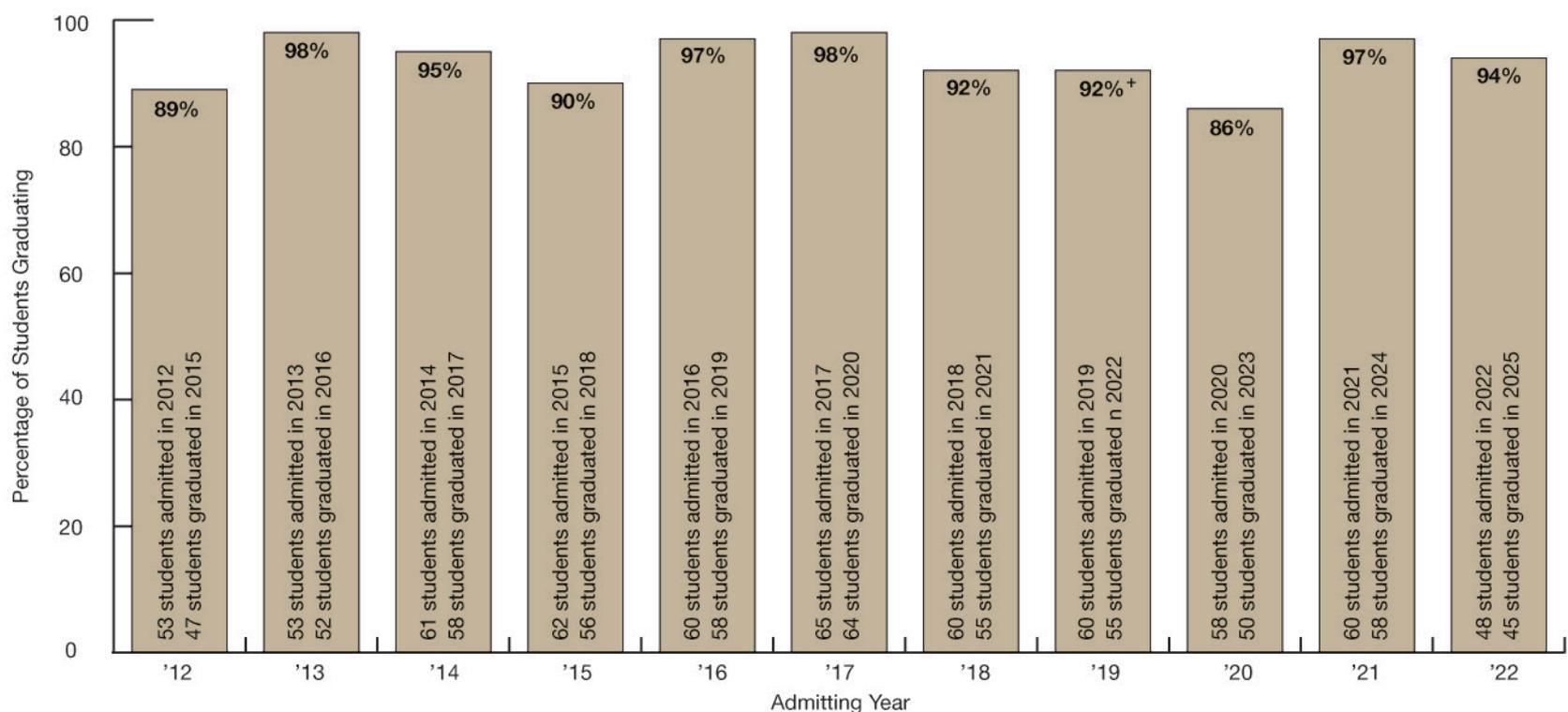
* Number Graduated/Number Admitted = Completion Rate

OUR GOAL IS TO EXCEED THE NATIONAL BENCHMARK FOR COMPLETION

DOCTOR OF PHYSICAL THERAPY (THREE-YEAR PROGRAM)



MASTER OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY & OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY DOCTORATE (THREE-YEAR PROGRAM)



⁺ In 2019-2020 the UND Department of Occupational Therapy transitioned to a three-year Occupational Therapy Doctorate (OTD) program. The first OTD graduates were in 2022.

RESEARCH

Over the past decade, the School has been awarded

OVER \$326 MILLION

in external funding for sponsored research
and other projects.

For fiscal year 2025 (July 1, 2024–June 30, 2025),
total research and sponsored funding was

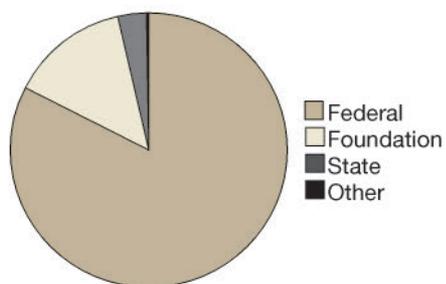
\$20,244,449



Fiscal Year 2025*

TOTAL FUNDING BY SPONSOR TYPE \$20,244,449

Total number of proposals 164
Total number of awards 86

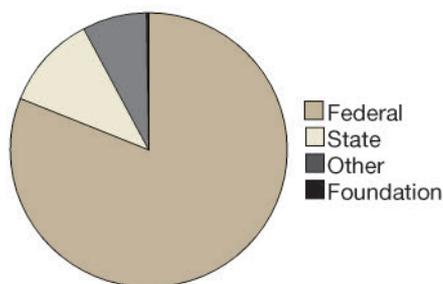


Federal \$16,754,346 82.76%	Foundation \$2,787,570 13.77%
State \$681,421 3.37%	Other* \$21,112 .1%

Fiscal Year 2024

TOTAL FUNDING BY SPONSOR TYPE \$32,533,762

Total number of proposals 149
Total number of awards 93

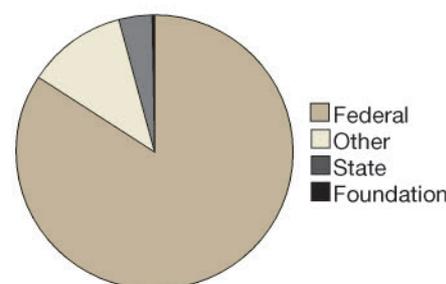


Federal \$26,409,313 81.2%	State \$3,615,890 11.1%
Other* \$2,469,070 7.6%	Foundation \$39,489 .1%

Fiscal Year 2023

TOTAL FUNDING BY SPONSOR TYPE \$34,397,895

Total number of proposals 160
Total number of awards 105



Federal \$29,015,263 84.4%	Other* \$3,996,477 11.5%
State \$1,330,136 3.9%	Foundation \$56,019 .2%

* Private nonprofit, international, private for profit, other governmental, etc.



Research Highlights 2025

\$11 million
clinical and translational science

\$5.3 million
epigenetics and cancer

\$5 million
rural hospital support

* Research funding for FY25 was affected by several operational changes at the NIH and other federal agencies, resulting in fewer research dollars coming to UND.

The Center for Rural Health (CRH) at the School of Medicine & Health Sciences serves North Dakota, the region, and the nation. In its role as the North Dakota State Office of Rural Health, it focuses heavily on the state's 53 counties and works with 100 or more communities each year. CRH provides technical assistance to 37 Critical Access Hospitals (CAHs) and 6 Tertiaries, with all CAHs being members of the CRH-supported CAH Quality Network. All 57 Rural Health Clinics (RHCs) have also joined the North Dakota RHC Network. CRH works closely with other groups too, such as public health, emergency medical services (EMS), rural primary care clinics, behavioral and mental health, and tribal health. CRH administers a variety of federal, state, and foundation grants and contracts used to support and assist rural communities in North Dakota and beyond totaling:

\$8,430,276 FOR FY2025

Fiscal year 2025

Federal Grants: \$7,809,734 - CRH supports 15 grants in this category, including:

- Three national programs that focus on Indigenous populations: the National Resource Center on Native American Aging (NRCNAA), the Native Urban Elder Needs Assessment Survey, and the Resource Center on Native Aging and Disability (RCNAD). These programs focus on improving health outcomes and the wellbeing of American Indian, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian Elders. CRH Native programs have a predominantly Indigenous staff with expertise in geriatrics, elder abuse, mental health, suicide prevention, health disparities, community-based participatory research, tribal participatory research, resiliency, and wellness. CRH works with nearly half of the 574 federally recognized tribes. NRCNAA has expanded to include a focus on urban-based Native Elders and administers an effort to expand Qualified Service Providers into reservation communities to allow Elders to age in place.
- Nationally sponsored projects like the Rural Health Information Hub and Rural Health Research Gateway provide resources, information, and dissemination of information regarding the latest rural health research and programs.
- CRH receives federal funding for other programs that support healthcare, such as the Medicare Rural Hospital Flexibility Grant Program, Small Hospital Improvement Program, and the State Office of Rural Health. This funding helps rural hospitals improve quality, finance, and operations; integrate EMS and innovative healthcare models; and engage communities. The North Dakota Brain Injury Network receives some federal funding along with state funding.

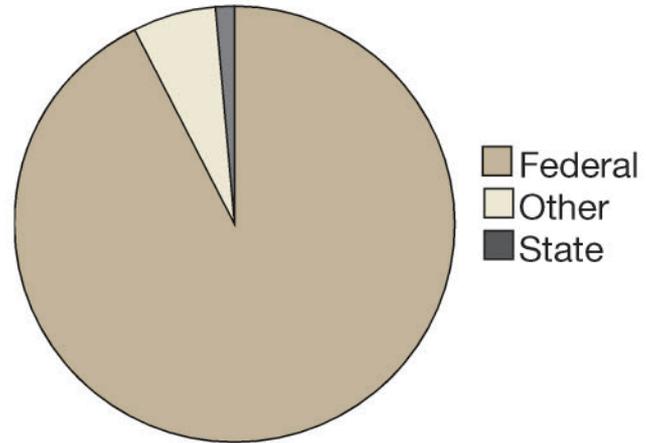
State Grants: \$96,126 - CRH has sponsored contracts with the state for the North Dakota Brain Injury Network and the Qualified Service Provider (QSP) Hub that provide training, assistance, and resources for QSPs and QSP provider agencies. Both of these grants are awarded on a biennial basis.

Other Grants: \$524,416 - CRH administers and supports other sponsored contracts that serve and enhance rural health in the state and region. Initiatives include: the Blue Cross Blue Shield Caring Foundation grant; the Native Urban Elder Needs Assessment Survey, funded by AARP; the Native Aging in Place Program, funded by the Margaret A. Cargill Philanthropies; and North Dakota Community Health Needs Assessments.



CENTER FOR RURAL HEALTH GRANT FUNDING

FISCAL YEAR 2025 | TOTAL \$8,430,276



Federal	Other	State
\$7,809,734	\$524,416	\$96,126
92.6%	6.2%	1.2%

Fiscal Year 2024

Federal Grants	\$ 6,044,101
State Grants	2,155,355
Other Grants	601,521

TOTAL \$ 8,800,977

Fiscal Year 2023

Federal Grants	\$ 6,953,126
State Grants	247,210
Other Grants	173,000

TOTAL \$ 7,373,336



SMHS STAFF CELEBRATE WORK ANNIVERSARIES

The 2025 Staff Recognition Luncheon and Awards Ceremony, honoring staff with 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, and 50 continuous years of service to the University of North Dakota, was held on Tuesday, May 13, 2025, in the UND Memorial Union. The following were among the SMHS staff celebrating a work anniversary:

5-YEAR HONOREES

- Jessica Craig, Biomedical Sciences
- Jennifer Henry, Biomedical Sciences
- Michael Hill, Biomedical Sciences
- Donna Laturmus, Biomedical Sciences
- Brett McGregor, Biomedical Sciences
- Katie Logan, Bismarck Center for Family Medicine
- Sheila Bosh, Academic Affairs
- Stephanie Boltz, Family & Community Medicine
- Lori Carlson, Minot Center for Family Medicine
- Aimee Smith, Northwest Campus - Minot
- Silas Pera, Center for Rural Health
- Jena Pierce, Center for Rural Health
- Heather Skadsem, Center for Rural Health
- Jessi Nicola, UND Simulation Center

10-YEAR HONOREES

- Shelby Beyer, Minot Center for Family Medicine
- Kara Hendrickson, Physician Assistant Studies
- Teresa Klein, Psychiatry & Behavioral Science
- Matthew Brufflodt, Center for Rural Health
- Lisa Steinbrink, Surgery

15-YEAR HONOREES

- Svetlana Golovko, Biomedical Sciences
- Elizabeth Bradshaw, Family & Community Medicine
- Joshua Burbank, Family & Community Medicine
- Terrilyn Braasch, Minot Center for Family Medicine
- Brianne Eliason, Radiology
- Nicole Pape, Center for Rural Health
- Rebecca Lucke, Office of the Dean
- Tass Wood, Office of the Dean
- Sandra Christianson, SMHS Library Resources

20-YEAR HONOREES

- Jennifer Hershey, Biomedical Sciences
- Monica Paczkowski, Bismarck Center for Family Medicine
- Jodi Myrvik, Family & Community Medicine
- Tonya Brey, Minot Center for Family Medicine
- Sabrina Kraus, Minot Center for Family Medicine

25-YEAR HONOREES

- Jan Gunderson, SMHS Library Resources

35-YEAR HONOREES

- Mary Johnson, Continuing Medical Education
- Barry Pederson, Center for Rural Health
- Kristi Hofer, Southeast Campus - Fargo

Faculty and Staff Turnover

The faculty turnover rate (faculty who left their jobs) at the UND SMHS for FY 2025 was 9.5%. The turnover rate for all North Dakota University System (NDUS) faculty for that same year was 21.5%. Likewise, the staff turnover rate at the UND SMHS for FY 2025 was 10% while the rate for all NDUS staff was 13.6%.



BENEFITED FACULTY*

	2023**	2024**	2025**
Full-time	184	180	181
Part-time	11	10	9
Turnover count	20	10	18
TOTAL BENEFITED FACULTY	195	190	190

BENEFITED STAFF*

	2023**	2024**	2025**
Full-time	281	291	295
Part-time	8	7	6
Turnover count	28	24	29
TOTAL BENEFITED STAFF	289	298	301

* Benefited appointment is 20 hours/week or more.

** Fiscal Year

North Dakota and Beyond



The UND School of Medicine & Health Sciences is home to one of only 36 community-based medical schools in the country that neither own nor operate their own hospital. As the only medical school in North Dakota, and an institution that maintains campuses in North Dakota's four largest communities, the School works in close partnership with the six larger and dozens of smaller hospitals across the state, relying on more than 1,300 community faculty to teach its students.

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