

Research collaboration among multiple institutions is growing trend

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Research collaboration of multiple institutions shows increases in academic pass-through funding.

A recent National Science Foundation report found that research collaboration among multiple institutions is a growing trend.

The conclusion was drawn by noting increases in the amount of total expenditures for [research and development](#) that universities pass through to other institutions and receive from other institutions.

During fiscal years 2000-2009, the amount of R&D funding that passed through universities to others for collaborative projects grew more rapidly than overall academic R&D expenditures. After adjustment for inflation, total academic R&D expenditures increased 47 percent during this period, and R&D funds passed through to others more than doubled.

In fiscal year 2000, universities provided about \$700 million to other schools and about \$482 million to other entities; in fiscal 2009, they provided \$1.9 billion to other schools and \$1.4 billion to other entities.

Federal initiatives contributed to this growth in research [collaboration](#), as did technological advances that facilitate communication. Other factors were opportunities for division of labor, risk sharing, and increased research credibility.

More information: www.nsf.gov/statistics/infbrief/nsf12325/

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