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New COSSA Rankings Show UNC, Michigan Lead the Nation in Federal Social Science Funding

Washington, D.C. — The Consortium of Social Science Associations (COSSA) today released its [2017 College and University Rankings for Federal Social and Behavioral Science R&D](#), which highlight the top university recipients of research dollars in the social and behavioral sciences. In the second year of COSSA's rankings, the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill and the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor remain in the top two spots. UNC Chapel Hill leads the country in federal social science R&D, with \$94.1 million. The University of Michigan, Ann Arbor received \$89.7 million. A total of 452 colleges and universities are included in the rankings.

“Although the social and behavioral sciences may be among the more overlooked STEM fields, these rankings reflect the important contributions of federally funded social science research at our nation’s most prestigious research universities,” said Wendy Naus, COSSA Executive Director. “Federally-supported social and behavioral science research provides an evidence base that we can use to produce science-backed strategies for addressing issues of national importance, such as crime prevention, health care for the underserved, keeping troops safe in combat zones, or early childhood education.”

Based on federally collected data, the COSSA rankings use an inclusive selection of fields to calculate the total federal R&D funding received by universities in the social and behavioral sciences. The 2017 rankings reflect spending from fiscal year 2015, the most current available data. More information on how COSSA produces its rankings is available on its [website](#).

Top Recipients of Federal Social Science R&D Funding

1. University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (NC) - \$92,039,000
2. University of Michigan, Ann Arbor (MI) - \$88,373,000
3. University of Maryland, College Park (MD) - \$58,793,000
4. University of Pennsylvania (PA) - \$43,314,000
5. University of Minnesota, Twin Cities (MN) - \$38,279,000
6. Pennsylvania State University, University Park and Hershey Medical Center (PA) - \$37,264,000
7. University of Washington, Seattle (WA) - \$36,876,000
8. Florida State University (FL) - \$31,382,000
9. New York University (NY) - \$30,804,000
10. Arizona State University (AZ) - \$29,812,000

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The Consortium of Social Science Associations (COSSA) is a nonprofit advocacy organization working to promote sustainable federal funding for social and behavioral science research and federal policies that positively impact the conduct of research. COSSA serves as a united voice for a broad, diverse network of organizations, institutions, communities, and stakeholders who care about a successful and vibrant social science research enterprise. The COSSA membership includes professional and disciplinary associations, scientific societies, research centers and institutes, and U.S. colleges and universities.

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