

UC Davis Research Brief:

U.S. Department of Defense

UC Davis is a powerhouse for breakthroughs and impact. Our interdisciplinary research plays a vital role in building the region's economy. Our research contributes to our nation's global leadership in technology and innovation. Through collaboration between our top-ranked hospital and veterinary school, as well as our science and engineering discoveries, our research directly improves American lives.

The Department of Defense fosters discoveries in that advance America's scientific and technical superiority in security, communications and other fields. UC Davis was awarded \$19 million in DoD funding in 2024. UC Davis researchers have used DoD support to:

- Assess safety and efficacy of traumatic brain injury (TBI) treatments to improve patient outcomes
- Develop ultrathin infrared sensors that could revolutionize detection of gas, chemicals and medical conditions
- Improve the energy efficiency of AI hardware by combining innovations in photonics and electronics
- Develop computers that process information in ways more like the human brain, improving their capacity for handling unpredictable events
- Design ultra-fast microchips capable of processing large volumes of data for radar and communications in complex electromagnetic environments
- Create a model temporary healthcare facility to handle patient surges from mass casualty events
- Apply motion capture to birds in flight to improve the design and capabilities of drone technology
- Develop a brain-computer interface that translates brain signals into speech
- Provide vital support for 51 UC Davis graduate student and 14 post-doctoral researchers, individuals who will carry today's discoveries forward

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UC Davis Drives Economic Growth

- Supports \$2 billion in California economic activity and nearly 10,000 jobs
- 1,290 active patents
- 119 startups launched in last decade
- \$15 million in annual licensing, royalties and fees

Preparing the Future Workforce

Federal funding also plays a critical role in strategic preparations for the next generation of leaders, innovators and scientists. Agencies partner with UC Davis to offer workforce and career training in:

- Software security
- Advanced cell and gene therapy manufacturing
- Neuroengineering
- Plant breeding

A Cost-Efficient Model

The longstanding federal-university partnership leverages UC Davis expertise and state-of-the-art resources to generate new technologies and well-paying jobs, proving to be the most productive research model in the world.

Key facts on Facilities and Administration (F&A) costs:

- Current F&A rates do not cover all university costs
- F&A costs are not incidental—they are critical to conducting research
- F&A costs are essential to ensure safety in clinical and animal research

For more on F&A myths and facts,

visit: <https://research.ucdavis.edu/3-things-to-know-about-indirect-costs-aka-fa/>