

RESEARCH TRENDS



FUNDED RESEARCH

\$3.2 MILLION IN NEW AWARDS

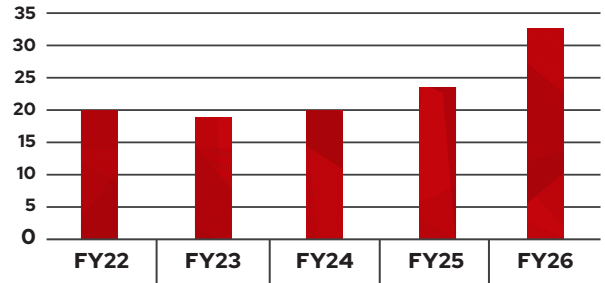
35 ACTIVE FUNDED RESEARCH PROJECTS
led by SoN investigators in FY26

39% increase
IN FEDERAL FUNDING REVENUE
from FY25 to FY26

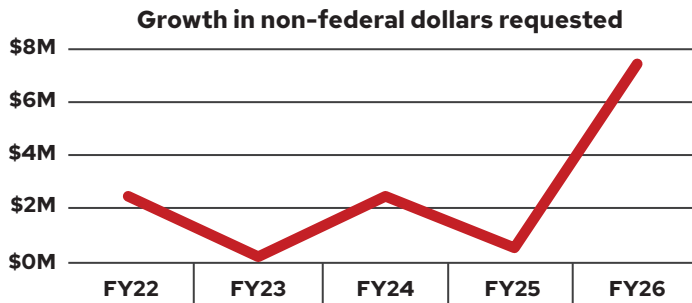


RESEARCH PROPOSALS

33 RESEARCH PROPOSAL SUBMISSIONS:
42% above the 5-year average



DIVERSIFYING RESEARCH FUNDING SOURCES



Non-federal funding dollars requested grew nearly **12x** from FY25 to FY26

47%
OF NON-FEDERAL
PROPOSAL SUBMISSIONS
were to new sponsors

Faculty are pursuing a broader mix of funding sources, reflecting strategic efforts to build sustainable research programs, cultivate interdisciplinary collaborations, and engage new communities.



AMPLIFYING COMMUNITY VOICES IN RESEARCH

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND PARTNERSHIPS

The School of Nursing introduced a new signature research area that reflects growing faculty commitment to authentic community partnerships and research that optimizes health and well-being across the lifespan.

WISCONSIN NETWORK FOR RESEARCH SUPPORT (WINRS)

- Supported **72 projects** through consultation, grant preparation, meeting facilitation, community advisory board development, and dissemination.
- Co-facilitated **10 meetings** of the **Boards of Advisors on Aging (BOAAs)**, two community advisory boards organized by the **Center for Aging Research and Education (CARE)**.
- Coordinated **29 Community Advisors on Research Design and Strategies (CARDS)** meetings.



DISSEMINATION

281 peer-reviewed publications authored by SoN faculty in FY26

253 presentations delivered by SoN faculty in FY26

Faculty are committed to **innovation**, **scientific discovery**, and the dissemination and implementation of **findings**.

EXPANDING EXPERTISE AND IMPACT



WELCOMING RISE FACULTY HIRES

7 SCHOOL OF NURSING FACULTY

were hired through strategic hiring efforts aligned with the **Wisconsin Research, Innovation and Scholarly Excellence (RISE)** initiative.



As part of a campus-wide effort to address significant challenges facing Wisconsin and beyond, RISE hires contribute expertise and resources to boost research in the School of Nursing's signature research areas, including healthy aging and health systems, through the integration of data science and informatics.

RISE THRIVE

brings together researchers across disciplines to improve health and well-being across the lifespan.



Laura Block



Weiqi Chen



Brianna Jackson



Kristin Merss



Laurel Legenza



Jingxi Sheng

RISE AI

leverages artificial intelligence to accelerate discovery and innovation across disciplines.



Ann Wieben



ADVANCING SCHOLARSHIP



\$23,861

awarded by the School of Nursing to support Clinical Scholarship projects

Katie Gillespie: Preparing Graduate Nursing Students for an Emergency Using a Digital Escape Room Exercise

Leah Kechele: Resource Toolkit to Support Neurodivergent Nursing Students in Clinical Practice

Britta Lothary: Exploring NotebookLM as an AI Study Tool: Assessing Accuracy and Nursing Student Perceptions



SELECTED HONORS

Katelyn Desorcy-Scherer received the Midwest Nursing Research Society Perinatal, Reproductive and Sexual Health Research Interest Group's Early Career Award

Jeneile Luebke named one of Wisconsin's 28 Most Influential Native American Leaders for 2026

Kitty Montgomery was selected as a 2026 Fellow in the American Academy of Nursing and in the Association of Pediatric Hematology/Oncology Nurses

Dean Emerit Linda Scott posthumously received the 2026 UW-Madison School of Nursing Canary Savage Girardeau Award for Health Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion

Ann Wieben was selected as a 2026 Fellow in the American Medical Informatics Association



CLINICAL SCHOLARSHIP AREAS

- Community Outreach and Engagement
- Health Systems and Policy
- Professional Practice and Education
- Teaching and Learning



RESEARCH AREAS

- Aging Care and Outcomes for Older Adults
- Community Engagement and Partnerships
- Health and Well-Being of Children and Families
- Health Equity and Social Justice
- Health Systems: Data Science, Design, and Implementation Science
- Mental, Psychosocial, and Behavioral Health and Well-Being
- Symptom Science and Supportive Care

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