NORTH DAKOTA STUDENT ASSOCIATION | THE VOICE OF THE STUDENTS

NDSA-13-2526

A Resolution in Opposition to Federal Research Funding Cuts

1**WHEREAS,** the North Dakota Student Association (NDSA) represents the voice of North Dakota's 45,000 public college and university students; and,

2**WHEREAS,** the purpose of NDSA is to represent all students enrolled in the North Dakota University System (NDUS) and advocate on issues of higher education in support of access, affordability, quality, and the student experience; and,

3**WHEREAS,** both student and faculty research is a large part of NDUS campuses, with students often having to complete a form of research credit(s) for completion of a degree and faculty research; and,

4**WHEREAS,** NDUS institutions have a number of research partnerships and affiliations with non-higher education entities such as the North Dakota Forest service, the Upper Great Plains Transportation Institute, Northern Crops Institute, and others that provide innovative research and discoveries to the benefit of the entire state of North Dakota; and,

5**WHEREAS,** as of January 2024, North Dakota State University reached an all-time high in research expenditures for the fourth year in a row[1], and the University of North Dakota (UND) is North Dakota's largest recipient of National Institute of Health (NIH) funding, receiving 19 of 34 NIH grants issued during the 23-24 federal fiscal year[2], demonstrating a continued commitment to research activities; and,

6**WHEREAS,** recent federal funding cuts have already had major impacts on NDUS institutions, including the loss of a grant that supported UND's nursing program, resulting in eight students losing their scholarship funding[3]; and,

7**WHEREAS,** according to UND's President Armacost, cancellation of research projects and activities due to loss of funding "will have a direct translation in terms of loss of research, academic programs, and student health support services on the campus"[3]; and,

8**WHEREAS,** loss of research projects and activities does not only impact students, faculty, and campus services, but also halts activities that lead to greater innovations, efficiency, and general betterment of society on the state, federal, and global scales; so,

1**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the NDSA is in opposition to federal research funding cuts and continues to support NDUS institutions, faculty, and staff in their research endeavors.

Approved by the North Dakota Student Association General Assembly
Saturday, January 24th, 2026

[1]- https://www.ndsu.edu/news/ndsu-sets-record-annual-research-expenditures

[2]- https://www.grandforksherald.com/news/local/with-federal-funds-again-on-chopping-block-unds-research-community-holds-its-breath

[3]- https://citizenportal.ai/articles/6095613/North-Dakota/UND-warns-federal-research-cuts-could-cost-millions-after-recent-grant-cancellations