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Universities conduct the majority of our nation’s fundamental research with most of that work funded by the federal government. The graphs below show FY2019 federal research expenditures at the University of Nebraska. Nearly 90 percent of NU’s federal funds expended came from four sources: the National Institutes of Health (NIH), National Science Foundation (NSF), Department of Defense (DoD), and Department of Agriculture (USDA).

Unlike many nations, American investment in research and development as a percentage of the federal budget is shrinking. According to an analysis by the American Association for the Advancement of Science, research and development investments have made up less than five percent of the federal budget since 1990. We must continue to fund research and development at America’s universities to secure our future economic strength and national prosperity.