

Scholarship and Awards Committee Annual Report for Information

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Date of meeting: June 11, 2026

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SUMMARY

This report summarizes the activities of the Scholarships and Awards Committee for two overlapping time periods:

- 1) 2025-2026 Annual summary of centrally administered **and** college administered awards distributed to students
- 2) 2025 Calendar year description of Committee Activities

The Committee has four responsibilities and this report outlines the Committee’s activities with respect to undergraduate scholarships and awards within the framework of the four areas of responsibility.

The Student Finance and Awards Office disbursed just under \$19 million in undergraduate student awards in 2025-2026 on behalf of the Scholarships and Awards Committee of University Council, the college deans, and Huskie Athletics, up from roughly \$17 million in 2024-2025, which in turn was an increase from the roughly \$15.6 million reported in 2023-2024.¹ Most of this funding is awarded as Guaranteed Entrance Scholarships, Competitive Entrance Awards, Transfer Scholarships, and Continuing Awards (both scholarships and bursaries).

MEMBERSHIP

NINE MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL ACADEMIC ASSEMBLY, AT LEAST THREE OF WHOM WILL BE ELECTED MEMBERS OF COUNCIL. VICE-PRESIDENT, ACADEMIC OF THE USSU, VICE-PRESIDENT, FINANCE OF THE GSA, AN INDIGENOUS REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE OFFICE OF THE VICE-PROVOST INDIGENOUS ENGAGEMENT.

Council Members:

Jason Perepelkin (Chair)	Pharmacy and Nutrition	2027
Kyle Anderson	Medicine	2027
Carmen Gillies	Education	2028
Veronika Makarova	Arts and Science	2027

General Academic Assembly Members:

Ratna Dhaliwal	Library	2026
Amanda Lalonde	Arts and Science	2027
Kerry Mansell	Pharmacy and Nutrition	2027
Lori Bradford	Engineering	2027

¹ The June 13, 2025 Report to Council was based on data compiled **April 19, 2025. \$265,827** was disbursed as part of the 2024-2025 calendar years after report data was compiled.

Indigenous Representative from OVPIE:

Trenna Vanghel

Project Manager, OVPIE

Student Members:

Sunny Bui

GSA (VP Finance & Operations)

Norah Jacob

USSU (VP Academic Affairs)

Ex-Officio:

Ashlyn Yablonski (non-voting)

Designate for Vice-President, University Relations

Leah Johnson

Designate for Dean, College of Graduate and
Postdoctoral Studies

Pirita Mattola

Designate for Vice-Provost, Students & Learning

Marjorie Delbaere

Designate for Provost and Vice-President Academic

TERMS OF REFERENCE (TOR)

- 1) Recommending to Council on matters relating to the awards, scholarships and bursaries under the control of the University.
- 2) Recommending to Council on the establishment of awards, scholarships and bursaries.
- 3) Granting awards, scholarships, and bursaries that are open to students of more than one college or school.
- 4) Recommending to Council rules and procedures to deal with appeals by students with respect to awards, scholarships and bursaries.
- 5) Designating individuals to act as representatives of the Committee on any other bodies, when requested, where such representation is deemed by the Committee to be beneficial.

DISCUSSION SUMMARY:

Part A – Undergraduate

Responsibility #1: Recommending to Council on matters relating to the awards, scholarships and bursaries under the control of the University.

This Committee last reported to University Council on June 12, 2025. The Committee had five regular meetings during the 2025 and 2026 calendar years. The Committee collectively reviewed 263 Best and Brightest Scholarship applications, selecting 17 recipients who were then offered awards valued between \$30,000 and \$40,000. The Committee also formed subcommittees to select recipients for lower-valued awards with subjective criteria.

The Awards Development Liaison, Student Finance and Awards, and Development Officers within University Relations and the respective colleges work with donors to establish new scholarships, bursaries, awards, and prizes, and revise Terms of Reference for previously existing awards. During the 2025-2026 fiscal year, the University of Saskatchewan signed Terms of Reference agreements to accept donations establishing 167 new awards for undergraduate students and 12 new awards for graduate students. Of the 167 undergraduate awards, 92 are merit-based, 41 are need-based, and 34 are a combination of merit and need. Of the 12 graduate awards, all are merit-based. The 7 new awards for Indigenous students are based on a combination of merit and need.

New Awards (Graduate and Undergraduate) by College	
Agriculture and Bioresources	13
Arts and Science	16
Education	5
Engineering	12
Edwards School of Business	19
Huskie Athletics	15
Kinesiology	3
Law	19
Medicine	13
Pharmacy and Nutrition	5
Veterinary Medicine	23
Multi-College Awards	7

Graduate and Postdoctoral Awards	12
Indigenous Awards	7
Total New Awards	169

Responsibility #3: Granting awards, scholarships, and bursaries which are open to students of more than one college or school.

Four primary undergraduate award cycles exist: Entrance Awards, Transfer Scholarships, Scholarships for Continuing Students, and Bursaries for Continuing Students.

Entrance Awards

Entrance Awards are available to students who are entering the University of Saskatchewan with no previous post-secondary experience.² There were two components to the Entrance Awards cycle in 2025-2026: Guaranteed Entrance Scholarships and Competitive Entrance Awards. The Guaranteed Entrance Scholarships are distributed to students upon applying for admission and are guaranteed to students, so long as they meet the average requirements outlined in Table 1.

Students who did not proceed directly from high school to USask but had less than 18 transferable credit units were considered for Guaranteed Entrance Scholarships based on their final Grade 12 marks.

² 18 credit units or less of transferable credit if they have attended another post-secondary institution.

Table 1 - Guaranteed Entrance Scholarship Distribution for 2025-2026³

Award Tier		Number of Recipients Paid	Total Value
\$3,000 Guaranteed Entrance Scholarship (95% +)			
	Agriculture and Bioresources	40	\$120,000
	Arts and Science	382	\$1,146,000
	Education	38	\$114,000
	Engineering	114	\$342,000
	Edwards School of Business	53	\$159,000
	Kinesiology	57	\$171,000
	Total \$3,000 Guaranteed Entrance Scholarships	684	\$2,052,000
\$2,000 Guaranteed Entrance Scholarships (93 - 94.9%)			
	Agriculture and Bioresources	21	\$42,000
	Arts and Science	194	\$388,000
	Dentistry	1	\$2,000
	Education	19	\$38,000
	Engineering	58	\$116,000
	Edwards School of Business	57	\$114,000
	Kinesiology	40	\$80,000
	Total \$2,000 Guaranteed Entrance Scholarships	390	\$780,000
\$1,000 Guaranteed Entrance Scholarships (90 - 92.9%)			
	Agriculture and Bioresources	43	\$43,000
	Arts and Science	285	\$285,000
	Dentistry	1	\$1,000
	Education	27	\$27,000

³ Data as of April 9, 2026.

Award Tier		Number of Recipients Paid	Total Value
	Engineering	87	\$87,000
	Edwards School of Business	74	\$74,000
	Kinesiology	48	\$48,000
	Total \$1,000 Guaranteed Entrance Scholarships	565	\$565,000
\$500 Guaranteed Entrance Scholarships (85 – 89.9%)			
	Agriculture and Bioresources	60	\$30,000
	Arts and Science	396	\$198,000
	Dentistry	1	\$500
	Education	52	\$26,000
	Engineering	116	\$58,000
	Edwards School of Business	126	\$63,000
	Kinesiology	23	\$11,500
	Total \$500 Guaranteed Entrance Scholarships	774	\$387,000
	Total Guaranteed Entrance Scholarships	2,413	\$3,784,000

The Competitive Entrance Awards Program requires a separate application, and includes both centrally and donor-funded scholarships, bursaries and prizes. The majority of the awards are one-time, but there are several awards which are renewable if certain criteria are met each year. Prestigious renewable entrance awards include the George and Marsha Ivany - President's First and Best Scholarships, valued at \$40,000 over four years; the Chancellors' Scholarship, valued at \$30,000 over four years; the University of Saskatchewan Entrance Scholarship, valued at \$30,000 over four years; and the Dallas and Sandra Howe Entrance Award, valued at \$40,000 over four years.

Based on policy as approved by University Council in 2024, entering students were eligible to receive both a Guaranteed Entrance Scholarship and a Competitive Entrance Award in 2025-2026. There are also a few very specific awards which are also listed as an exception in the *Limits on Receiving Awards* section of the Undergraduate Awards Policies approved by University Council. Because of their very specific nature, these awards with subjective criteria may be distributed to students who have won another Competitive Entrance Award. Also, most college-

specific awards⁴ may be received in addition to the Guaranteed Entrance Scholarship and Competitive Entrance Awards governed by the Scholarships and Awards Committee.

Table 2 - Competitive Entrance Awards Distribution for 2025-2026⁵

	Number of Recipients	Total Value
University of Saskatchewan Funded Competitive Entrance Awards		
Arts and Science	30	\$274,109
Engineering	6	\$43,000
Edwards School of Business	1	\$7,500
Kinesiology	1	\$7,500
Total USask Funded	38	\$332,109
Donor Funded Competitive Entrance Awards		
Agriculture and Bioresources	15	\$88,800
Arts and Science	74	\$489,924
Education	13	\$82,662
Engineering	17	\$285,800
Edwards School of Business	16	\$99,500
Kinesiology	8	\$35,500
Total Donor Funded	143	\$1,082,186
Total Competitive Entrance Awards	181	\$1,414,295

⁴ College-specific entrance award recipients are selected by the Student Finance and Awards Office but are reported in Table 8 - College Administered University of Saskatchewan Undergraduate Awards.

⁵ Rounded to the nearest dollar.

Transfer Scholarships

Students who are transferring to a direct entry college at the University of Saskatchewan from another post-secondary institution are not eligible for entrance awards or awards for continuing students. Consequently, a transfer scholarship program was developed to provide scholarships, based solely on academic achievement, to students transferring to the University of Saskatchewan. Students are awarded USask Transfer Scholarships when they apply for admission. Scholarships are guaranteed to students based on their transfer average, as outlined in Table 3. Students with the highest academic average from 18 specific institutions targeted are offered Transfer Scholarships valued at \$2,500.

Table 3 - Transfer Scholarship Distribution for 2025-2026

Transfer Average	Scholarship Amount	Number of Recipients Paid	Total Distributed
Incentive Institution ⁶	\$2,500	0	\$0
85% +	\$2,000	17	\$34,000
80-84.9%	\$1,500	14	\$21,000
78-79.9%	\$1,000	12	\$12,000
TOTAL		43	\$67,000

Continuing Awards

Continuing students are defined as students who attended the University of Saskatchewan in the previous fall and winter terms (September to April) as full-time students. Students who completed 18 credit units⁷ or more in 2024-2025 were eligible for the 2025-2026 continuing scholarships and continuing bursaries. Awards are offered to these students both centrally (because the awards are open to students from multiple colleges) and from their individual colleges (because the awards are restricted to students from that specific college). Table 4 outlines the **centrally-administered awards** (excluding the Transfer Scholarships) distributed to continuing students in 2025-2026.

⁶ Incentive institutions include: Athabasca University; Beijing Institute of Technology (BIT), China (Dual degree program, flagship partner institution); Briercreech College; Camosun College; Columbia College; Coquitlam College; Douglas College; Grand Prairie Regional College; Huazhong Agricultural University (HZAU), China (Dual degree program, flagship partner institution); INTI College, Malaysia; Lakeland College; Langara College; Lethbridge Community College; Medicine Hat College; Red Deer College, Saskatchewan Polytechnic; Taylor's College, Malaysia; Xi'an Jiaotong University (XJTU), China (Dual degree program, flagship partner institution). The list of institutions is reviewed annually.

⁷ Students registered with Access and Equity Services (AES) and approved to study on a Reduced Course Load (RCL) are required to complete 12 credit units in the previous fall and winter terms.

Table 4 – Centrally-Administered⁸ Continuing Awards Distribution for 2025-2026

	Number	Total Value
University of Saskatchewan Funded Continuing Awards		
Agriculture and Bioresources	65	\$235,720
Arts and Science	617	\$1,562,235
Dentistry	29	\$30,655
Education	284	\$425,901
Edwards School of Business	151	\$374,686
Engineering	99	\$373,401
Kinesiology	33	\$144,724
Law	28	\$81,070
Medicine	58	\$108,122
Nursing	107	\$222,161
Pharmacy and Nutrition	23	\$80,900
Western College of Veterinary Medicine	60	\$250,859
Graduate Studies and Research ⁹	282	\$261,193
Total University of Saskatchewan Funded	1,836	\$4,151,626
Donor Funded Continuing Awards		
Agriculture and Bioresources	12	\$141,826
Arts and Science	149	\$691,394
Dentistry	10	\$10,000
Education	53	\$265,000
Edwards School of Business	17	\$72,850
Engineering	45	\$252,674
Kinesiology	17	\$90,000
Law	53	\$167,500
Medicine	17	\$36,000
Nursing	45	\$208,374
Pharmacy & Nutrition	40	\$128,500
Western College of Veterinary Medicine	23	\$66,000
Graduate Studies and Research ¹⁰	14	\$63,709
Total Donor Funded	495	\$2,193,826
Total Continuing Awards	2,331	\$6,345,452

University of Saskatchewan Faculty Association (USFA) Scholarship Fund Program

⁸ Some continuing awards are funded from USask funds but selected by the college/department (e.g., USask Scholarships, USask Undergraduate Scholarships, etc.). Also, the Indigenous Achievement Book Prizes and Indigenous Students with Dependent Children Bursaries are paid in two installments and counted as such.

⁹ There are a few select Continuing Awards administered by the Student Finance and Awards Office that are open to both undergraduate and graduate students. This number also includes travel awards.

¹⁰ There are a few select Continuing Awards administered by the Student Finance and Awards Office that are open to both undergraduate and graduate students.

For 2024-2025, \$375,000 was contributed to the USFA Scholarship Fund, up from \$250,000 in 2023-2024. The amount in the fund is divided by the number of credit units eligible applicants have successfully completed. In 2024-2025, 136 applications were received. Fifteen of the applicants were considered ineligible for consideration. The total paid out for the credit units completed during the 2023-2024 academic year was \$358,426. Eligible applicants received \$112.50 per credit unit they successfully completed, up from \$90 per credit unit the prior year, with a maximum award value of fees assessed in the academic year. The 2025-2026 USFA Scholarships have not been awarded yet.

Table 6 – University of Saskatchewan Faculty Association (USFA) Scholarship Fund 2024-2025 Distribution¹¹

Number of Recipients	
Undergraduate	103
Graduate	18
Total	121

Administrative and Supervisory Personnel Association (ASPA) Tuition Reimbursement Fund

In 2024-2025, there were 141 applications for the ASPA Tuition Reimbursement Fund. Twelve applicants were considered ineligible. Eligible applicants received partial tuition reimbursement for the credit units completed during the academic year of May 1, 2024-April 30, 2025. The funds available were divided among the number of eligible credit units the applicants successfully completed. Given the number of completed credit units, eligible applicants received \$65 per credit unit they successfully completed. The total payout for tuition reimbursements in 2024-2025 was \$179,509.50. The 2025-2026 ASPA Tuition Reimbursements have not been awarded yet.

¹¹ The funding source for the USFA Scholarship Fund is the University of Saskatchewan, as negotiated in the USFA Collective Agreement. The USFA Scholarship Fund awards are based on credit units completed in the 2024-2025 academic year.

Table 7 – ASPA Tuition Reimbursement Fund 2024-2025 Distribution¹²

Number of Recipients	
Undergraduate	112
Graduate	17
TOTAL	129

Responsibility #4: Recommending to Council rules and procedures to deal with appeals from students with respect to awards, scholarships and bursaries.

In 2010, Policy #45 *Student Appeals of Revoked Awards* was implemented. As such, the Awards and Financial Aid Office, on behalf of the Scholarships and Awards Committee of University Council, adjudicates the student appeals of revoked awards. There were seven student appeals submitted to the Student Finance and Awards Office during the 2025-26 academic year, and in all seven cases, the appellant was allowed to retain their award.

¹² According to Article 12.4 of the old Collective Agreement (May 1, 2011 – April 30, 2014), “Effective 1 May 2012, the university will provide an annual allotment of \$180,000 to the TRF.” Based on this agreement, two allotments are anticipated one on May 1, 2012 and the second on May 1, 2013 for a total of \$360,000. The ASPA executive agreed to divide the \$360,000 over three years in order to provide tuition reimbursement to applicants for the 2011/12, 2012/13 and 2013/14 academic years. In May 202, \$180,000 was received. The ASPA TRF is based on credit units completed in the 2024-2025 academic year.

Additional Section 1: 2025-2026 Total Distribution of College Administered University of Saskatchewan Undergraduate Awards

Although awards distributed by the colleges are not within the purview of the Committee except the requirement that they are created and disbursed in compliance with the Undergrad Awards Policy, the members felt it appropriate to include them in order to give an accurate picture of the total state of awards on campus. The following table indicates how many college-specific awards were given to undergraduate students in each college.

Table 8 – College-specific Awards at the University of Saskatchewan 2025-2026 ¹³

College	Total Payouts	Total Value
Agriculture and Bioresources ¹⁴	348	\$686,024
Arts and Science ¹⁵	288	\$658,210
Dentistry	16	\$108,780
Education	226	\$203,950
Edwards School of Business ¹⁶	383	\$1,004,886
Engineering ¹⁷	298	\$734,950
Kinesiology	13	\$18,000
Law	248	\$712,037
Medicine	160	\$587,640
Nursing	62	\$159,193
Pharmacy and Nutrition	79	\$86,524
Veterinary Medicine	161	\$446,450
Huskie Athletics	687	\$1,177,630
TOTAL	2,969	\$6,585,276

¹³ Number and values reported as of **April 9, 2026**. Totals are rounded to the nearest dollar.

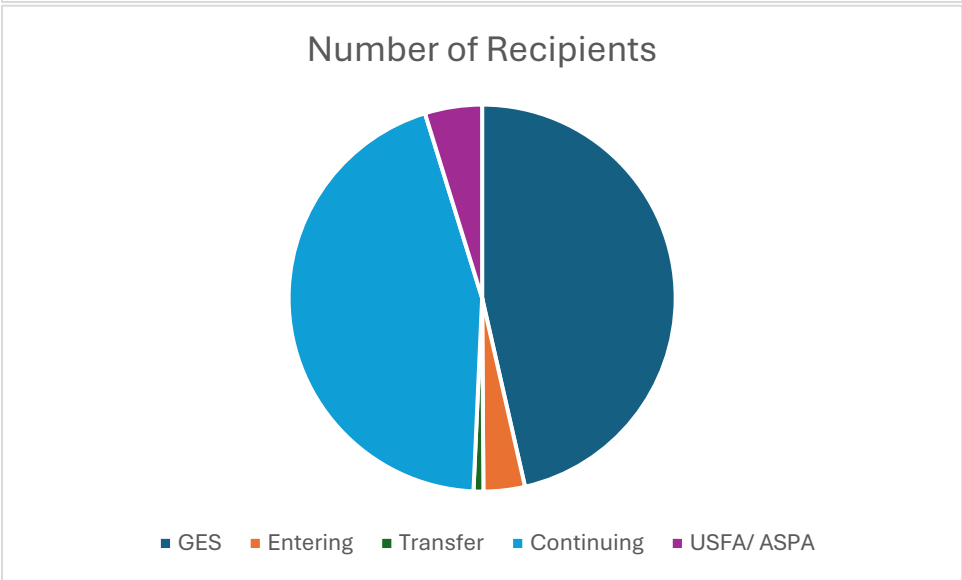
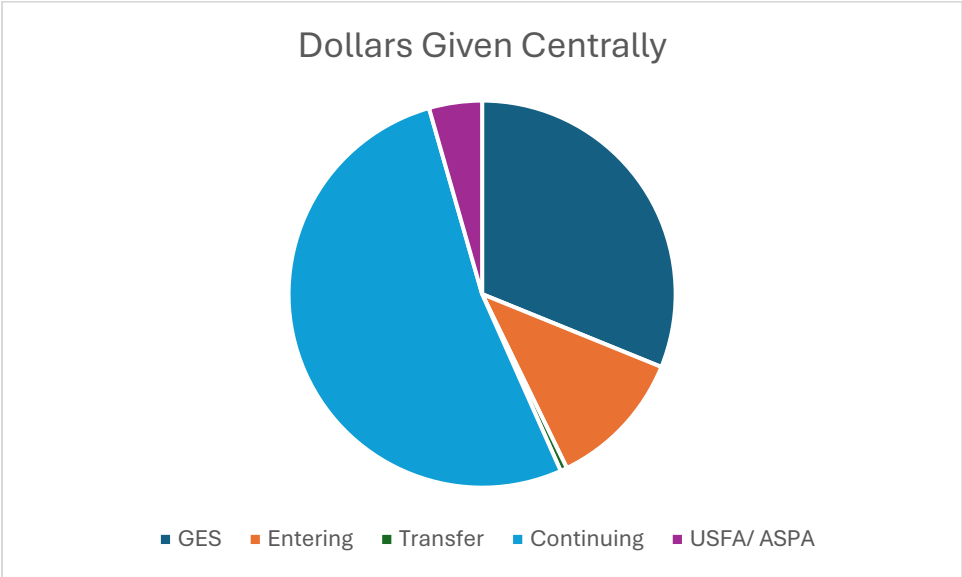
¹⁴ Numbers include awards and values for College of Agriculture and Bioresources entrance awards administered by Student Finance and Awards.

¹⁵ Number does not include Indigenous Student Learning Community Award, as the fund is under the University Registrar Organization.

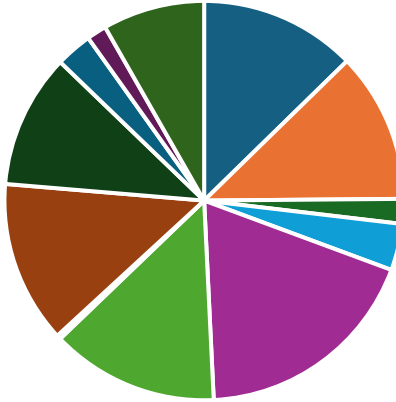
¹⁶ Numbers reported include the Edwards Undergraduate Scholarships and other Edwards-specific entrance awards administered by Student Finance and Awards.

¹⁷ Numbers include awards and values for College of Engineering entering and continuing awards administered by Student Finance and Awards.

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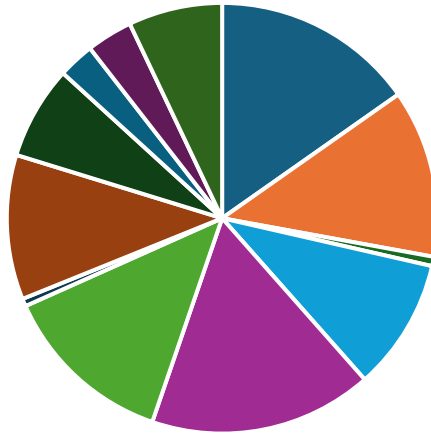


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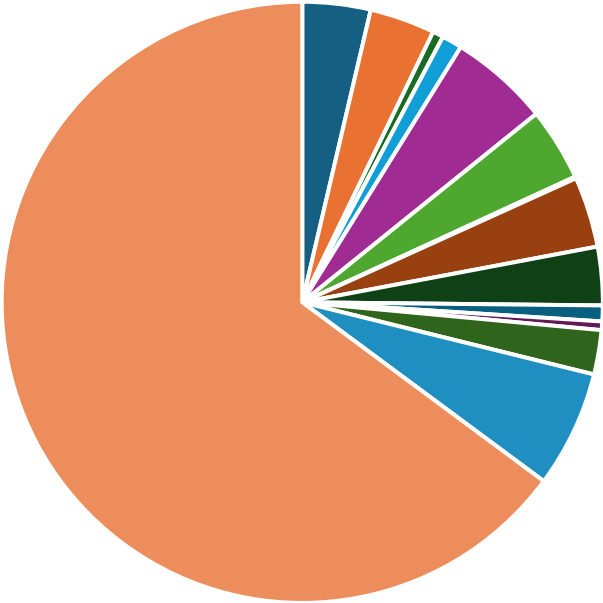
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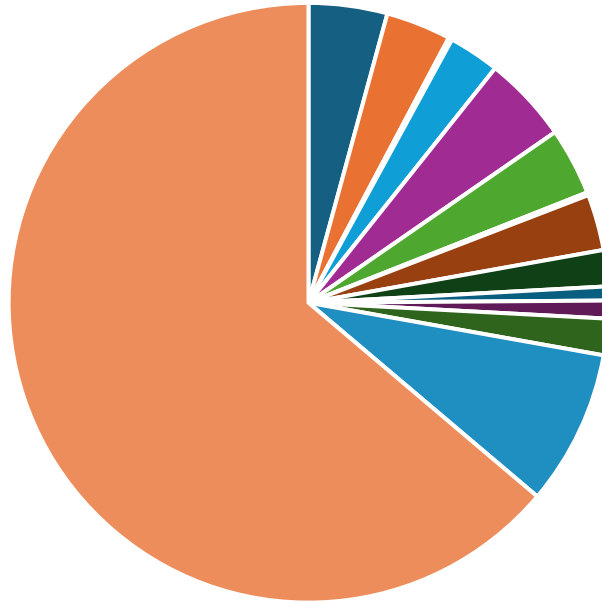
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Award Dollars per Unit



- Agriculture and Bioresources
- Arts and Science
- Dentistry
- Education
- Edwards School of Business
- Engineering
- Kinesiology
- Law
- Medicine
- Pharmacy and Nutrition
- Veterinary Medicine
- Huskie Athletics
- Central

Number of Awards



- Agriculture and Bioresources
- Arts and Science
- Dentistry
- Education
- Edwards School of Business
- Engineering
- Kinesiology
- Law
- Medicine
- Nursing
- Pharmacy and Nutrition
- Veterinary Medicine
- Huskie Athletics
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