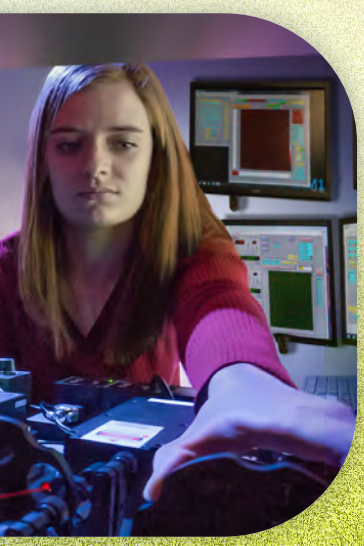
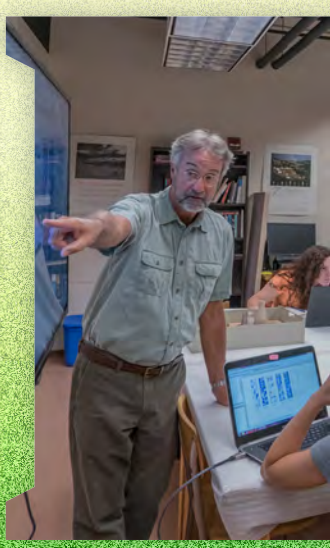
THE
DENVER DIFFERENCE
WHAT DU CAN DO







R1 OUR WAY: Exceptional Innovation for the Human Experience

Research and Creative Work at the University of Denver

UNIVERSITY OF DENVER

Higher education plays a significant role in American communities beyond just teaching and employment training. Universities face a pivotal opportunity to affirm their contribution to their communities in addition to their students. **At the University of Denver—the Rocky Mountain West's oldest independent higher education institution and the region's only private R1 research institution—we are leading the way to redefine the promise of higher education for both students and our broader society in the 21st century.**

What Is R1 Research?

R1 status, as designated by the Carnegie Foundation, is the highest recognition for research intensity and excellence. This prestigious designation reflects DU's dedication to impactful research and its leadership in solving complex societal challenges.

Here's why R1 matters:

ELITE STATUS

DU is one of just **187 institutions** in the U.S. to achieve R1 classification.





SMALL, YET EXCEPTIONAL

Among the 52 private R1 institutions nationwide, **DU is the smallest** without a medical school or technology institute, boasting a highly diverse research portfolio.

ACCESS TO NATIONAL FUNDING

R1 universities secure **75% of national research funding**, attracting renowned faculty and exceptional students from around the globe.



Interdisciplinary Knowledge Production for the Public Good

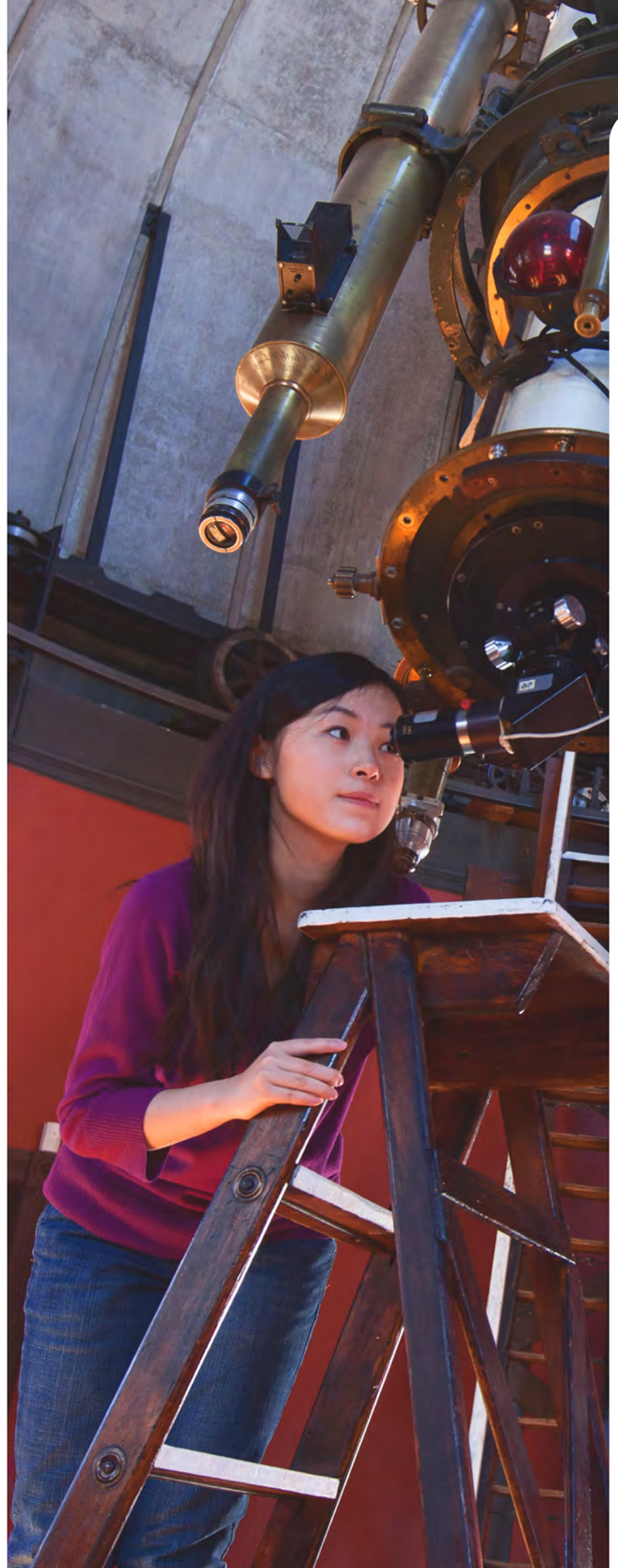
As the world transitions to complex knowledge-based economies, communities with robust knowledge production ensure both their economic competitiveness and social sustainability.

> **The entire economic engine of the United States is driven by research at our higher education institutions like DU.**
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> – Corinne Lengsfeld, Senior Vice Provost for Research and Graduate Education

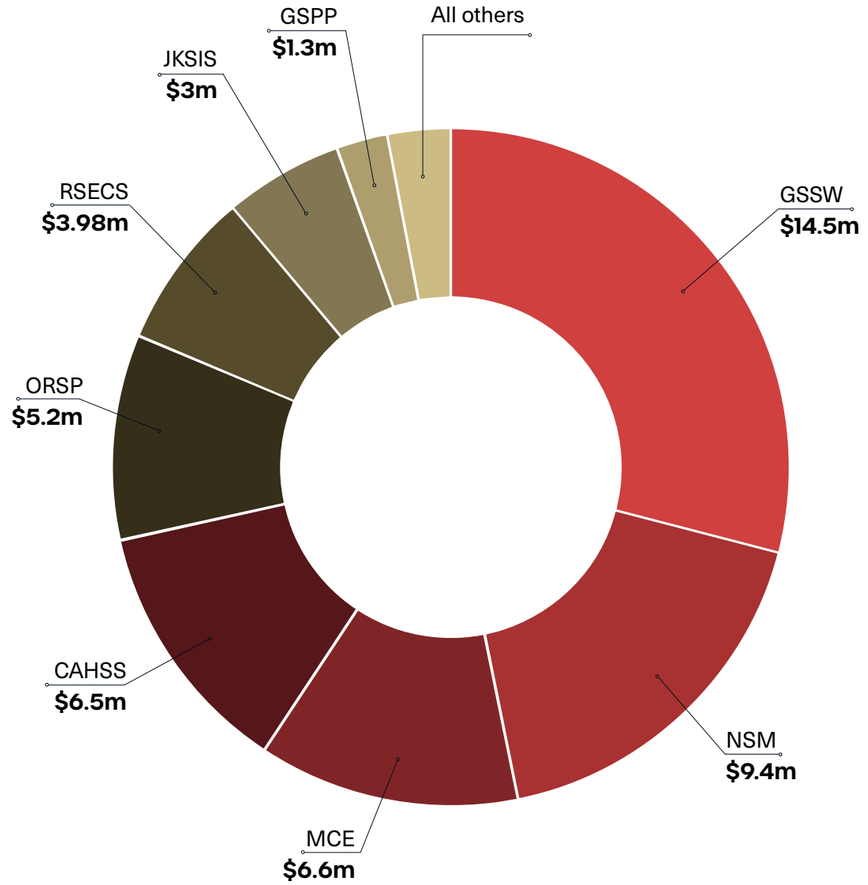
Whereas technical institutes and medical schools typically specialize their education and research models, DU is building from the comprehensive tradition of liberal arts scholarship, while reimagining its future and social impact. **At DU, research for the public good uniquely unites us in scope and purpose: We are a top-tier private institution dedicated to making the world a better place—contributing to our communities and making positive change in the world.**

Our distinctive approach to scholarship has empowered us to develop a richly diversified research portfolio that boasts both depth within a variety of disciplines and breadth of collaboration across them.

DU's combination of interdisciplinary and multidisciplinary knowledge creation has enabled us to generate solutions to difficult challenges on issues ranging from environment and public health to education and international policy. We understand our social responsibility is to advance exceptional interdisciplinary research and drive innovation that improves the human condition.

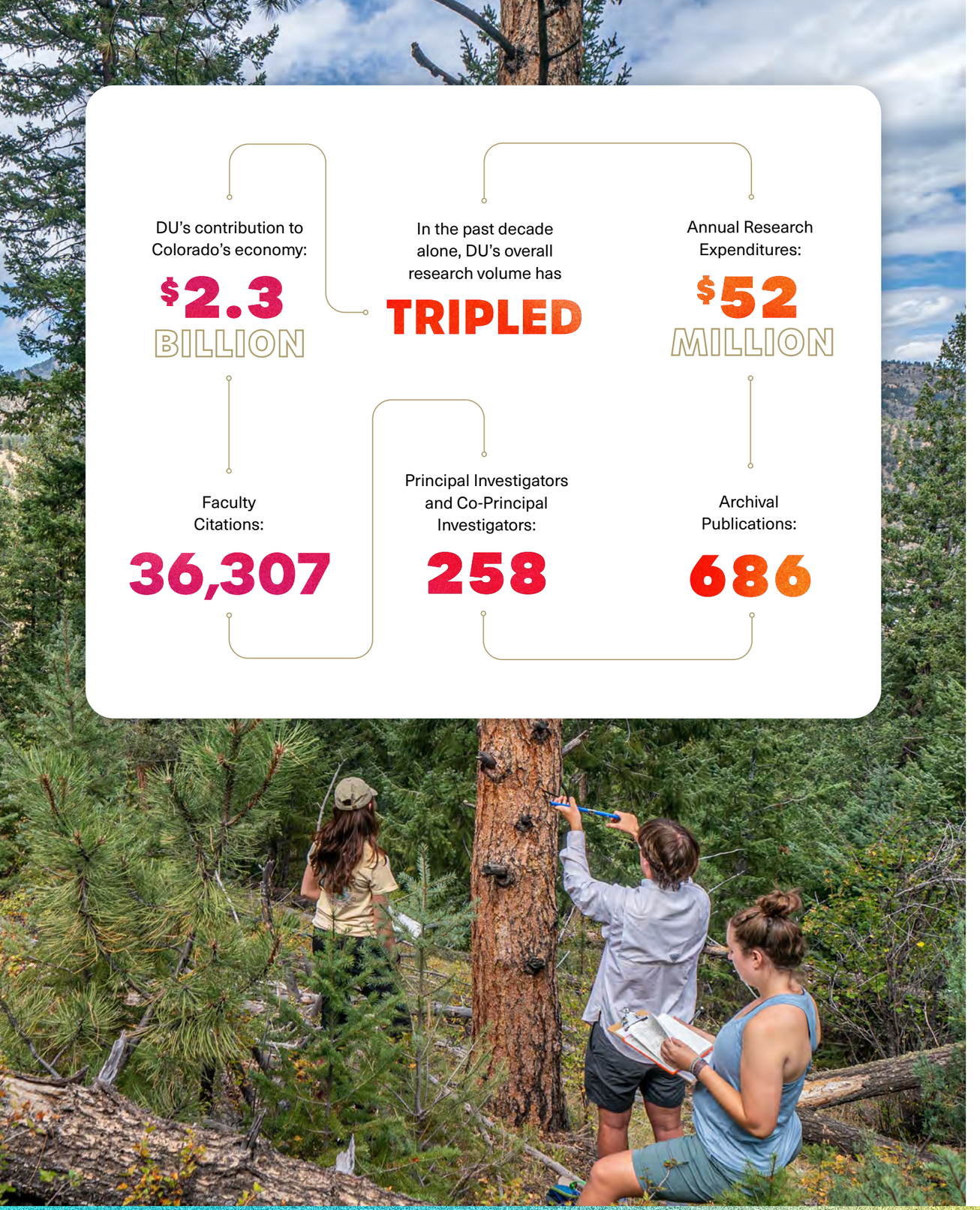






Expenditures by Division

- Graduate School of Social Work
- College of Natural Sciences & Mathematics
- Morgridge College of Education
- College of Arts, Humanities & Social Sciences
- Office of Research & Special Programs
- Ritchie School of Engineering & Computer Science
- Josef Korbel School of International Studies
- Graduate School of Professional Psychology
- All others



DU's contribution to Colorado's economy:

$2.3 BILLION

In the past decade alone, DU's overall research volume has

TRIPLED

Annual Research Expenditures:

$52 MILLION

Faculty Citations:

36,307

Principal Investigators and Co-Principal Investigators:

258

Archival Publications:

686

Exposure to Academic Research Prepares Students for Global Citizenship

Producing knowledge for the public good also means preparing students for engaged global citizenship, not just employment: **We teach our students *why* their research matters in the world, not just how to research.**

This is why we center student access to applied learning in every degree program, and we intentionally create significant opportunities for faculty members to mentor our students through immersive research experiences. Our distinguished faculty are dedicated teacher-scholars who blend intellectual investigation with hands-on instruction to create unparalleled student exposure to world-class, world-changing research.

Highly qualified students seek out R1 schools, and our approach to student research strengthens recruitment, retention and our reputation.

DU faculty not only teach our students to think as scientific, economic, intellectual and social entrepreneurs, but they prepare our students to use the new knowledge they generate to benefit the international community. When our students graduate, they understand the role they can play in shaping the world for the better.





696 undergraduate students participated in research in the 2023-2024 academic year.

1 in 5 DU students who work on salary are paid from research grants.

90% of DU faculty members have the highest possible degrees in their field.

Community-Engaged Research Solves Complex Social Challenges

Research that sits on a shelf is not the goal of the University of Denver: We produce research that has practical, positive impacts in society. Through our rich network of community partnerships and our hands-on approach to scholarship, our research has a proven record of translating academic findings into real-world solutions. We improve existing knowledge and technologies, as well as uncover novel discoveries that transform people's lives all over the world.

"To translate research findings into something tangible and useful, we need a lot of different people with different skills and backgrounds coming together to work on projects they deem important. As DU is a smaller, private university, there are fewer hurdles for companies to begin creative collaborations and partnerships with academic labs."

– Dr. Brady Worrell, Assistant Professor, Organic Chemistry Education



Research at DU Solves Real-World Problems

Research is the backbone of innovation and progress. At DU, these are just a few areas where our research is making the Denver Difference and impacting the planet for good:



The Pardee Center's work in helping Ethiopia get back on its feet

Understanding the Chicano movement in Colorado, in partnership with History Colorado

An NSF-funded initiative to increase the number of students from CO and WY majoring in STEM

The U.S. International Peace Institute, which posits that sports can create stability and peace

SPIRIT (School Psychology Inclusive Rural and Innovative Training), which recruits and trains school psychologists in Colorado's rural communities

Financial security for older adults





Research Philanthropy Drives Practical, Purposeful Progress

As academic research faces unprecedented challenges, DU remains steadfast in our commitment to producing outstanding scholarship and exceptional creative work that strengthens society for good. Progress and innovation define DU and the world we seek to shape.

Our philanthropic partners play a pivotal role in helping us preserve funding for ongoing projects and paving the way for future discoveries. Early funding empowers our faculty members to take inventive risks that generate unique, visionary research findings with significant impacts.

An investment in research at DU is an investment in our faculty, our students and our common future—a future we envision as bold, pragmatic and flourishing.







The concepts described in this document represent a sampling of philanthropic priorities for supporting research at DU. Additional gift opportunities can be provided upon request.

For more information, please contact:

To support and strengthen DU's R1 research today, please visit give.du.edu/DUresearch.