



Research Survey Report

July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021

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2020-2021 ASCO Research Survey Report

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A note about the 2020-2021 ASCO Research Survey Report . . .

This survey report covers the period July 1, 2020-June 30, 2021.

In 2016, ASCO's Academic Research Committee rewrote ASCO's Annual Research Survey in order to simplify the data collection process as well as improve the consistency and utility of the reported data.

Relevant endnotes and definitions follow each part of the report.

The information from this survey can be used to estimate the total research funds provided to schools and colleges of optometry, estimate the time that optometry faculty use to conduct research and quantify the types of research conducted at the schools and colleges of optometry. Schools can also use the information to benchmark their research portfolio.

All of the information in this report can be used to educate public officials, educators, and administrators about the research conducted in optometry. Researchers must continue to push the frontiers of science in order to expand the scope and ability of optometry. The information that follows assists in quantifying the ability to do so.

Twenty-two of the 23 ASCO active member schools participated in this survey. Data was collected September-November 2021.

Please contact Joanne Zuckerman, ASCO's Manager, Data Services and Special Projects, at jzuckerman@opted.org with any questions about the report.



Abbreviations of ASCO Active Member Institutions
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<u>Abbreviation</u>	<u>School Name</u>
AZCOPT	Arizona College of Optometry, Midwestern University
CCO	Chicago College of Optometry, Midwestern University
IAUPR	Inter American University of Puerto Rico, School of Optometry
ICO	Illinois College of Optometry
IUSO	Indiana University, School of Optometry
KYCO	University of Pikeville, Kentucky College of Optometry
MCO	Michigan College of Optometry at Ferris State University
MCPHS	MCPHS University, School of Optometry
NECO	New England College of Optometry
NOVA	Nova Southeastern University, College of Optometry
NSUOCO	Northeastern State University – Oklahoma College of Optometry
OSU	The Ohio State University, College of Optometry
PCO/Salus	Pennsylvania College of Optometry at Salus University
PUCO	Pacific University, College of Optometry
SCCOMBKU	Southern California College of Optometry at Marshall B. Ketchum Universit
SCO	Southern College of Optometry
SUNY	State University of New York, College of Optometry
UABSO	University of Alabama at Birmingham, School of Optometry
UCB	University of California – Berkeley, School of Optometry
UHCO	University of Houston, College of Optometry
UIWRSO	University of the Incarnate Word, Rosenberg School of Optometry
UMSL	University of Missouri at St. Louis, College of Optometry
WUCO	Western University of Health Sciences, College of Optometry

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(Includes 22 of 23 Schools)

	AZCOPT	CCO	IAUPR	ICO	IUSO	KYCO	MCO	MCPHS	NECO	NOVA	NSUOCO	OSU	PCO/Salus
1. Aggregate full time equivalent (FTE) ¹ of all faculty ² employed by Optometry	23.00	21.00	21.00	60.00	38.00	24.40	18.50	17.00	45.27	43.00	35.00	33.60	71.71
2. Aggregate FTE ³ of all faculty ⁴ participating in research	23.00	0.00	6.00	10.00	22.00	24.40	3.00	14.00	20.31	43.00	16.00	25.00	7.00
<i>Proportion of faculty FTE who participate in research (#2/#1)</i>	1.00	0.00	0.29	0.17	0.58	1.00	0.16	0.82	0.45	1.00	0.46	0.74	0.10
3. Aggregate FTE ⁵ of all faculty ⁶ that is paid for conducting research by external funding	0.00	0.00	0.00	3.00	4.22 ⁷	0.00	0.00	0.00	2.69	0.00	0.00	3.95	2.64
<i>Proportion of total faculty FTE paid by external funding for participating in research (#3/#1)</i>	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.05	0.11	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.06	0.00	0.00	0.12	0.04
4. How many students are enrolled in Master's programs ⁸ that are optometry or vision-related?	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	20	24	12	0	38	0
5. How many students are enrolled in PhD programs ⁹ that are optometry or vision-related?	0	0	0	0	18	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	6
6. How many post-doctoral fellows are in optometry?	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	2	0	1	2	0
7. How many support staff participate in funded research? ¹⁰	2	0	0	1	23	0	0	1	3	0	0	26	2
8. # square feet of space in optometry used specifically for clinical research ¹¹	300	480	680	2460	14965	1058	300	3070	1081	2800	0	13737	2775
9. # square feet of space in optometry used specifically for basic science ¹² or translational research ¹³	750	495	0	1730	13226	1058	660	1600	2374	1500	200	3373	3430
10. How many square feet of space in optometry are used specifically for animal care?	0	0	0	740 ¹⁴	1260	0	0	0	1423	0	0	0	2277
11. Federally negotiated on-campus research indirect cost rate ¹⁵	50.0%	50.0%	Not Applicable	52%	58.5%	43.0%	30.0%	55.0%	78.0%	50.0%	52.0%	56.0%	42.0%
12. Typical indirect cost rate ¹⁵ for investigator-driven industry-sponsored research	30.0%	30.0% ¹⁶	Not Applicable	30.0%	58.5%	43.0%	30.0%	20.0%	35.0%	Not Applicable	52.0%	30.0%	Not Applicable
13. Typical indirect cost rate ¹⁵ for contract research (not investigator-driven)	25%-50%	30.0% ¹⁶	Not Applicable	25.0%	58.5%	Not Applicable	30.0%	20.0%	35.0%	Not Applicable	52.0%	30.0%	Not Applicable

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	SCCOMBKU	SCO	SUNY	UABSO	UCB	UHCO	UIWRSO	UMSL	WUCO	TOTALS
1. Aggregate full time equivalent (FTE)¹ of all faculty² employed by Optometry	41.57	59.00	86.08	33.55	73.40	59.24	32.00	22.00	31.60	889.92
2. Aggregate FTE³ of all faculty⁴ participating in research	21.00	17.00	29.62	18.35	28.00	30.40	32.00	7.00	9.00	406.08
<i>Proportion of faculty FTE who participate in research (#2/#1)</i>	0.51	0.29	0.34	0.55	0.38	0.51	1.00	0.32	0.28	0.46
3. Aggregate FTE⁵ of all faculty⁶ that is paid for conducting research by external funding	0.73	0.00	2.30	5.74	0.00 ⁷	6.21	0.00	0.00	2.75	34.93
<i>Proportion of total faculty FTE paid by external funding for participating in research (#3/#1)</i>	0.02	0.00	0.03	0.17	0.00	0.10	0.00	0.00	0.09	0.04
4. How many students are enrolled in Master's programs⁸ that are optometry or vision-related?	10	0	15	5	0	15	0	0	0	144
5. How many students are enrolled in PhD programs⁹ that are optometry or vision-related?	0	0	14	23	34	33	3	0	0	140
6. How many post-doctoral fellows are in optometry?	0	0	3	6	37	7	1	0	0	63
7. How many support staff participate in funded research?¹⁰	3	0	15	22	16	17	0	0	0	131
8. # square feet of space in optometry used specifically for clinical research¹¹	2379	3200	1500	2500	3000	3000	3000	600	1108	63993
9. # square feet of space in optometry used specifically for basic science¹² or translational research¹³	1500	0	13800	18700	20000	17500	1100	300	858	104154
10. How many square feet of space in optometry are used specifically for animal care?	0	0	4200	0 ¹⁴	500	0 ¹⁴	36	0	160	10596
11. Federally negotiated on-campus research indirect cost rate¹⁵	60.0%	Not Applicable	62.0%	49.0%	59.0%	55.0%	60% of salary, wages	55.0%	41.0%	51.8%¹⁷
12. Typical indirect cost rate¹⁵ for investigator-driven industry-sponsored research	50.0%	Not Applicable	30.0%	36.0%	26.0%	31.0%	60% of salary, wages	33.0%	Not Applicable	34.7%¹⁷
13. Typical indirect cost rate¹⁵ for contract research (not investigator-driven)	50.0%	Not Applicable	30.0%	30.0%	26.0%	31.0%	60% of salary, wages	33.0%	Not Applicable	34.3%¹⁷

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Part I Endnotes

¹FTE is during the faculty member's working period, regardless of whether the faculty member is on a 9 or 12 month appointment. Does not include faculty from other institutions who collaborate on research projects. Aggregate FTE in this question means the sum of the total FTE of each faculty member, regardless of whether the faculty member conducts administrative, clinical, didactic, or research duties.

²All faculty include tenure track, clinical track, and research track faculty who are paid by optometry.

³This is the FTE of the faculty who participate in research, not the FTE that they *use* to participate in research. FTE is during the faculty member's working period, regardless of whether the faculty member is on a 9 or 12 month appointment. Does not include faculty from other institutions who collaborate on research projects. Aggregate FTE in this question means the sum of the total FTE of each faculty member that participates in research, regardless of whether the faculty member conducts administrative, clinical, didactic, or research duties.

⁴Includes all tenure track, clinical track, and research track faculty who are optometry personnel who participate in research as a PI, masked examiner, statistician, etc. Does not include faculty from outside units who collaborate on research projects.

⁵FTE is the amount of FTE that a faculty member receives from external funds to participate in research. Does not include faculty from other institutions who collaborate.

⁶Includes all tenure track, clinical track, and research track faculty who are optometry personnel who receive external funding to participate in research as a PI, masked examiner, statistician, etc.

⁷For IUSO, includes summer salary. UC does not allow except for summer salary.

⁸Includes students enrolled in programs at the institution both within and outside of the school of optometry. Includes students enrolled in combined OD/MS programs.

⁹Includes students enrolled in programs at the institution both within and outside of the school of optometry. Includes students enrolled in combined OD/PhD programs.

¹⁰Includes staff members who are paid from sponsored research projects who work in research for any amount of time.

¹¹Clinical research = healthcare science that determines the safety and efficacy of medications, devices, diagnostic products and treatment regimens intended for human use; they may be used for prevention, treatment, diagnosis or relieving symptoms.

¹²Basic research = scientific research to improve scientific theories for improved understanding or prediction of phenomena.

¹³Translational research = applied findings from basic science to enhance human health and well-being; translation of fundamental research findings into meaningful health outcomes.

¹⁴For ICO, the space is available for animal study, but no current animal care study is ongoing. For UABSO, all animal care space is outside of optometry. For UHCO, animals are housed in the UH Animal Care Operations 31,000 sq ft of vivariums in one of the buildings in which optometry resides.

¹⁵These are costs incurred by the university due to a research project, such as departmental accounting, network support, equipment depreciation, building and facilities operation and maintenance, library, and sponsored projects administration. These costs are charged as a percent of some of the direct cost elements. For example, if the indirect rate is 50%, then the sponsor pays an additional \$50,000 on a \$100,000 project. "Not Applicable" indicates that an institution does not have a standard indirect cost rate.

¹⁶For CCO, 30% is the average: 50% when direct costs (DCs) are >\$100K; 25% when DCs are \$50K-\$99,999; 15% when DCs are <\$50K.

¹⁷Ranges/multiple percentages are not included in the overall average.

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(Includes 18 of 23 schools; 4 had no awards and 1 did not participate in the survey)

	AZCOPT	ICO	IUSO	MCO	MCPHS	NECO	NOVA	OSU	PCO/Salus
<i>By Source:</i>									
Federal, NEI:	\$0	\$13,375	\$3,006,452	\$0	\$0	\$925,826	\$0	\$2,407,572	\$281,532
Federal, NIH:	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal, Other:	\$0	\$0	\$473,184	\$0	\$0	\$171,945	\$0	\$500,000	\$0
State:	\$0	\$0	\$210,000	\$23,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$57,774
Private Foundation:	\$0	\$8,000	\$114,459	\$4,995	\$0	\$5,189	\$19,050	\$269,053	\$37,000
Industry:	\$113,573	\$296,188	\$1,587,315	\$11,500	\$0	\$103,052	\$0	\$409,611	\$130,641
Other, Including Research Contracts & Subawards:	\$0	\$0	\$227,531	\$0	\$7,500	\$109,625	\$0	\$129,993	\$0
<i>By Science:</i>									
Clinical:	\$113,573	\$317,563	\$299,150	\$0	\$0	\$715,000	\$14,050	\$2,422,617	\$155,641
Translational:	\$0	\$0	\$3,856,877	\$34,500	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$573,693	\$0
Basic:	\$0	\$0	\$1,462,914	\$4,995	\$0	\$551,403	\$5,000	\$671,283	\$351,306
Training Grant:	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$7,500	\$44,762	\$0	\$43,636	\$0
Other:	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$4,472	\$0	\$5,000	\$0
Total	\$113,573	\$317,563	\$5,618,941	\$39,495	\$7,500	\$1,315,637	\$19,050	\$3,716,229	\$506,947

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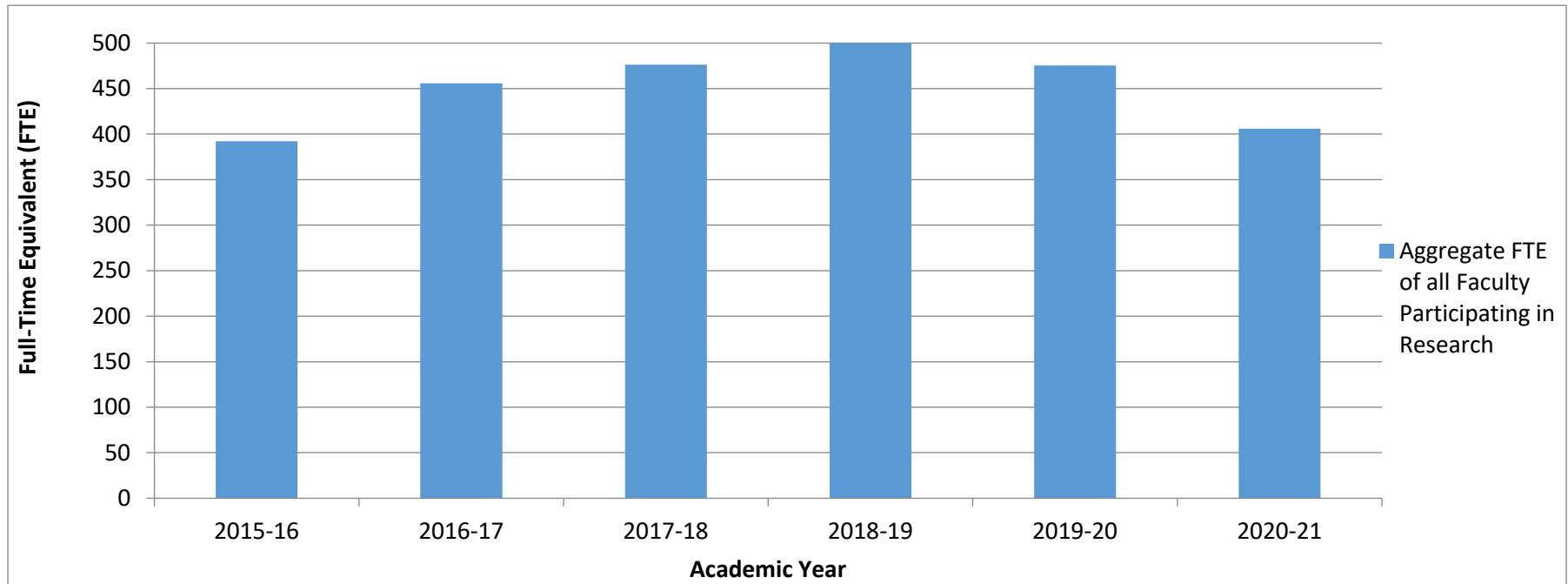
	SCCOMBKU	SCO	SUNY	UABSO	UCB	UHCO	UIWRSO	UMSL	WUCO	GRAND TOTALS
<i>By Source:</i>										
Federal, NEI:	\$784	\$3,588	\$1,521,517	\$2,920,520	\$5,446,196	\$2,534,121	\$1,100	\$0	\$0	\$19,062,583
Federal, NIH:	\$8,698	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$8,698
Federal, Other:	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$505,740	\$50,292	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,701,161
State:	\$0	\$0	\$183,308	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$474,082
Private Foundation:	\$0	\$0	\$191,440	\$99,946	\$340,965	\$140,086	\$0	\$0	\$44,000	\$1,274,183
Industry:	\$127,937	\$62,906	\$2,967,816	\$263,486	\$1,282,853	\$0	\$44,000	\$0	\$5,000	\$7,405,878
Other, Including Research Contracts & Subawards:	\$0	\$4,192	\$254,067	\$0	\$173,398	\$0	\$0	\$4,300	\$0	\$910,606
<i>By Science:</i>										
Clinical:	\$136,635	\$70,686	\$3,126,622	\$263,486	\$709,975	\$880,552	\$1,100	\$0	\$32,000	\$9,258,650
Translational:	\$784	\$0	\$0	\$571,211	\$1,209,527	\$242,500	\$44,000	\$0	\$0	\$6,533,092
Basic:	\$0	\$0	\$1,722,756	\$2,449,255	\$5,249,946	\$1,541,375	\$0	\$4,300	\$0	\$14,014,533
Training Grant:	\$0	\$0	\$253,112	\$0	\$579,704	\$60,072	\$0	\$0	\$17,000	\$1,005,786
Other:	\$0	\$0	\$15,659	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$25,131
Total	\$137,419	\$70,686	\$5,118,149	\$3,283,952	\$7,749,152	\$2,724,499	\$45,100	\$4,300	\$49,000	\$30,837,192

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Part II Definitions

Clinical	Scientific research on clinical human healthcare practices to establish or improve safety and efficacy of devices, medications, and interventions.
Translational (T0-T4)	Scientific research designed to advance basic research towards clinical practice and to enhance adoption and impact of health practices.
T0	Basic biomedical research, including preclinical and animal studies. This type of research does not include interventions with human subjects.
T1	Translation to humans; includes Phase 1 clinical trials to study new diagnostic methods, treatments or prevention strategies.
T2	Translation to patients. This includes efficacy trials (controlled Phase 2 and 3 clinical trials).
T3	Translation to practice. This stage includes Phase 4 clinical outcomes research.
T4	Translation to community. This includes population level research to evaluate benefits to society.
Basic	Scientific research to improve understanding or prediction of phenomena.
<i>If science is basic and translational, then call it translational.</i>	
<i>If science is translational and clinical, then call it clinical.</i>	
<i>These definitions were adapted from several sources.</i>	
Federal: NIH	All other NIH institutes except National Eye Institute
Federal: Other	National Science Foundation, Department of Defense, etc.
Other (including research contracts & subawards)	Contract research activities for hire, subawards from other institutions, etc.

Aggregate FTE of Faculty Participating in Research U.S. Schools and Colleges of Optometry 2015-2021



	2015-16 ¹	2016-17 ¹	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21 ¹
Aggregate FTE of All Faculty Participating in Research²	392.21	455.74	476.24	502.04	475.35	406.08

¹In 2015-16, 2016-17, and 2020-21 data was collected from 22 out of 23 schools. 2017-18, 2018-19 and 2019-20 include all schools.

²This is the FTE of the faculty who participate in research, not the FTE that they use to participate in research. FTE is during the faculty member's working period, regardless of whether the faculty member is on a 9 or 12 month appointment. Does not include faculty from other institutions who collaborate on research projects. Aggregate FTE in this question means the sum of the total FTE of each faculty member that participates in research, regardless of whether the faculty member conducts administrative, clinical, didactic, or research duties. Includes all tenure track, clinical track, and research track faculty who are optometry personnel who participate in research as a PI, masked examiner, statistician, etc. Does not include faculty from outside units who collaborate on research projects.

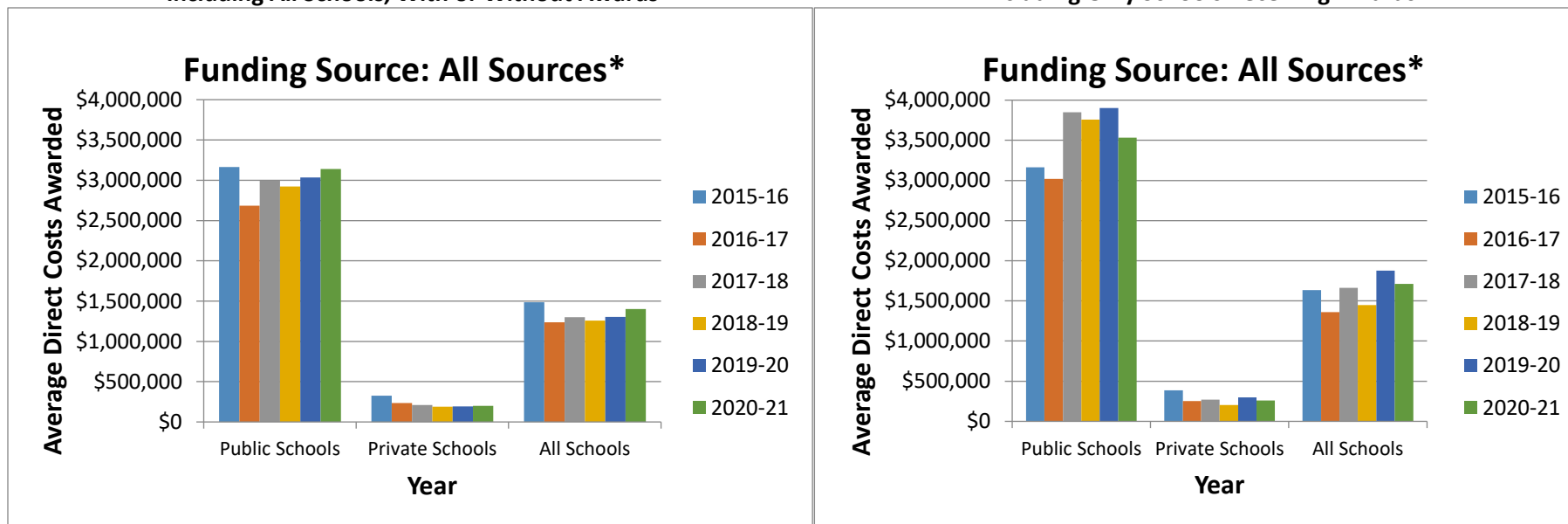
Average Research Funding, Public & Private Schools

U.S. Schools and Colleges of Optometry

Direct Costs Awarded 2015-2021

Including All Schools, With or Without Awards

Including Only Schools Receiving Awards



Average Funding per School, Based on All Participating Schools

Average Funding per School, Based on Schools Receiving Awards

	Public Schools	Private Schools	All Schools		Public Schools	Private Schools	All Schools
2015-16				2015-16			
22 of 23 schools	\$3,163,844	\$325,694	\$1,486,755	20 schools w/awards	\$3,163,844	\$384,911	\$1,635,431
2016-17				2016-17			
22 of 23 schools	\$2,684,680	\$234,973	\$1,237,126	20 schools w/awards	\$3,020,265	\$254,554	\$1,360,838
2017-18				2017-18			
23 of 23 schools	\$2,995,173	\$211,249	\$1,300,611	18 schools w/awards	\$3,850,936	\$268,862	\$1,661,891
2018-19				2018-19			
23 of 23 schools	\$2,922,804	\$188,192	\$1,258,258	20 schools w/awards	\$3,757,891	\$202,669	\$1,446,996
2019-20				2019-20			
23 of 23 schools	\$3,034,793	\$192,521	\$1,304,715	16 schools w/awards	\$3,901,876	\$299,478	\$1,875,527
2020-21				2020-21			
22 of 23 schools	\$3,139,413	\$198,652	\$1,401,691	18 schools w/awards	\$3,531,840	\$258,248	\$1,713,177

*Includes Federal NEI, Federal NIH, Federal Other, State, Private Foundation, Industry, Other Including Research Contracts and SubAwards

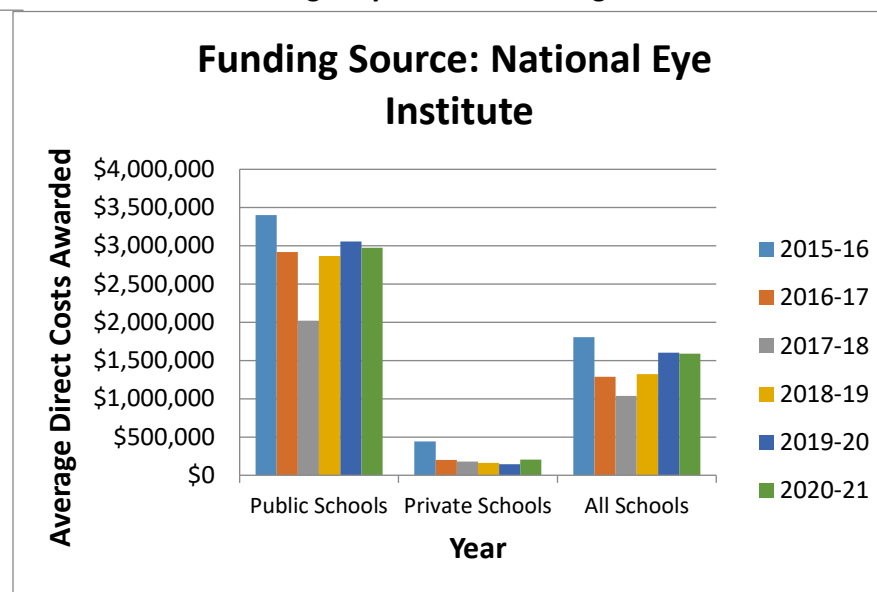
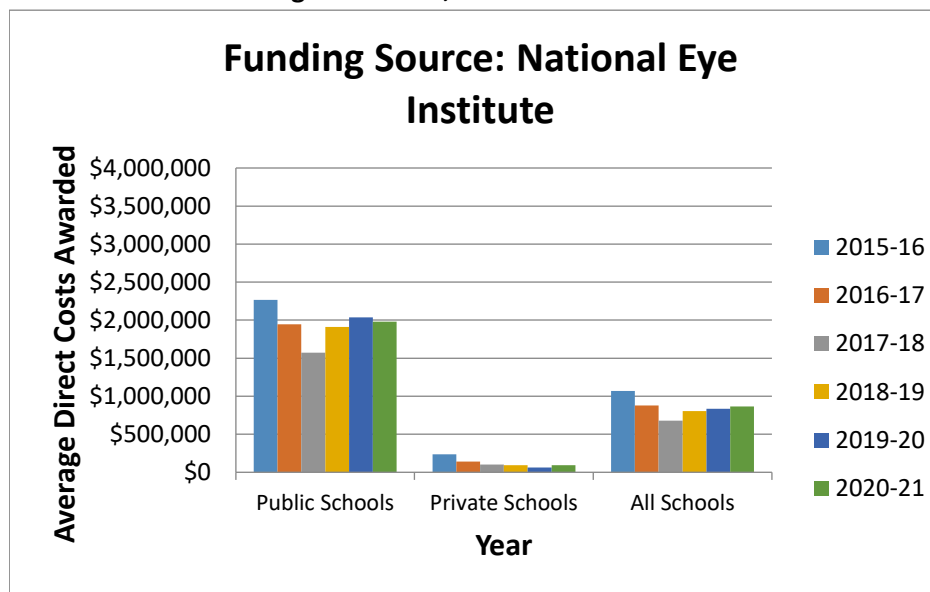
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Including Only Schools Receiving Awards



Average Funding per School, Based on All Participating Schools				Average Funding per School, Based on Schools Receiving Awards			
	Public Schools	Private Schools	All Schools		Public Schools	Private Schools	All Schools
2015-16 22 of 23 schools	\$2,267,163	\$237,013	\$1,067,529	2015-16 13 schools w/awards	\$3,400,745	\$440,167	\$1,806,587
2016-17 22 of 23 schools	\$1,947,040	\$138,989	\$878,646	2016-17 15 schools w/awards	\$2,920,560	\$200,761	\$1,288,681
2017-18 23 of 23 schools	\$1,572,472	\$101,124	\$676,869	2017-18 15 schools w/awards	\$2,021,750	\$176,967	\$1,037,866
2018-19 23 of 23 schools	\$1,912,201	\$93,186	\$804,974	2018-19 14 schools w/awards	\$2,868,301	\$163,075	\$1,322,458
2019-20 23 of 23 schools	\$2,038,140	\$61,947	\$835,240	2019-20 12 schools w/awards	\$3,057,210	\$144,542	\$1,600,876
2020-21 22 of 23 schools	\$1,981,820	\$94,323	\$866,481	2020-21 12 schools w/awards	\$2,972,730	\$204,368	\$1,588,549

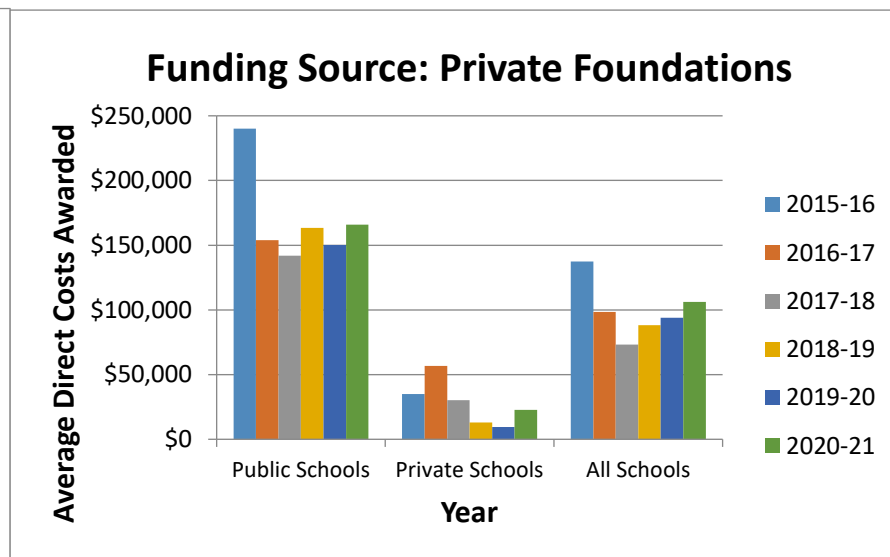
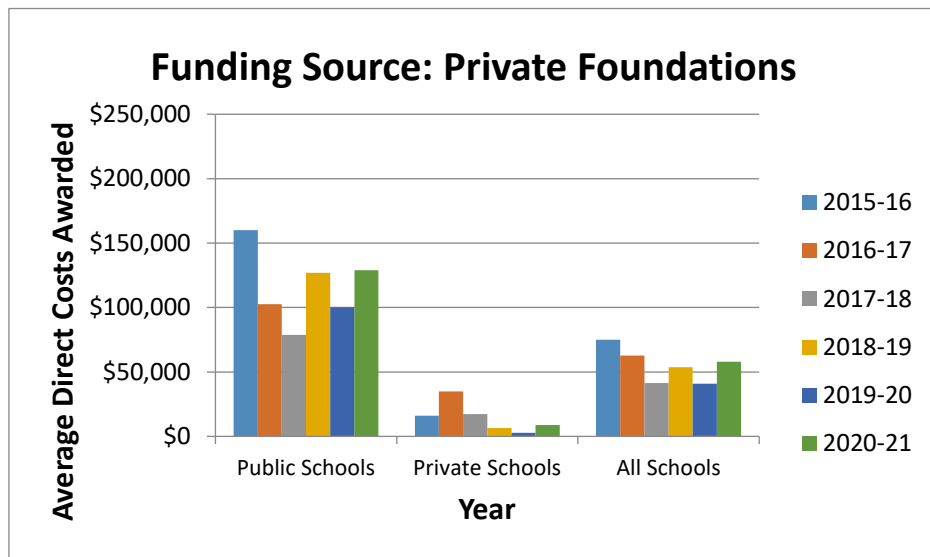
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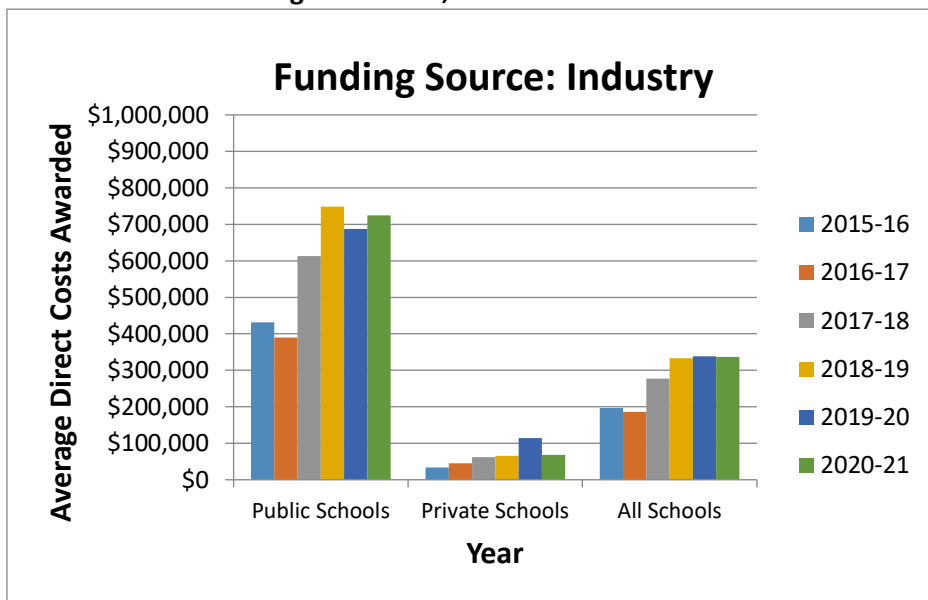
Average Funding per School, Based on All Participating Schools			Average Funding per School, Based on Schools Receiving Awards				
	Public Schools	Private Schools	All Schools		Public Schools	Private Schools	All Schools
2015-16				2015-16			
22 of 23 schools	\$160,051	\$16,143	\$75,015	12 schools w/awards	\$240,076	\$34,977	\$137,527
2016-17				2016-17			
22 of 23 schools	\$102,542	\$34,972	\$62,614	14 schools w/awards	\$153,813	\$56,829	\$98,393
2017-18				2017-18			
23 of 23 schools	\$78,879	\$17,313	\$41,404	13 schools w/awards	\$141,982	\$30,298	\$73,253
2018-19				2018-19			
23 of 23 schools	\$127,020	\$6,475	\$53,645	14 schools w/awards	\$163,312	\$12,951	\$88,131
2019-20				2019-20			
23 of 23 schools	\$100,113	\$2,692	\$40,813	10 schools w/awards	\$150,169	\$9,424	\$93,871
2020-21				2020-201			
22 of 23 schools	\$128,994	\$8,711	\$57,917	12 schools w/awards	\$165,849	\$22,648	\$106,182

Average Research Funding, Public & Private Schools

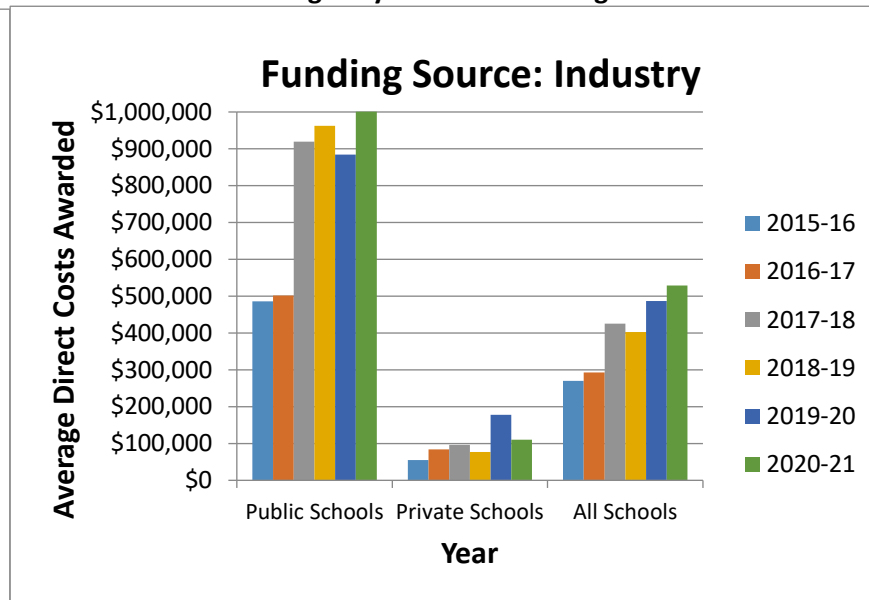
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Direct Costs Awarded 2015-2021

Including All Schools, With or Without Awards



Including Only Schools Receiving Awards



Average Funding per School, Based on All Participating Schools			Average Funding per School, Based on Schools Receiving Awards				
	Public Schools	Private Schools	All Schools		Public Schools	Private Schools	All Schools
2015-16				2016-17			
22 of 23 schools	\$431,817	\$33,900	\$196,684	16 schools w/awards	\$485,794	\$55,088	\$270,441
2016-17				2016-17			
22 of 23 schools	\$389,913	\$45,285	\$186,269	14 schools w/awards	\$501,317	\$84,100	\$292,709
2017-18				2017-18			
23 of 23 schools	\$613,117	\$61,802	\$277,534	15 schools w/awards	\$919,676	\$96,136	\$425,552
2018-19				2018-19			
23 of 23 schools	\$748,223	\$65,809	\$332,841	19 schools w/awards	\$962,001	\$76,777	\$402,912
2019-20				2019-20			
23 of 23 schools	\$687,522	\$114,413	\$338,673	16 schools w/awards	\$883,956	\$177,976	\$486,842
2020-21				2020-21			
22 of 23 schools	\$724,731	\$67,946	\$336,631	14 schools w/awards	\$1,087,097	\$110,412	\$528,991

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