



Anschutz

School of Medicine

# DOM Research Town Hall 2026

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# All Details on DOM Research Webpage

<https://medschool.cuanschutz.edu/medicine/research>



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**Jenny Kemp, PhD**



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**Michelle Middleton**



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**Karen McInnes**



# Research Strategic Plan





### Research Resources

Post-award support, campus resources, campus space



### Invest in Researchers

RISE, Bridge fund match, TRSP, U/P grant contributions



### Connect Divisions

REACH, Research Day, COLLABORATE



### Effective Communication

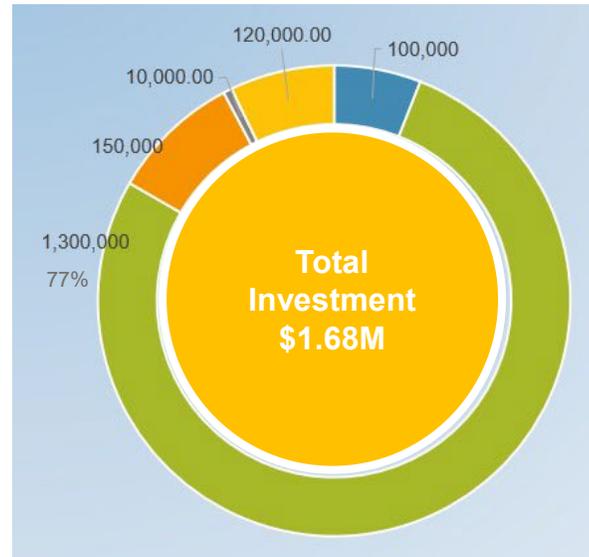
Website, calendar appts, Medicine Monthly contributions



### Develop Our Talent

Grant writing courses, Administrator seminars/training

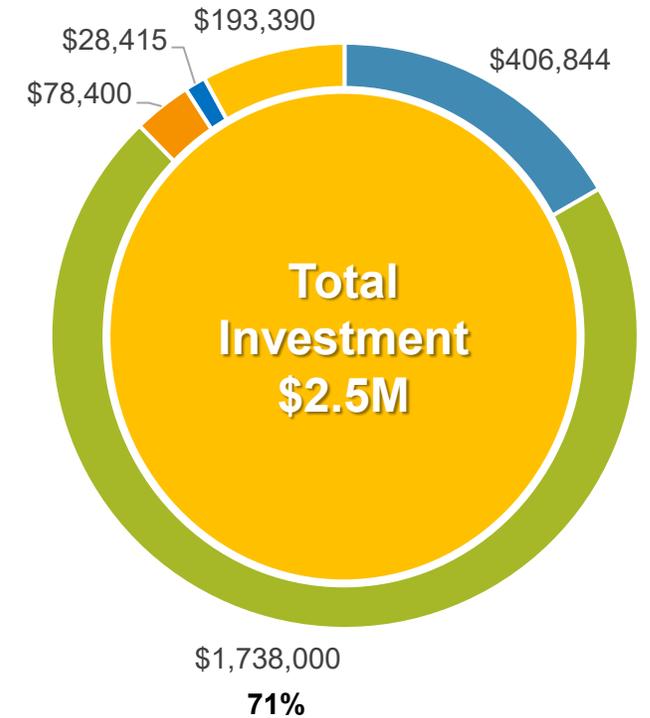
2023



2024



2025



- Access Resources
- Directly Invest in Researchers
- Connect Across Divisions
- Effective Comms
- Develop Our Talent



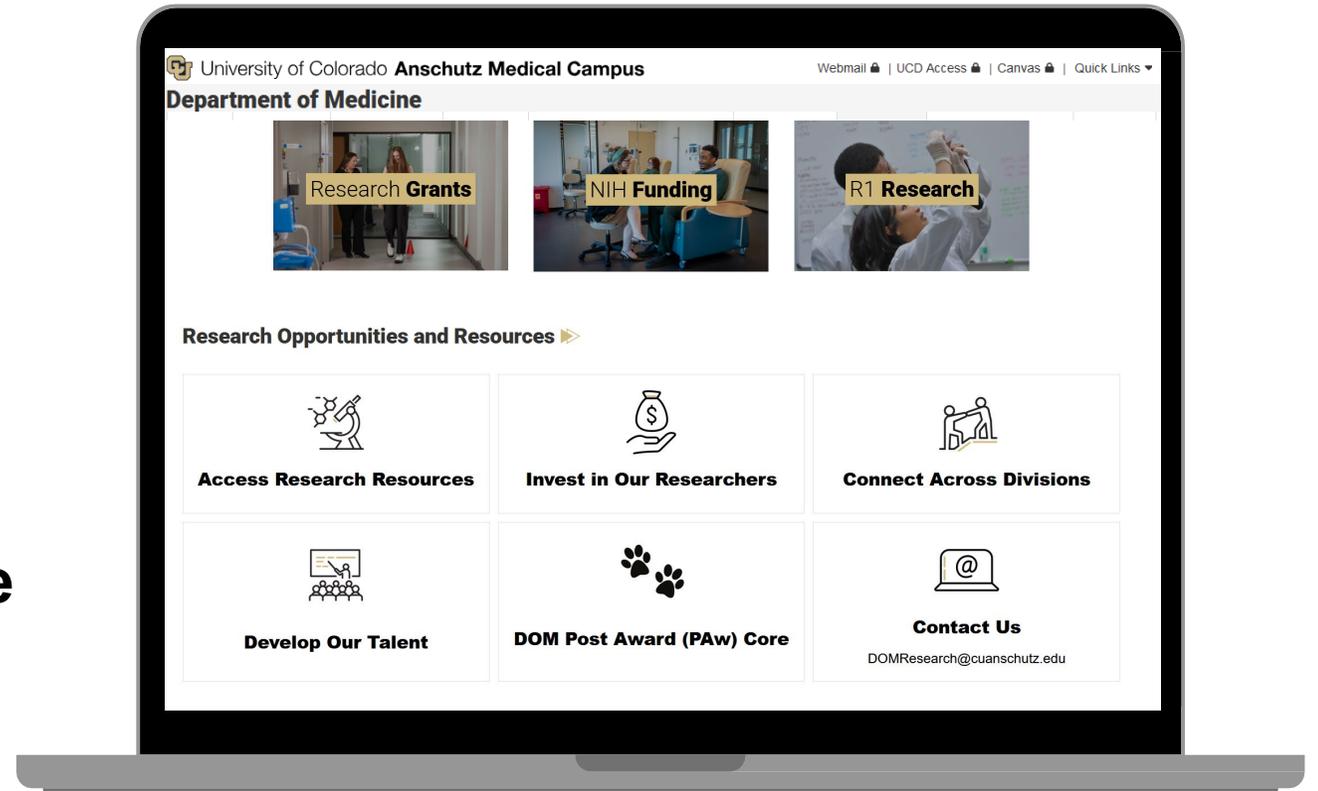
# Access to Research Resources



**A. Provide streamlined access to campus research resources**



**B. Overhaul DOM Research website for one stop information**



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# Access to Research Resources

## C. Create infrastructure for Departmental post-award grant support



42 PIs  
74 PIs

2.0 FTE  
0.6 FTE Hourly



144 ST  
240 ST



# Access to Research Resources

D. Advocate for adequate and equitable access to campus wet lab space

E. **NEW** Integrated T3-T4 Health Service Research (HSR) Hub: Dan Matlock



- Create community
- Ensure access to WIPs and resources
- Survey for HSR researchers/contact list



## Biostats support

*“More formal, efficient, statistical support”*

## Data Access

*“Purchase a few more datasets”*

## Senior Faculty Access & Community

*“Lack of senior mentors within my division”*

- **First newsletter in March.....**



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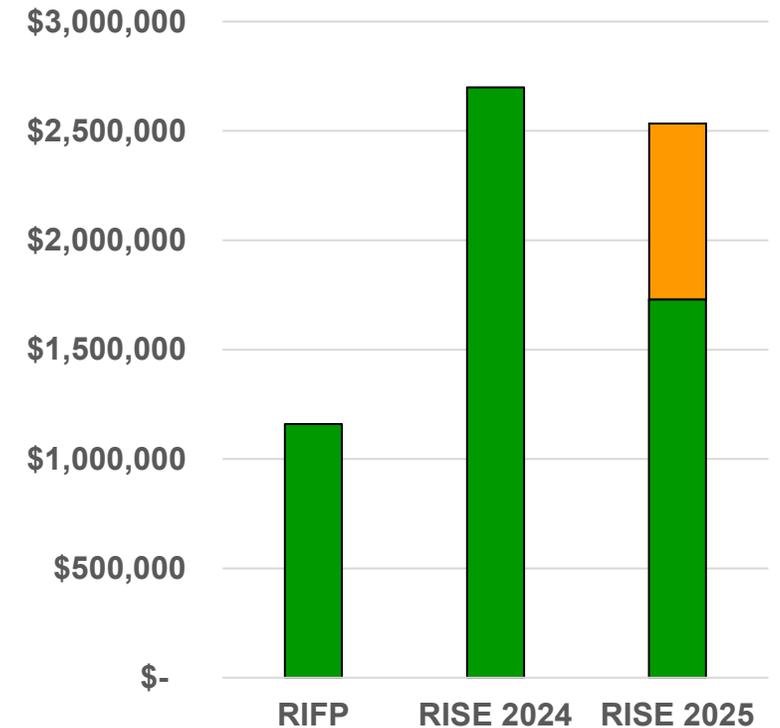
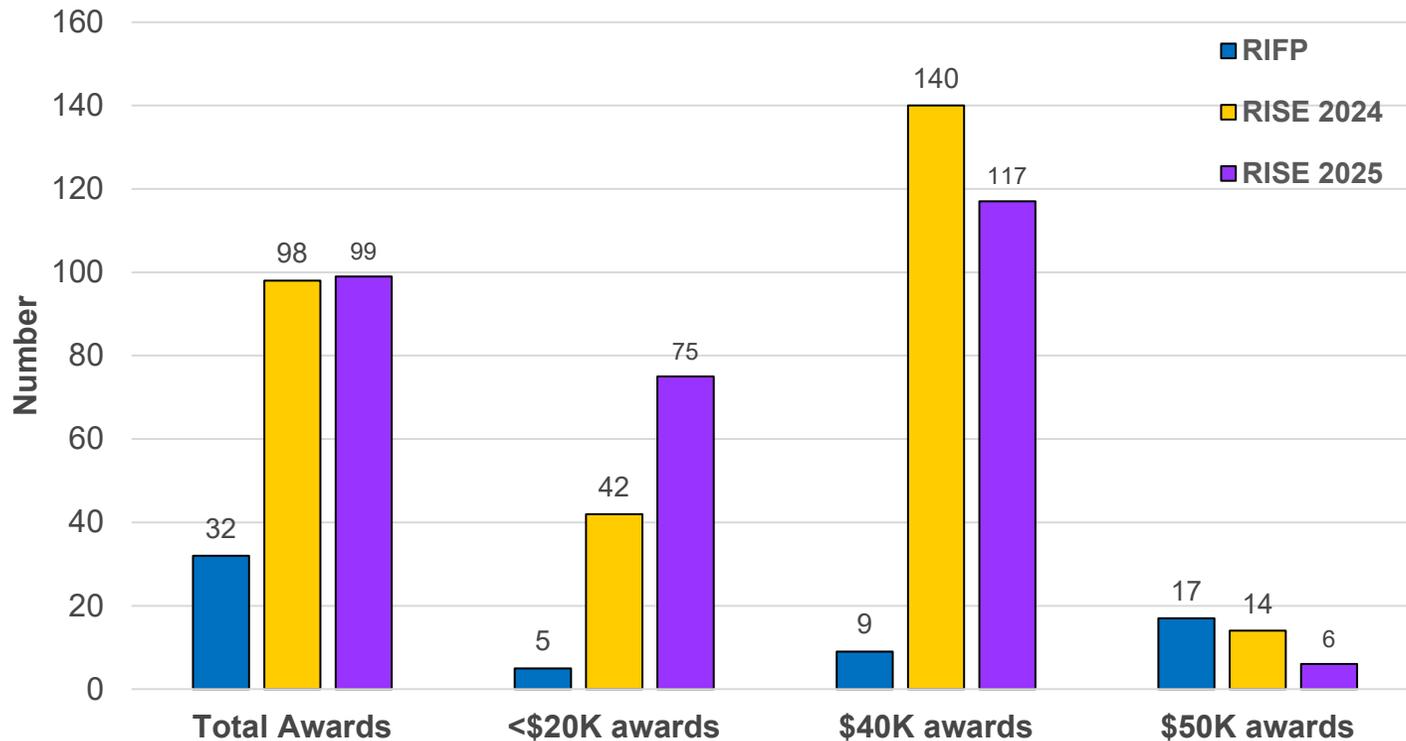
- ✓ • **Secondary Data Resource (SDR) starting with MarketScan data – in conjunction with ACCORDS**
- **Available on website**
  - **1 grant application, 9 requests in process**
  - **Business plan and billing plan created**
  - **Applying for SIRC funds to add datasets**



# Invest in Our Researchers



## A. RISE: Research Investment in the Scientific Enterprise





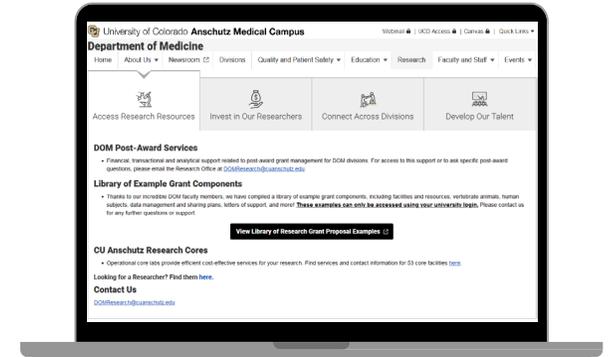
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**B. Promote cross-divisional research: COLLABORATE \$56K (2024 = \$92K)**



**C. Transparent policies and application processes to obtain DOM contributions for large grants/SIRC/equip**

- Complete policies and online application process/form online



**D. Provide matching funds for the SOM Bridge Funding Program**

**4 funded = \$200K**





# Connect Across Divisions

**A. All researchers, faculty, staff and admins are included as key stakeholders in DOM Research planning and programs**



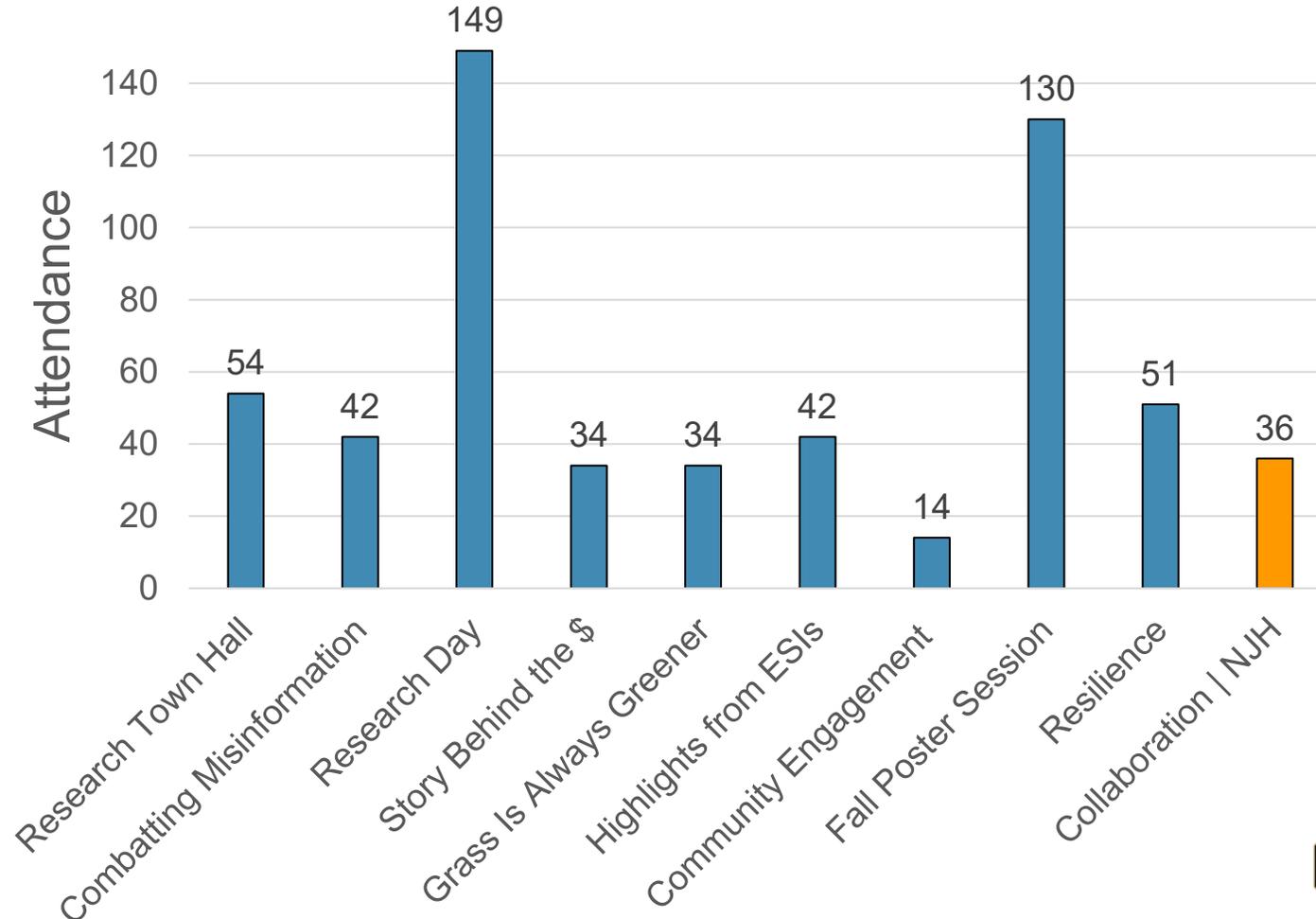
- Research Director Affinity Group
- **NEW** ESI Working Group
- **NEW** Research Staff Programming for Research Day





# Connect Across Divisions

## B. Reinvigorate Research Innovation Conference (RIC): REACH forums





# Connect Across Divisions

## C. Restructure Research Day: **APRIL 14, 2026**

- ✓ **>150 attendees 2025**
- ✓ **T0-T4, across Divisions/rank/employment type**
- ✓ **Enhanced engagement and recognition for study staff and students**

## D. DOM research professional recognition awards: **3 @ 2025 DOM awards**

- ✓ **4 poster awards given to CURPs at Research Day and REACH poster session**
- ✓ **Nominations for 2025 CU Anschutz Research awards**

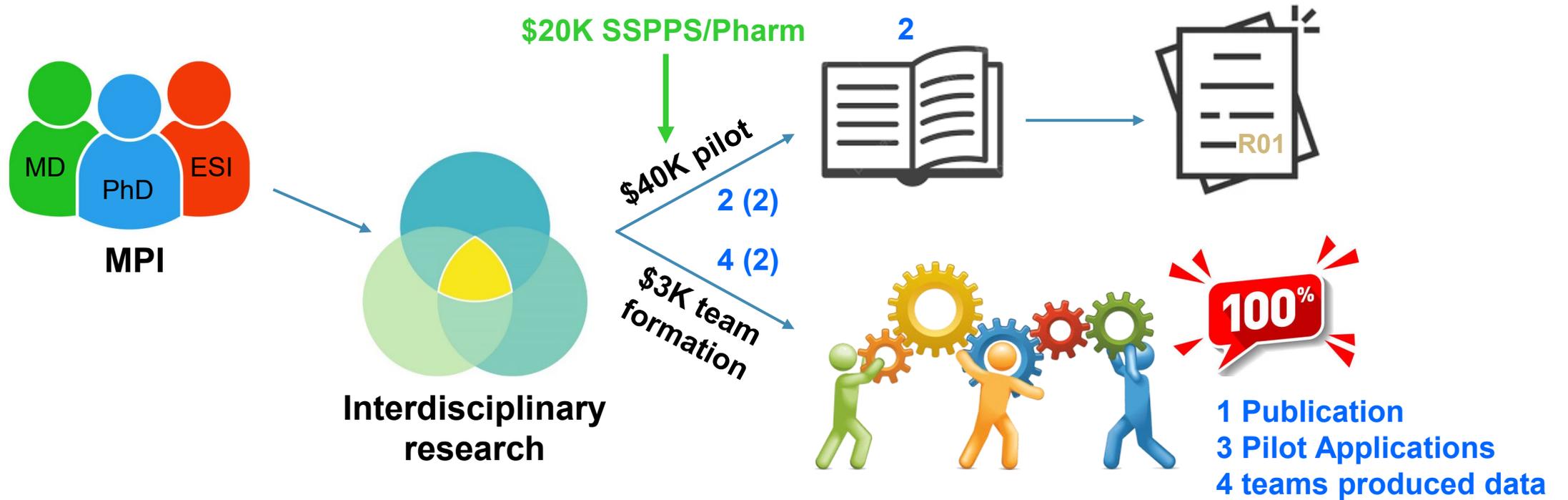


# Connect Across Divisions

E. Create a process for encouraging multidisciplinary, cross-divisional



research teams: **COLLABORATE**





# Connect Across Divisions

## F. NEW Establish a K-Club program for junior investigators



- Dr. Mary Weiser Evans
- ESI Town Halls, Online Survey



Streamlined access to campus research resources



Funding for cross-disciplinary, inter-division research



Include all faculty, especially ESIs, as stakeholders in DOM

Establish an ESI early career scholar's program/K Club

Library of sample NIH application documents and funded K grants





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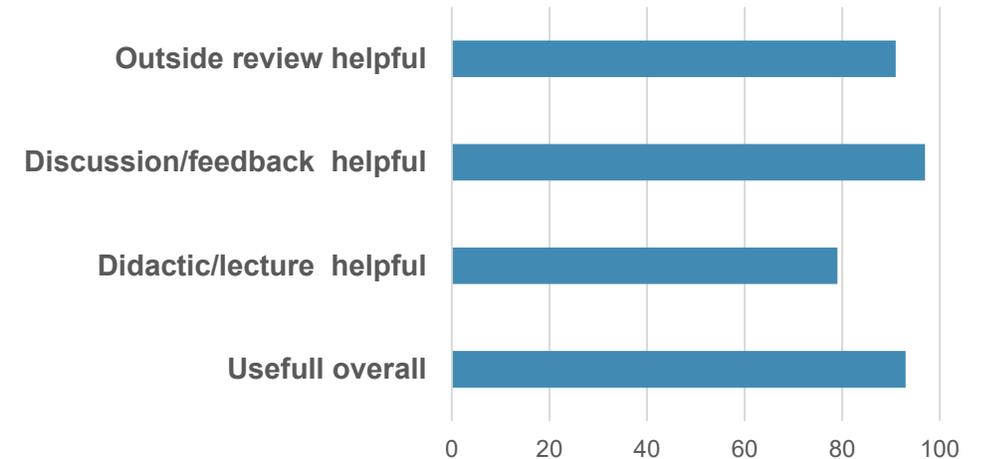
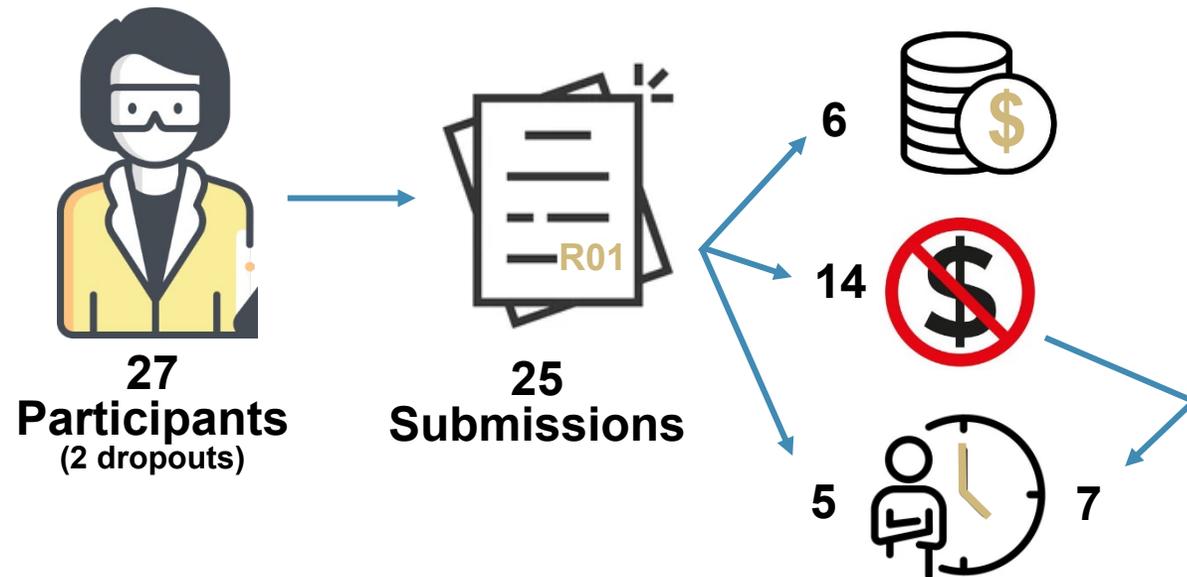
- ✓ • **ESI Working Group:** Nine ESI Faculty across Divisions meet bimonthly
- **Recruit ESIs for Research Day abstract review:** 8 ESI reviewed Research Day abstracts
- **ESI REACH Forums**
- **Use DOM Research Day to highlight ESIs:** Two ESIs selected for presentations in 2025
- **Early Career Investigators Connect:** Feb 26 3.30pm at T-Street



# Develop Our Talent

## A. Provide grant writing expertise and education

- Seminars: SA page, resubmission, research plan, Biosketches, etc
- 2 x Series of 9 weekly sessions: peer support, expert review, dedicated writing time





# Develop Our Talent

**B. Ongoing support and monthly training sessions for division**

**administrators regarding pre- and post-award processes**

**C. Library of sample attachments per NIH SF424 guidelines**



**D. Nominations for research awards – 10 2023, 15 2024, 24 in 2025 for**

**Anschutz research awards**



# Develop Our Talent: CONGRATULATIONS!



## D. DOM 8/13 (62%) CU Anschutz Research Awards in 2026!!!



### CHANCELLOR'S DISTINGUISHED RESEARCH LECTURESHIP AWARD

Wendy M. Kohrt, PhD, Distinguished Professor



### RESEARCH COLLABORATION TEAM AWARD

Colorado Nutrition Obesity Research Center (NORC)



### RESEARCH MENTOR AWARD

Kristine Erlandson, MD, MSC, Professor



### RESEARCH ADMINISTRATION AWARD

Alesia El Ali, CRA, Research Office Post-Award Core Manager



### RESEARCH STAFF AWARD

Delaney C. Swindle, MS, Research Services Principal PRA



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**RISING STAR RESEARCH AWARD – CLINICAL**  
Paul Christine, MD, PhD, Assistant Professor



**RISING STAR RESEARCH AWARD – TRANSLATIONAL**  
Anna Helena Jonsson, MD, PhD, Assistant Professor



**TRAINEE RESEARCH EXCELLENCE AWARD – BASIC SCIENCE**  
Carley N. Miller, PhD, MD-PhD Student

**TRAINEE RESEARCH EXCELLENCE AWARD – TRANSLATIONAL**  
Ana J. Pinto, PhD, Postdoctoral Fellow



**Congratulations!!!**



**2025 Blueridge NIH Rankings  
21 → 14**

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