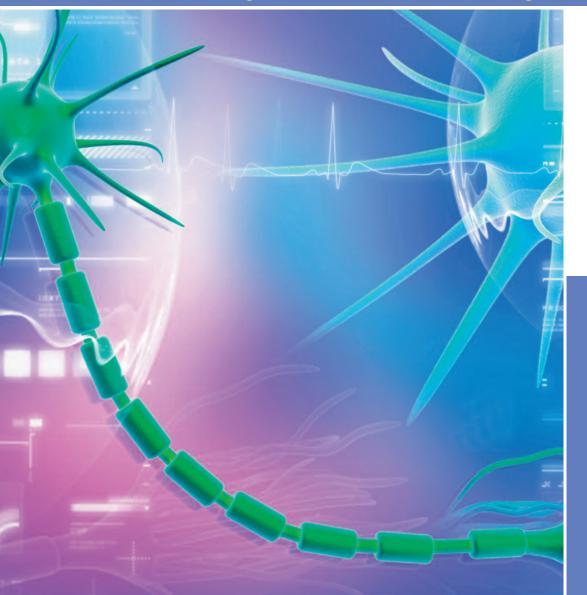


DIVISION of SCIENCE and RESEARCH a good investment for west virginia



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about the **DIVISION** of **SCIENCE** and **RESEARCH**

The Division of Science and Research of the West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission provides strategic leadership for infrastructure advancement and development of competitive research opportunities in science, technology, engineering and mathematics disciplines. The Division is guided by a 14-member Science and Research Council.

The office directs the National Science Foundation's Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research (EPSCoR) in West Virginia, coordinates scientific research grants to academic institutions from federal and state agencies, and conducts outreach activities to broaden the public's understanding of science and technology.

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GREETINGS from the Director of Research

Investing in research improves education, creates jobs and steers youth toward careers in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) disciplines, all while improving our society's way of life and knowledge.

The FY13 and FY14 years in STEM were both good and not so good. On one hand, the investment in research and education by the National Science Foundation (NSF) provided strong results at West Virginia University, Marshall University and West Virginia State University. On the other hand, the reduced Research Challenge Fund limited our ability to fund research and education grants at our regional colleges.



Federal grant funds have nearly tripled since 2000 and overall grant expenditures by our state colleges and universities have increased by 2.5 times. Since the stimulus money has ended, academic research expenditures have decreased slightly and our ranking among all the states for research expenditures is 42nd.

The number of research centers at Marshall University, West Virginia State University, West Virginia University and other institutions of higher education has grown tremendously in the past decade.

The number of students majoring in science, technology, engineering and mathematics – our crucial STEM fields – has steadily increased since 2004. According to the STEM Education Coalition, by 2020 there will be over 1 million new STEM jobs available across the United States, hence building a STEM-educated workforce here in West Virginia is critical for our state's future job growth and for our citizens to be able to compete in this growing STEM job market.

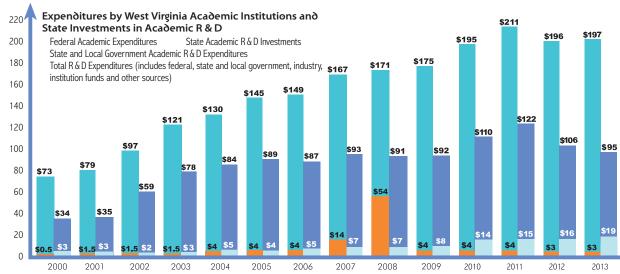
We pursue academic research because it is an investment. Every dollar invested in academic research brings more dollars back to West Virginia and provides better educational and economic opportunities for our state and its residents.

In West Virginia, the Science and Research Council, which guides the Higher Education Policy Commission's Division of Science and Research, has a Vision: By 2025, Science, Technology, and Engineering are WV's Leading Economic Growth Drivers Attracting Investments, Creating Jobs, and Improving Our Quality of Life.

West Virginia embraces Vision 2025 as the state continues to diversify and transform its traditional extractive industrial base to a more high-tech, knowledge-based economy. The Carnevale report from the Georgetown University Center on Education and the Workforce indicates that nearly 50 percent of all jobs in West Virginia will require a degree beyond high school by 2018. Each year thereafter, that figure increases by a point.

We have made great progress, but there is still so much to do. The Governor, the Legislature and West Virginians across the state need to build support for research at our universities. Supporting an innovative climate at our institutions improves overall education of our citizens and creates new opportunities for our state.

Jan Taylor, Ph.D., Director of Research Programs, State EPSCoR Director



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2013

August 2010

West Virginia receives \$1 million NSF grant for high tech infrastructure.

September 2010

With a theme of Sustainability, the 3rd bi-ennial Science, Technology and Research (STaR) Symposium is held at Marshall University. Denialism author Michael Specter is keynote speaker. An audience of 135 faculty, students, staff and stakeholders attend.

The state receives its third National Science Foundation Research Infrastructure Improvement Award – this one for \$20 million over five years, the largest single NSF grant in West Virginia history. Partnering West Virginia University, Marshall University, and West Virginia State University, the "Bionanotechnology for Enhanced Public Security and Environmental Safety" study has the potential to create new technologies that significantly impact security, the environment, and medicine, as well as the jobs to manufacture those new innovations.

December 2010

Following a generous donation from Union Carbide Corporation, a subsidiary of The Dow Chemical Company, the state receives 258-acres of land and facilities that become the West Virginia Regional Technology Park. The Division of Science and Research begins the process of converting the donation into a diversified, multi-tenant research, development, education and commercialization park focused on energy, chemicals and materials, and biotechnology.

January 2011

Mountain State Science segments debut on West Virginia Public Television. The segments run during WVPB's "This Week in West Virginia" program. Six in-depth stories about research in West Virginia are broadcast. Those segments can be viewed on www.wvresearch.org.

The Division announces nearly \$600,000 in scientific research and STEM education grants to 12 colleges and universities in West Virginia, including Research Trust Fund, Instrumentation, Innovation, SURE and Mini-Grant program awards. The announcement is made as scores of undergraduate students present their research at the State Capitol at Undergraduate Research Day.

2014

August 2011

The Division of Science and Research begins a comprehensive review of Vision 2015, the West Virginia Science and Technology Strategic Plan, involving faculty and researchers as well as science and technology industry representatives from across the state.

The West Virginia Regional Technology Park board of directors holds its first meeting to begin operations of the WVRTP, on behalf of the Higher Education Policy Commission.

U.S. Economic Development Authority grants \$5.25 million for laboratory building renovations to the West Virginia Regional Technology Park.

September 2011

Dr. Phillip J. Halstead begins as the first president and executive director of the West Virginia Regional Technology Park.

October 2011

The Division of Science and Research hosts National Science Foundation Communicating Science seminar to help about 100 researchers and academic scientists better explain their work to the public.

January 2012

More than 100 undergraduate students present their research findings at Undergraduate Research Day at the West Virginia Legislature while the Division of Science and Research awards \$300,000 to researchers at state higher education institutions.

A public awareness information campaign about the value of research to the state debuts on West Virginia Metronews network and its website, www.wymetronews.com. The campaign features WVU researcher Letha Sooter and Marshall's Tina Cartwright.

West Virginia University announces that donors have invested the full \$35 million to fulfill its portion of the Research Trust Fund, matching the \$35 million the state of West Virginia allocated in 2008. WVU calls for the West Virginia Legislature to renew the program with another large investment.

April 2012

Fourth biennial STaR Symposium held at West Virginia State University as a joint meeting with the West Virginia Academy of Science. The record 350 attendees hear keynote presentations by NASA scientist Gentry Lee, U.S. Senator Jay Rockefeller and NSF Director Subra Suresh.

May 2012

Dr. Paul Hill, long-time vice chancellor for Science and Research, is selected as Chancellor of the West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission.

June 2012

More than 100 graduating high school seniors from 12 countries visit the West Virginia Regional Technology Park for Day 1 of their two month stay in West Virginia with National Youth Science Camp.





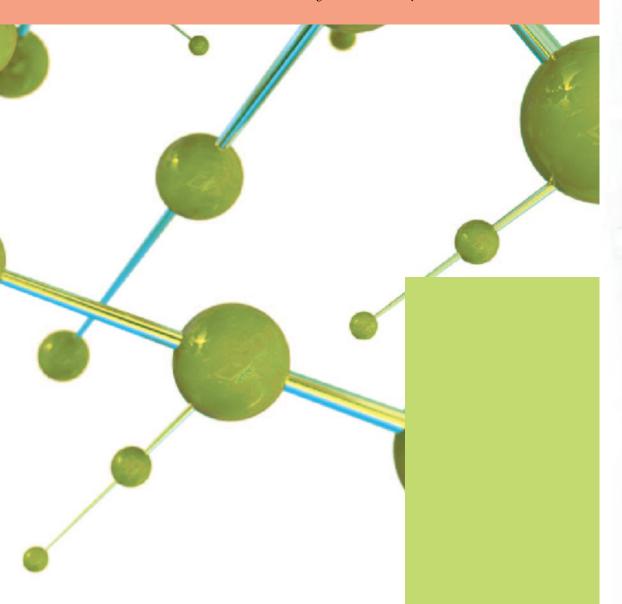
DR. BIN WANG

Marshall University

selected researcher profiles

West Virginia scientists and their students are doing great things, and their work has the potential for better disease treatments, better energy efficiency and a diversified West Virginia economy among other exciting developments. The best part is that these researchers are leveraging state and federal investments to make new discoveries and are simultaneously creating opportunities for the leaders of tomorrow's high-tech workforce.

The following profiles highlight some of these researchers. Faculty members included are from Alderson-Broaddus College, Marshall University, Shepherd University, West Virginia University and West Virginia State University.



Dr. Michael Norton, said, "Bin Wang is one of the rare scientists who has the combination of breadth of experience and depth of understanding. She has the inventiveness and entrepreneurial spirit we were looking for to lead a 21st century analytical chemistry research group."

Growing up, Bin Wang had no problem finding a role model to inspire her to pursue a career in science.

Her father was an organic chemist and her mother was a physician.

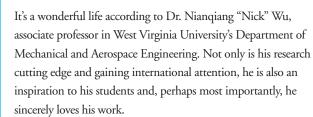
Those examples instilled a work ethic, curiosity and a desire for adventure that has led the Beijing, China, native to Marshall University. Today, she is an assistant professor, teaching and conducting research in the field of analytical chemistry, and a key member of Marshall's Interdisciplinary Research Team 3 working on a National Science Foundation grant awarded through the EPSCoR program (Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research).





DR. NIANQIANG "NICK" WU

West Virginia University

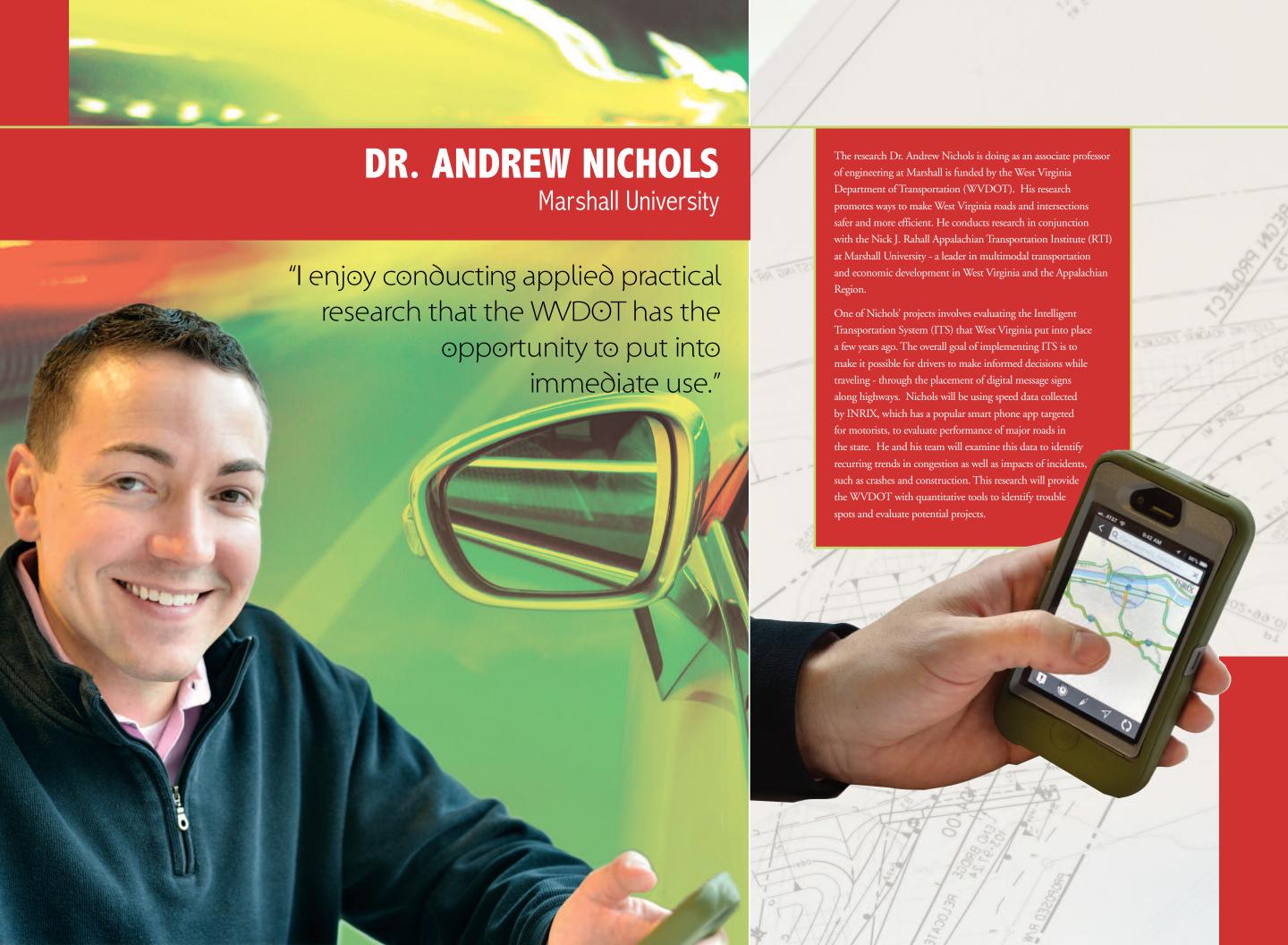


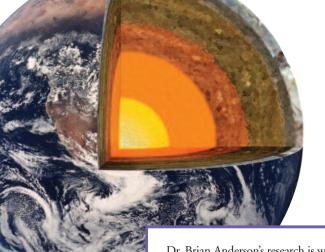
With support from the National Science Foundation (NSF) Research Infrastructure Improvement Grant and the West Virginia EPSCoR program, Dr. Wu and his team are using nanotechnology to develop a portable, field-deployable sensor that will detect mercury, lead and arsenic levels in bodies of water - a "lab on a chip".

"The luxury of being able to test water and know within minutes, rather than days, if it contains high levels of mercury will be invaluable."









Dr. Brian Anderson's research is well-timed for the state of West Virginia, the country and the world. The thrust of his work is in the areas of natural gas hydrates, thermodynamic modeling and sustainable energy and development in the area of geothermal systems.

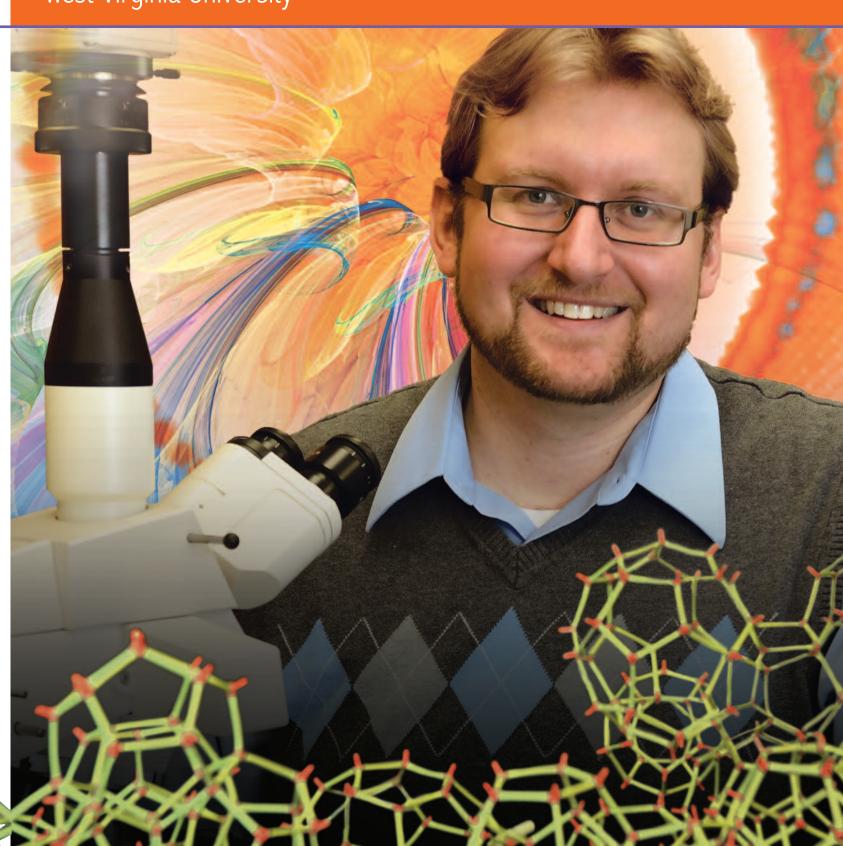
A 2010 Science Magazine article titled "West Virginia is a Geothermal Hot Spot" reported adiscovery that the state sits atop several hot patches of Earth - some as warm as 200°C and as shallow as 5 kilometers. The magazine writer concluded that if engineers would be able to tap the heat, then West Virginia could become a producer of green energy for the entire region.

Anderson and his team at WVU are working on just that. They intend to find the most feasible ways to harness these hot spots. One approach they are working through involves directing CO2 into the ground through rock to bring the heat up – rather than using water. He said that even relatively low geothermal temperatures, such as those which are found in West Virginia, could be used produce electricity in the future.

"My ultimate goal is to find more viable indigenous energy sources. I want to leave a mark and show the world how great our state is."



West Virginia University







Foundation's Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research (EPSCoR) initiative. In West Virginia, EPSCoR is administered by the Higher Education Policy Commission's Division of Science and Research and overseen by the Science and Research Council.

The National Science Foundation established EPSCoR in 1979 in response to congressional concerns about the geographic concentration of federal support for academic research. The program is intended to enhance the research capability of scientists in states that traditionally lacked strong university-based research efforts and help them compete for a portion of the federal academic research and development budget.

The program helps eligible states improve their competitiveness largely through Research Infrastructure Improvement (RII) awards. These awards of up to \$4 million annually for five years support research infrastructure improvements in areas selected by the state as critical to its long-term economic development and science and technology competitiveness.

- Sponsor and maintain world-class research;
- Develop academic resources, a skilled workforce and a competitive research infrastructure;
- Encourage the transfer of technology to support economic growth, jobs and life enhancement;
- Encourage participation of K-12, women, rural underserved and minorities in science, technology, engineering and mathematics;
- Maintain a focus within state government to attain these goals statewide.

"Bionanotechnology for Public Security and Environmental Safety that will wrap up in July 2015.

That federal grant was matched with \$2 million in state funds and \$2 million from the participating institutions: Marshall University, West Virginia State University and West Virginia University.

Under the grant, researchers are working to bring together bionanotechnology and molecular sciences to create hand-held devices – essentially laboratories on a chip – that can remotely identify potential environmental threats, pollutants and even diseases.

This technology could have widespread and significant impacts on security, environment and medicine. Innovations in these areas have the potential to create new marketable technologies and devices - and the jobs to manufacture them.

In addition, smaller institutions of higher education across West Virginia have the opportunity to collaborate with the three participating universities on this groundbreaking research and position themselves for additional funding of their own.



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West Virginia Research Challenge Fund

The Research Challenge Fund provides the foundation for many of the competitive grant programs administered by the Division of Science and Research. The fund's establishment in 2004 by the West Virginia Legislature is evidence of West Virginia's ongoing commitment to supporting science and technology research and education.

The largest awards from the fund are Research Challenge Grants, which support the creation of research centers and foster economic development and workforce advancement at the state's two research universities, Marshall and West Virginia.

Other programs supported by the fund are:

- · Instrumentation Grants, which fund scientific equipment for advanced undergraduate laboratories and
- · **Mini-Grants**, which provide summer stipends for faculty members to prepare research or research equipment proposals.

Since 2005, the Research Challenge Fund has awarded approximately \$28 million for research, supporting 19 institutions across West Virginia.

West Virginia Research Trust Fund

Also known as Bucks for Brains, the Research Trust Fund is an endowment that allows Marshall University and West Virginia University to double private gifts that support expansions to research faculty and infrastructure in key areas linked to economic development, health care and job growth.

Then-Governor Joe Manchin proposed the initiative in his 2008 State of the State Address, saying the investment is necessary for West Virginia to stimulate world-class research and development and to reap the related benefits of high-tech, high-wage industries.

The Research Trust Fund came to life with Senate Bill 287, passed by the West Virginia Legislature on March 8, 2008. The \$50 million for the fund came from surplus state revenue.

The goal of the trust fund, similar to successful programs in other states, is to strengthen the most promising research departments at Marshall University and West Virginia University – ultimately leading to business spin-offs, new patents and job creation. The state's four-year colleges and universities and the West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine also benefit from the program through grants for research supported by interest earned on the trust fund.

The trust fund supports research in energy and environmental sciences; nanotechnology and materials science; biological, biotechnical and biomedical sciences; biometrics, security, sensing and related information technologies; and gerontology.

The legislation gave Marshall and West Virginia University until 2015 to obtain private gifts to match their allocations. By January 2012, WVU had received total gifts to match all of its \$35 million allotment. Marshall received gifts totaling its \$15 million allotment by January 2013.

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The Neuron

The Neuron, West Virginia's quarterly journal of science and research, is produced by the Division of Science and Research. It contains feature articles about West Virginia researchers and other news and is mailed to over 2,000 subscribers. It is also available online in pdf format at www.wvresearch.org.

Website

The Division's Website, www.wvresearch.org, features the latest news and information about the state's research community. It also serves as a repository of information for faculty, researchers and others on grant opportunities, discoveries, work of West Virginia researchers, outreach and education activities and more.

Twitter & Facebook

The Division actively uses social media as part of its outreach initiative to get its message of science and research to a growing number of West Virginians who are engaged in online media.

STaR Symposium

The biennial Science, Technology and Research (STaR) Symposium serves as a forum for the state's science and technology enterprise. Higher education faculty members, researchers, students, state policymakers and members of the business community gather at the event to share research developments, ideas and collaborations.

The October 2013 symposium in Morgantown, West Virginia titled, The Evolution of Energy: From Scarcity to Abundance, focused on the issues surrounding energy development and use and highlighted the challenges and opportunities in the state. Presenters discussed a host of topics, including: West Virginia's increasingly diverse energy portfolio; the long-term future for coal; the impact of shale gas technology; energy research underway in the Mountain State and programs to address energy efficiency and workforce development.

Nanooze, the magazine

In Spring 2013 as well as the fall of 2014, the Division of Science and Research published a West Virginia version of Nanooze, the magazine. The magazine was targeted to middle school science students with the goal of further interesting them in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics.

Grants to Faculty Members Instrumentation Grants

This program purchases scientific equipment for advanced undergraduate laboratories to help encourage undergraduate students in West Virginia to continue careers in science, mathematics and engineering.

Eligibility: Full-time faculty at the primarily undergraduate institutions in West Virginia may apply; West Virginia University and Marshall University faculty are not eligible.

Mini-Grants for Proposal Preparation

These grants aid faculty members in the preparation of research or research equipment proposals for submission to external agencies or foundations. This program may support the applicant in collection of preliminary data, idea development or dedication of time to focus on a larger research program and proposal.

Eligibility: Tenure and tenure-track faculty at all four-year institutions of higher education in West Virginia are eligible.

Research Challenge Grants

This grant program supports large, focused STEM research projects that may lead to research centers and economic development. Projects should assist the institution in its ability to successfully compete for external funding on a national and international basis by providing incentives to significantly increase capacity.

Eligibility: Full-time faculty or research professors at all four-year institutions of higher education in West Virginia are eligible.

Grants to Institutions for Research Infrastructure

West Virginia Research Trust Fund

This program allows the state's two research universities to double private gifts that support expansions to research faculty and infrastructure in key areas linked to economic development, health care and job growth. This "Bucks for Brains" fund supports research in energy, biotechnology, biomedical, identification technology, material science and engineering, environmental science and gerontology. Private gifts are matched dollar-for-dollar.

Eligibility: West Virginia University and Marshall University are eligible. The state's other public four-year institutions of higher education, as well as the West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine, are eligible to apply – by responding to specific requests for proposals – for matching grants supported by the interest earned on the trust fund.

See page 23 for more on the Research Trust Fund

Grants to Institutions for Student Programs

STEM Fellows Program

This grant program helps recruit and support outstanding graduate students in STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) fields. Grants are awarded to institutions for the purpose of providing fellowships to graduate students.

Eligibility: Full-time faculty, deans and academic administrators at West Virginia University and Marshall University are eligible.

SURE Program

These grants help colleges and universities provide Summer/Semester Research Experiences to undergraduates in STEM fields. Grants are awarded for the purpose of providing small research stipends to undergraduate students.

Eligibility: Full-time faculty, deans and academic administrators at all four-year institutions of higher education in West Virginia are eligible.



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	Marshall University West Virginia University	\$6,250 \$5,000		Research Proposal Mini-G	Frant Program West Virginia University Institute of Technology	\$6,000
Innovation Grants Sher Hendrickson-Lambert	Shepherd University	\$40,000		Gary E Schultz Jr. Dr. Bingyun Li	Marshall University West Virginia University	\$6,000 \$6,000
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	West Virginia University Institute of Technology West Liberty University	\$20,000 \$20,000	411		graduate Research Experience	
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Candy Cordwell	Fairmont State University West Virginia University Marshall University	\$1,000 \$5,000 \$500				
Keith Garbutt Candy Cordwell	West Virginia University West Virginia University Fairmont State University	\$4,000 \$5,000 \$1,000		A		







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David Lederman	West Virginia University	\$169,91
John Maher	Marshall University	\$111,020
Jose Toledo	West Viringia State University	\$46,45
Gerald Hankins	West Viringia State University	\$5,00
Bingyun Li	West Virginia University	\$5,00
nnovation Grant		
Stephen D Goodman	West Virginia University Institute of Technology	\$30,00
nstrumentation Grant		
Warren Calderone	Shepherd University	\$20,00
Sara J Sawyer	Glenville State College	\$5,94
Stephen C Kuehn	Concord University	\$15,37
Ralph L Wojtowicz	Shepherd University	\$19,069
Mingyu Lu	West Virginia University Institute of Technology	\$20,000
Jennifer L Franko	Bethany College	\$19,99
Opportunity Grants		
Dr. Venkat N Gudivada	Marshall University	\$5,00
Cyanne E Loyle	West Virginia University	\$13,00
Keith Garbutt	West Virginia University	\$8,40
Linda Vona-Davis	West Virginia University	\$1,50
Michelle Poland	Fairmont State University	\$1,00
Derrick R Kolling	Marshall University	\$3,00
Dr. Massimo Bardi	Marshall University	\$90
Candy Cordwell	West Virginia University	\$8,00
Anne Barth	TechConnect	\$1,000
Dr. John Maher	Marshall University	\$144,00
Research Challenge Gran	nt .	
David Lederman	West Virginia University	\$364,00
Richard Niles	Marshall University	\$350,00
Xingbo Liu	West Virginia University	\$350,000.00

Research Proposal Mini-Gr	ant Program	
Kaushlendra Singh	West Virginia University	\$5,000
John F Rakus	Marshall University	\$5,000
Dr. Deborah Chun	West Virginia University Institute of Technology	\$5,000
Joseph L. Allen	Concord University	\$5,000
Dr. Vagner A Benedito	West Virginia University	\$5,000
Dr. Rosalynn Quinones	Marshall University	\$5,000
RTF for State Colleges and Carolyn Long Orlando F McMeans	West Virginia University Institute of Technology West Viringia State University	\$100,000 \$100,000
STEM Fellows		
Dr. Todd Green	Marshall University	\$200,000
Katherine Karraker	West Virginia University	\$93,750
Technical Assistance Grants	S	
Dr. John Maher	Marshall University	\$150,000

Fiscal Year 2013

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The following analysis of the Division of Science and Research financial statements provides an overview of its financial activities for the years ended June 30, 2010 and June 30, 2009.

Summarized Financial Information (unaudited) Assets, Liabilities, and Net Assets

June 30,		2014	2013
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	2,541,331	\$ 2,353,248
Interest receivable		19	19
Grants Receivable		4,510	7,510
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		2,545,860	2,360,777
NONCURRENT ASSETS			
Investment in plant, net		-	1,013
Total noncurrent assets	_	-	1,013
TOTAL ASSETS	\$	\$2,545,860	\$ 2,361,790
LIABILITIES:			
Current Liabilities			
Accounts payable	\$	3,450	\$ 31,160
Amounts due to Institutions		104,146	453,702
Accrued liabilities		18,669	18,463
Compensated absences, current portion		31,472	28,032
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		157,737	531,357
Noncurrent Liabilities:			
Compensated Absences		16,547	14,127
Accrued liabilities OPEB		167,577	167,201
Total Noncurrent Liabilities		184,124	181,328
TOTAL LIABILITIES		341,861	712,685
NET ASSETS:			
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt		-	1,013
Restricted for:		-	-
Expendable:		-	-
Scholarships		-	-
Sponsored projects		-	-
Capital projects		-	-
Nonexpendable Unrestricted		2,203,999	1,648,092
TOTAL NET ASSETS		2,203,999	1,649,105
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	\$	2,545,860	\$ 2,361,790

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSE	S AND CHANGI	ES IN NET ASSET
June 30,	2014	2013
OPERATING REVENUE		
Contracts and grants:		
Federal	\$ 3,795,334	\$ 3,996,730
State	-	
Local	-	-
Private	-	115
Miscellaneous-registration fees	-	-
TOTAL OPERATING REVENUES	3,795,334	3,996,845
OPERATING EXPENSES		
Salaries and wages	324,459	322,994
Benefits	78,531	80,722
Supplies and other services	295,261	525,427
Utilities	-	-
Research sub awards	5,322,140	12,262,781
Depreciation	1,013	1,467
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	6,021,404	13,193,392
OPERATING INCOME (LOSS)	\$(2,226,070)	\$ (9,196,547)
NON OPERATING REVENUE (EXPENSES)		
State appropriations	2,780,732	3,034,640
Investment income	2,33	4,824
Payments on Behalf of EPSCoR	-	-
NET NONOPERATING REVENUE	2,780,964	3,039,463
INCOME BEFORE OTHER REVENUE, EXPE	NSES, 554,894	(6,157,084)
GAINS OR LOSSES		
CUMULATIVE EFFECT OF ADOPTION	OF	
ACCOUNTING CHANGE	=======================================	(6157.000)
(DECREASE) IN NET ASSETS	554,894	(6,157,084)
NET ASSETS-BEGINNING OF YEAR	1,649,105	7,806,188
NET ASSETS-END OF YEAR	\$ 2,203,999	\$ 1,649,105

