In my second year as president of the RF, I am ever more appreciative of the dexterity, capacity and capability of our organization to manage SUNY’s externally sponsored programs and intellectual property. At our core is a dedicated workforce that offers an unmatched wealth of knowledge and experience which is shared all across the SUNY community, and with partners and stakeholders all over the world.

Working collaboratively with campus colleagues, the RF completed, on time and under budget, an unprecedented two-and-a-half-year project to implement a grants management solution that provides a single platform for electronic research administration across the enterprise. The SUNY Pre-Award Compliance System (SUNY PACS) facilitates researcher success by automating administrative tasks, enabling campuses to generate a higher volume of quality, compliant, collaborative and multidisciplinary grant proposals – all managed through a single digital interface.

We achieved extraordinary partnering flexibility with the passage of a modernized, system-wide IP policy, and we witnessed one of the largest individual startup stock sales in SUNY history; generating $5.8 million in royalty revenue for the University at Buffalo and highlighting the leadership role that SUNY Technology Transfer Offices play in moving technology from lab to market; enabling entrepreneurship and powering New York State’s economy.

We strive to enable this university system to be the best place for faculty to conduct their research; applying sound stewardship and values of integrity, accountability and transparency. Throughout 2017, we set and achieved milestones to advance that goal, optimizing technology for researcher success; paving the way for innovation partnerships; and empowering our workforce through collaboration, learning and talent development.

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President and Chief Executive Officer
The Research Foundation for SUNY
The volume of research and other sponsored programs funded through the RF in 2017 totaled more than $888 million, representing a $14 million increase over 2016.

Over half of the funding – 59% – originates from federal agency sponsors, such as the National Institutes of Health, National Science Foundation, Department of Energy and Department of Education. In a challenging environment for federal support of research, SUNY registered an increase in federal research expenditures through the RF. The remaining 41% is from nonfederal sponsors, such as New York State and local government, as well as private sector sources.

Funds generated by grants and contracts for research programs conducted at SUNY comprise about 92% of RF revenue, the majority of which is used to directly support projects that increase knowledge, solve societal problems and improve our world.

In 2017, SUNY researchers developed a pneumonia vaccine, zeroed in on the cause of Alzheimer’s disease, explored the effect of mobile technology on children, led efforts to improve water quality in New York State, and commercialized a green chemistry process that will change the way many consumer products are manufactured.

The impact of SUNY research is vast, and the RF is committed to fiscal responsibility and transparency in its stewardship and administration of SUNY’s research funds.

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**2017 SPONSORED PROGRAM REVENUES**
(MILLIONS)

Federal

Industry, Foundations & Other

State

**TOTAL: $888**

This financial information is presented on an accrual basis, consistent with the RF’s audited financial statements.

For the RF’s full financial statements, go to [www.rfsuny.org/Annual-Report](http://www.rfsuny.org/Annual-Report)
Optimizing Technology for Researcher Success

SUNY PACS is a powerful, system-wide platform that streamlines research management. It helps researchers to navigate the complex components of grants management, Grants, Agreements, Conflict of Interest, Institutional Review Board, Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee, and Safety.

The tool automates manual and paper processes for rapid communication and decision-making. SUNY PACS removes administrative barriers so faculty can focus on their work.

Paving the Way for Innovation Partnerships

SUNY Technology Accelerator Fund

The 2017 Research Administrator, Professor Linda Babiak’s success and lived with valuable learning and development activities, as she enjoyed the benefits of this outstanding educational institution.

Empowering Through Learning and Development

The RF’s greatest asset is its people—a wide and diverse array of experts and thought leaders with a passion for excellence. The RF is steadfast in its pursuit of developing the skills of its employees, the 200 professionals who make the RF the best in the nation. It is the RF’s commitment to its employees that will enable it to deliver effective, timely, and valuable education.

Upholding the Highest Ethical Standards

The RF’s Compliance Program promotes organizational and individual compliance with laws, regulations, and contractual obligations governing our business. The RF’s Code of Conduct expresses the expectation that all members of the RF commit to good governance, professional, ethical, and effective behavior.

Leaders by example

Leaders in their field. The RF community offers expertise and perspective in grants management, human resources and intellectual property commercialization.

1. The RF’s Chief Innovation Officer, Jeffrey L. Block, is the chair of the New York State Board of Directors.
2. The RF’s Chief Compliance Officer, William C. Harnett, has served on the Board since 2013.
3. The RF’s Chief Human Resources Officer, Alan Gaulin, serves as a Chair of the SUNY Board of Trustees. The RF serves as a Chair of the SUNY Board of Trustees.
4. The RF’s Chief Operating Officer, Scott Walker, serves as the RF’s Chief Operating Officer.
5. The RF’s Chief Financial Officer, Kermit Betts, serves as its Chief Financial Officer.
6. The RF’s Chief Information Officer, Lisa Gilroy, serves as its Chief Information Officer.
7. The RF’s Chief Marketing Officer, Mark Lesch, serves as its Chief Marketing Officer.
8. The RF’s Chief Communications Officer, Alisa Lin, serves as its Chief Communications Officer.
9. The RF’s Chief Legal Officer, Karen Pulliam, serves as its Chief Legal Officer.
10. The RF’s Chief Human Resources Officer, Lisa Gilroy, serves as its Chief Human Resources Officer.

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