

# 2026 STATE OF RESEARCH

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# Federal Landscape & UC Sponsored Awards

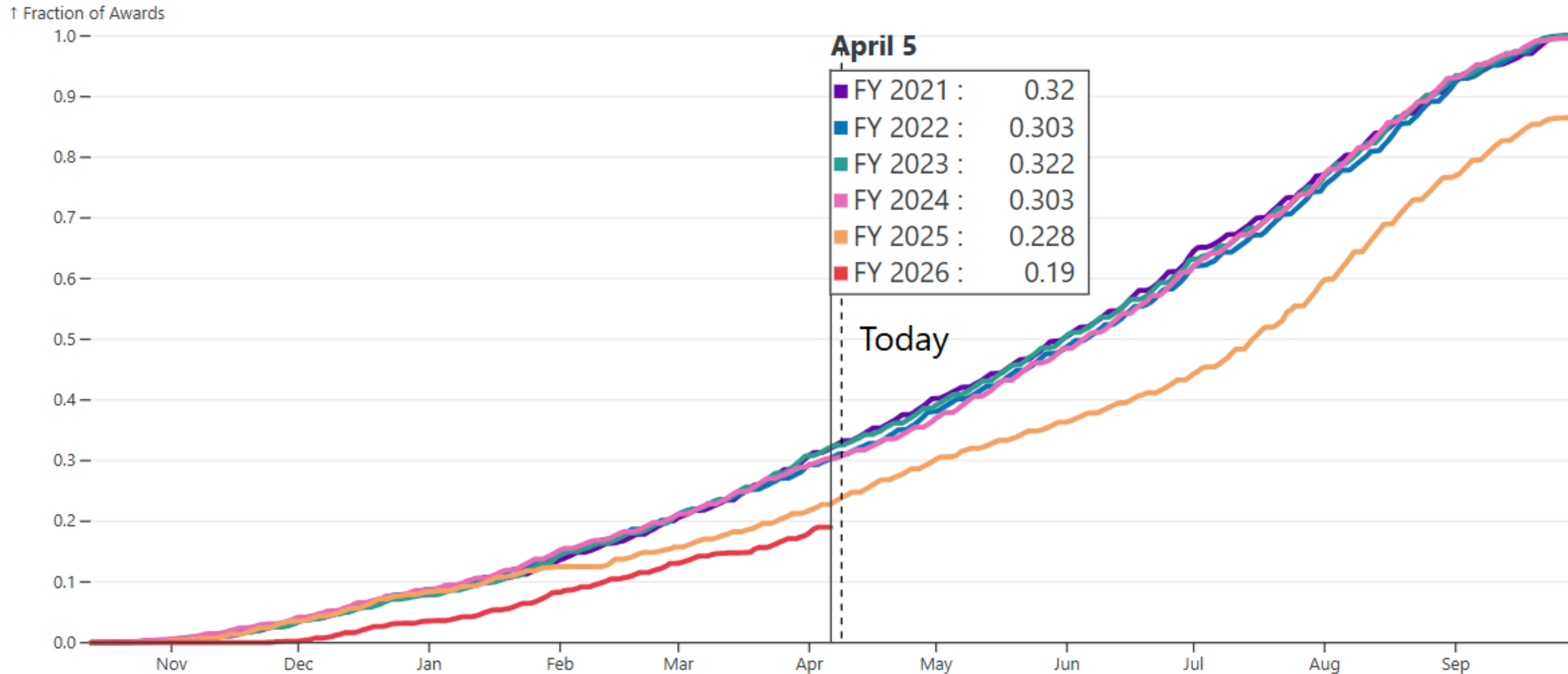
# Federal Landscape

The paradigm for federal funding has changed dramatically. With support from Congress the agencies' budgets have had minimal changes. However, some grants have been terminated, some programs eliminated and the way that those funds are distributed continues to evolve and the distribution has been substantially delayed. UC has had 39 federal awards terminated totaling approximately \$18M.



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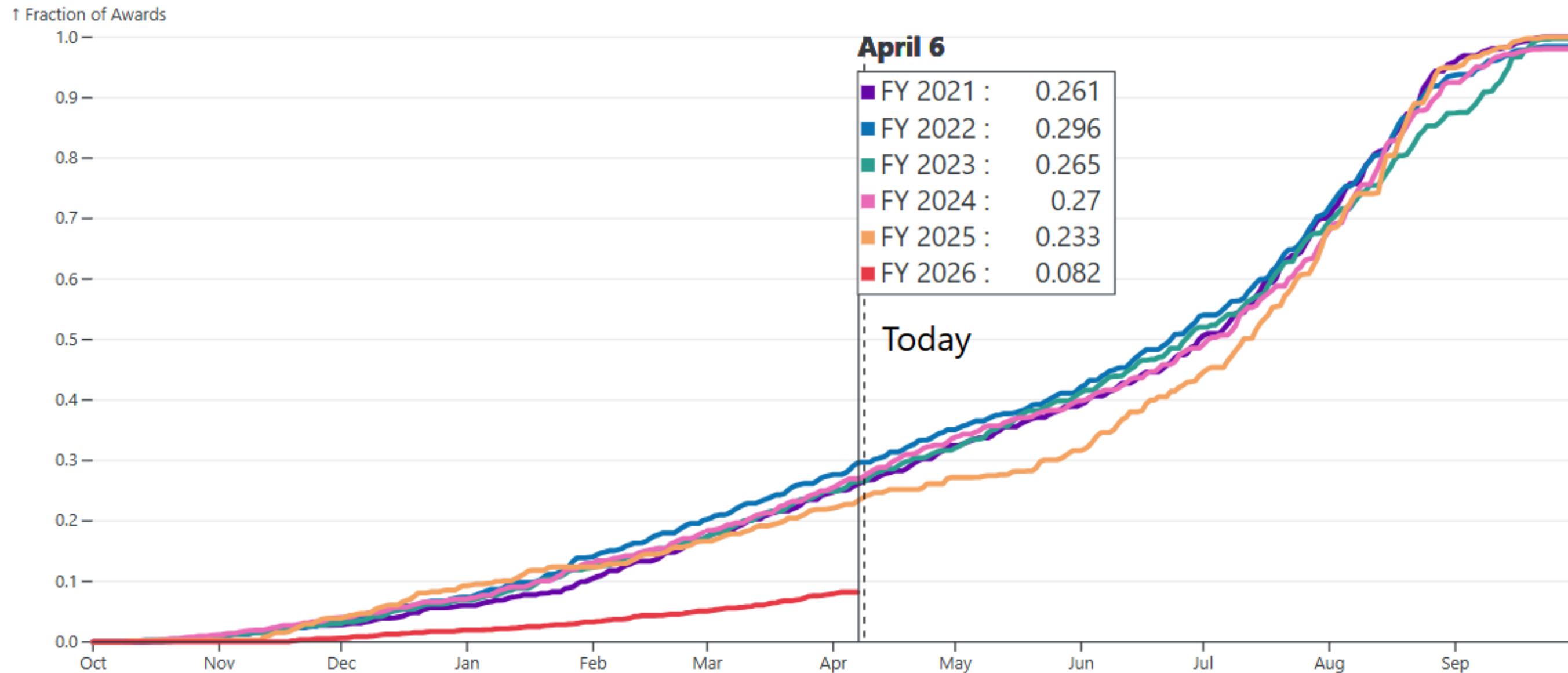
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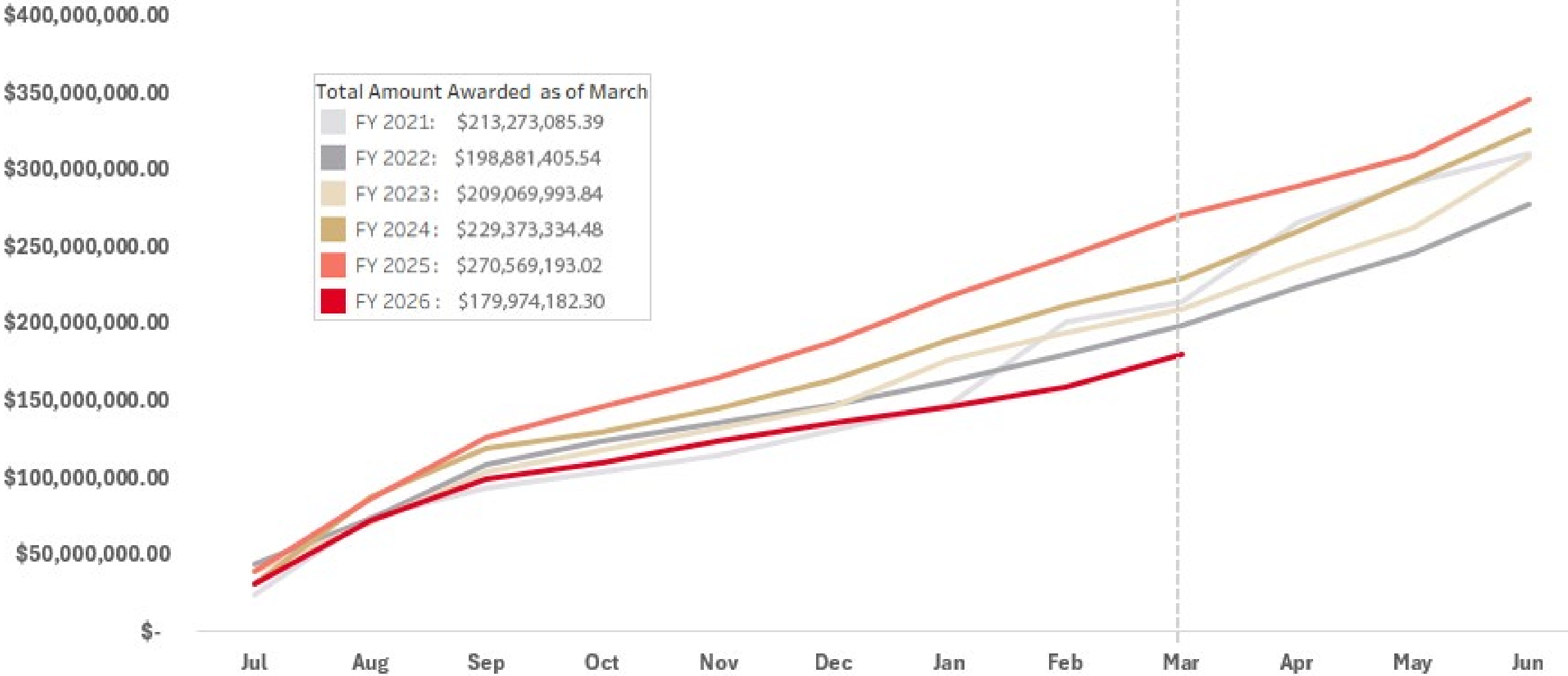
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# UC Sponsored Awards

Amount Awarded



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The Office of Research is working closely with the President, Provost, Colleges, and Government Relations to monitor the situation and to develop strategies that mitigate the impact of shortfalls and delays on researchers and the research enterprise.

**While federal funding may largely be beyond our control, UC researchers continue to demonstrate innovation, commitment, creativity, and resilience.**

**Together we can navigate these transitions.**

# UC Sponsored Awards

## FY 2025 Sponsored Award Report

University of Cincinnati



**\$417,924,733**

Award Funding

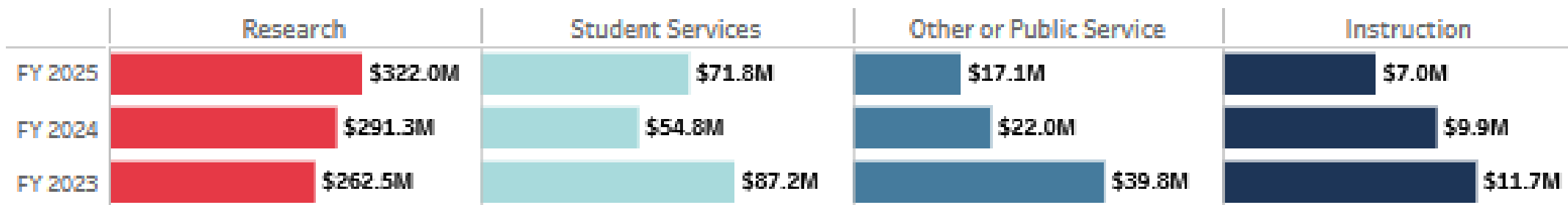


**1,129**

Award Count

Fiscal Year:  College:  Department:  Name:  Sponsor:

### ACTIVITY TYPE



Activity Type	FY 2025			FY 2024			FY 2023		
	# of Awards	Amount	% Change	# of Awards	Amount	% Change	# of Awards	Amount	% Change
Research	986	\$321,954,052	10.5%	1,061	\$291,326,399	11.0%	972	\$262,497,732	
Instruction	34	\$7,032,758	-28.8%	39	\$9,872,703	-15.6%	38	\$11,693,388	
Other or Publi..	107	\$17,105,817	-22.2%	110	\$21,976,470	-44.8%	112	\$39,831,702	
Student Servic..	2	\$71,832,105	31.1%	4	\$54,775,295	-37.2%	3	\$87,193,311	
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>1,129</b>	<b>\$417,924,733</b>	<b>10.6%</b>	<b>1,214</b>	<b>\$377,950,867</b>	<b>-5.8%</b>	<b>1,125</b>	<b>\$401,216,133</b>	

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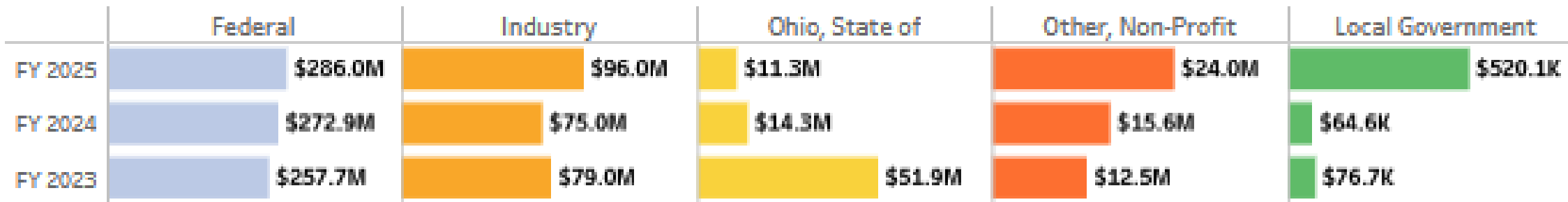


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### FUNDING SOURCE



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Federal	714	\$286,031,161	4.8%	831	\$272,910,777	5.9%	808	\$257,731,993	
Industry	189	\$96,037,408	28.1%	208	\$74,995,760	-5.1%	170	\$79,015,540	
Local Governm...	7	\$520,065	705.0%	2	\$64,605	-15.8%	2	\$76,683	
Ohio, State of	41	\$11,346,256	-20.9%	30	\$14,344,781	-72.4%	30	\$51,931,154	
Other, Non-Pr..	178	\$23,989,842	53.4%	143	\$15,634,943	25.5%	115	\$12,460,762	
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	<b>FY2024</b>	<b>FY2025</b>
Total Proposals	\$1.43-B	\$1.37-B
Proposals Submitted	1,931	1,728
Total Awards (SRS)	\$377.95M	\$416.93M
Awards Received	1,219	1,135
Investigators	732	677
Research Expenditures	\$739.9-M	\$738M
HERD Public Ranking	31	32

# Federal Landscape

**DC Outlook:** Congress continues to support biomedical and federal research funding.

**Recent Wins:** Courts ruled in favor of challenges to federal F&A cuts.

**Alignment:** UC research strengths in AI, biotech, and defense closely match federal priorities.

**Advocacy Strength:** UC's large, diverse student body supports bipartisan pressure for timely federal funding.

# Bridge Funding Announcement

## BRIDGE FUNDING PROGRAM

Thanks to the Budget Priorities Executive Committee:

- President **Neville Pinto**
- Executive Vice President and CFO **Pat Kowalski**
- Executive Vice President and Dean of the College of Medicine **Greg Postel**
- Interim Exec Vice President Academic Affairs and Provost **John Weidner**

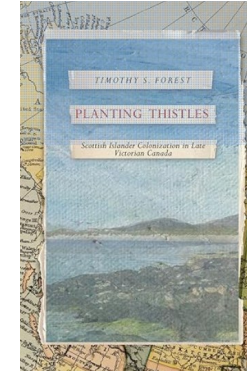
Resources to support research for which funding was terminated or extraordinarily delayed; or for which funding was narrowly missed, have been committed.

These **bridge funds** will be administered by the colleges using criteria established by the colleges. Faculty can contact their deans and associate deans for research for more information.

# College Success Stories

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**UC Blue Ash** faculty member, **Dr. Timothy S. Forest** published his research on the Scottish Islander colonization of Canada in the late Victorian age.



**Extramural funding** at the **College of Pharmacy** has increased steadily since 2020 and will set a new record in FY26. This sustained growth represents a 5-fold increase since 2020.

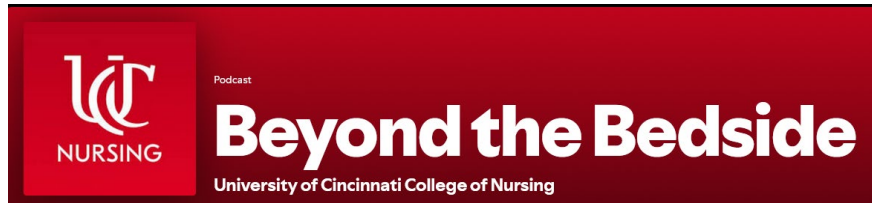


**Lindner College of Business' instrument lab** is using **AI and VR** as tools to study consumer spatial presence and immersion in the buying experience.

Professor of Composition and Director of the Center for Computer Music at **College Conservatory of Music**, **Mara Helmuth**, was appointed to the 100<sup>th</sup> class of **Guggenheim Fellows**.



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The **College of Nursing** created a podcast “Beyond the Bedside” featuring conversations with CoN researchers describing how they are transforming health care.

<https://open.spotify.com/show/3Z28sg89GyUy9XzyWLjKQp>

The **College of Law** co-hosted a **symposium** on *Herman Melville’s Legacy for Law and the Humanities*, which included discussions with legal historians as well as live performances at **CCM** of musical works adapted from Melville stories.

Michael Solimine’s (**CoL**) research, was again cited by the **U.S. Supreme Court**. Anne Marie Lofaso, has been cited or quoted frequently.

The **College of Allied Health Sciences** Assistant Professor of Communication Sciences and Disorders and speech-language pathologist, **Andrea Ford**, received an NIH K23 grant. This is the **first NIH K award to the College**.

# College Success Stories

The **College of Design, Architecture, Art, and Planning** received funding from FEMA, NIH, UCHealth, the Cancer Center, and more. In collaboration with other colleges this work ranges from designing gear for fire fighters, to clothing to control lymphedema, to VR training for mental health workers, and urban agriculture, and more.

## College of Arts And Sciences:

- The **National Endowment for the Humanities**’ funded the “**AI & Humanities Research Center**” (aka the Center for Humanities and Technology).
- **Danielle Kellogg**, Associate Professor of Classics, received a **faculty fellowship** at the **National Humanities Center** to work on her current book project entitled *Mobility, Citizenship, and the Athenian Democracy*.
- The Beckman Foundation awarded a **Beckman Scholars Grant** to help **stimulate, encourage, and support chemistry research** by talented, full-time undergraduate students. They are now interviewing undergraduate candidates to identify our inaugural cohort of scholars.

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**The College of Engineering and Applied Sciences** received record breaking external funding of more than \$50M during FY25.

CEAS secured NIST funding for training in the Mantei Center Cleanroom, leads a **15-institution collaboration backed in part by Intel, they have trained 1,200 students** in semiconductor micro-credentials over the last three years.

CEAS' work with the **P&G Digital Accelerator** supports both mentor-led and traditional faculty research projects in areas as diverse as artificial intelligence, machine learning, data analytics, supply chain, skin science and computational chemistry. The P&G Digital Accelerator has funded more than 500 undergraduate and graduate students and post-docs since its inception in 2008.

**Clermont College** Assistant Professor of Biology, Vicky Gomez-Stallons developed a Course-Based **Undergraduate Research Experience (CURE)** in molecular and cell biology which culminates in a research poster and is coupled with CC's Mentored Undergraduate Research Experience.



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UC **College of Medicine** and Cincinnati Children's secured a seven-year, \$37.2M CTSA renewal to expand the Center for Clinical & Translational Science & Training (CCTST) into a Clinical & Translational Learning System (CTLS), accelerating discovery-to-impact across the region.

Significant progress in the establishment of Alzheimer's Disease Research Center (ADRC). Submission of the ADRC program grant to NIH in September.

In 2025, COM received 213 new research awards, only a 9% decrease from 2024. This is remarkable in the face of changing NIH policies and practical challenges (government shutdown, two instances of delayed review and award processes (Feb and Oct), significant loss of staff).

UCCC hired Dr. David Gius as Director of the Cancer Center and Center for Public Health Director, Dr. Suzanne Judd.

# College Success Stories

**CECH:** Amy Farley and Chris Swoboda, School of Education received a \$743,000 award from AccessLex and Tracy Collins and Kelly Broscheid, School of Information Technology received a \$622,000 award from the Ohio Department of Higher Education.

School of Education was awarded 3 Dean's Compact Grants:

- Kate Doyle, Jon Breiner, Christi Carnahan, Alyssa Henry, Project RAISE: Registered Apprenticeship for Inclusive Special Education
- Katie Norland and Cadi Dart, Advancing Postsecondary Outcomes for Students with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (IDD) in STEM
- Alyssa Henry and Christi Carnahan, Improving Literacy Achievement of Students with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities

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# UC Faculty Research Presentations



# Heidi Kloos

PhD

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Assoc Professor

A&S – Psychology

*Child Homelessness in Cincinnati: Can solution-based research help?*



# Sarah Schwab-Farrell

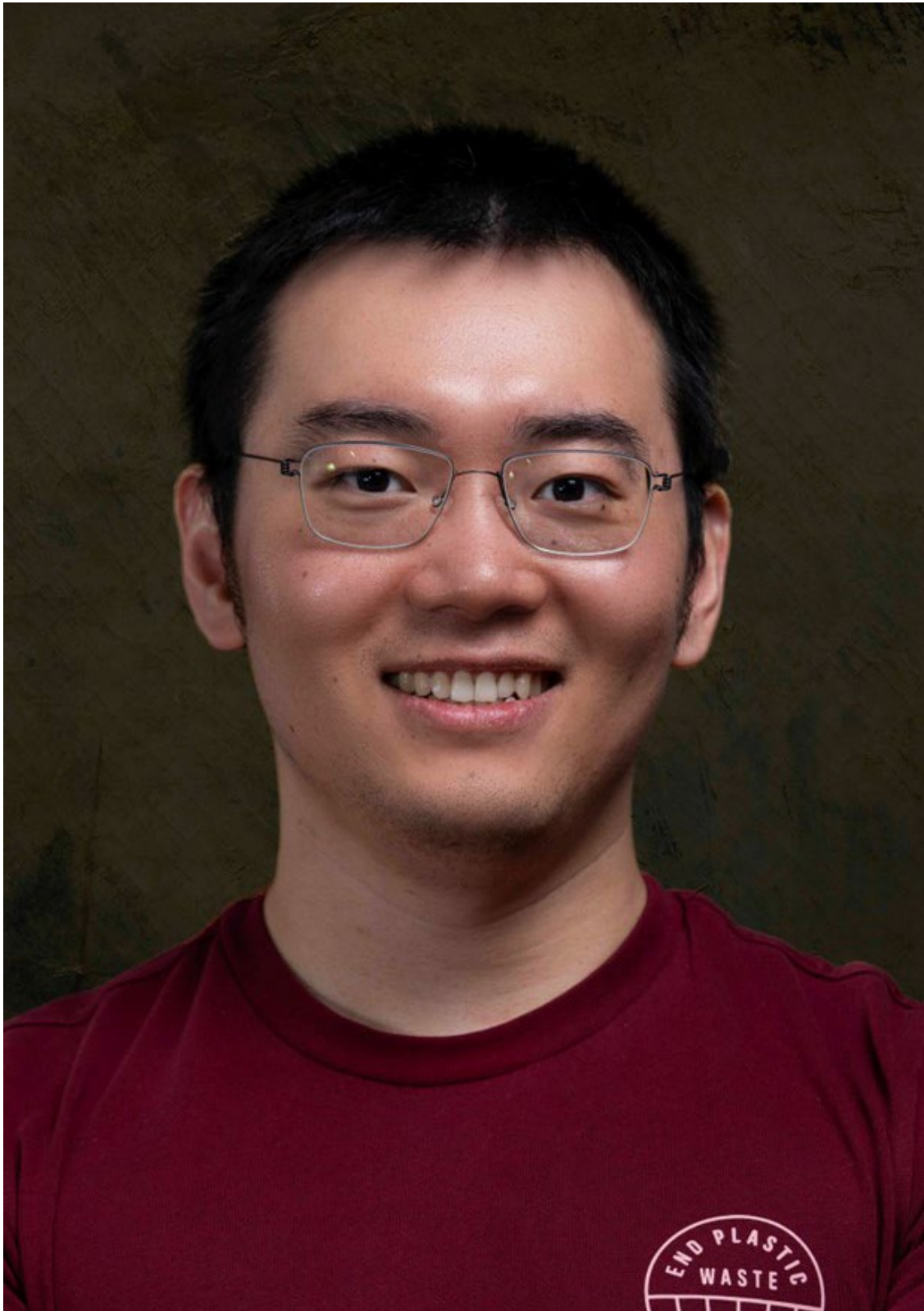
PT, DPT, PhD



Asst Professor

CAHS – Rehab, Exercise, & Nutrition Science

*Collaborative Design and Production of Stroke Motor Control  
Research Studies*



# Tianyu Jiang

PhD

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Asst Professor

CEAS – Computer Science

*When AI Tells You What You Want to Hear*



# Brittany Krekeler

PhD, CCC-SLP

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Assoc Professor – Clin Geo

COM – Oto Krekeler Lab

*Real-Time Ultrasound Biofeedback for Treatment of Swallowing Disorders*

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**Thank You +  
Congratulations!**

# Digital Futures Building - Visitors Welcome!



- The Digital Futures ground floor lobby and cafe area are open during business hours M-F 8AM - 6PM.
  - UC Faculty, Staff, & Students can access non-restricted floors with their Bearcat badge during business hours.
  - On Floor 2, huddle rooms and collaboration spaces are available on a first-come-first-served basis.
  - UC Faculty/Staff can reserve conference Rms 161, 263, and 264 through Outlook for meetings.
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- 3090 Cafe next door is open! Breakfast M-F from 7:00AM – 9:30AM and Lunch M-F from 10:30AM – 1:30PM
  - There is also a new Starbucks in the 3090 building, open M-F from 6:45AM – 2:00PM





## THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING!

A copy of these slides and a report are available on the Office of Research website ([research.uc.edu](http://research.uc.edu)).



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