

How KU benefits the Kansas economy

University of Kansas researchers don't just make discoveries that change the world. They make discoveries that create jobs for Kansans and prosperity for our state and region.



\$263.9

million in externally funded research expenditures on all KU campuses in FY2019



4,192

yearly average of individuals supported by externally funded research expenditures at KU



29

companies that have established locations in Kansas to collaborate with KU since 2010



56

corporate tenants in our Bioscience & Technology Business Center system, including Garmin + ADM



348

private-sector jobs + \$21 million in payroll from companies housed in the BTBC at KU



44

KU startup companies or companies based on KU technology

KU research leads to the creation of startup companies

There are 44 active companies that have spun out of KU or are based on KU discoveries or technologies. Of those, 30 are in Kansas.

KU research brings external research grants into the state

When KU researchers win federal research grants, that's new money that comes into Kansas that would otherwise go to researchers in other states. In 2019, KU researchers conducted \$263.9 million in externally funded research. Again, that's new money that flows into Kansas because of the work we do.

Here's a great illustration: A grant announced in July 2016 is helping to address the issue of antibiotic-resistant bacteria, but also will bring \$11 million into Kansas to help fund the researchers' salaries. That's why having strong researchers is a great return on investment for taxpayers.

KU research brings new companies to Kansas

Since 2010, more than 29 companies have located in or near Lawrence to partner with KU researchers. Examples include Archer Daniels Midland, Sun Life Financial, and Ligand Pharmaceuticals.

Many of these companies are located within the Bioscience & Technology Business Center system, our on-campus incubator. The BTBC has 56 corporate tenants — including companies like ADM and Garmin — totaling more than 348 private-sector jobs and more than \$21 million in payroll. These companies chose to be close to KU researchers and student interns.

KU research attracts donations from outside Kansas

Nearly 40 percent of KU donors live outside Kansas. So when out-of-state donors are inspired by the work we're doing and make a donation to KU, that's new money that flows into Kansas.

KU addresses the state's workforce needs

KU has the state's only schools of medicine and pharmacy — meaning we are the only institution equipped to address the state's critical need for more healthcare practitioners, especially in rural communities. Our School of Engineering produces students to meet workforce demand at the direct request of companies like Cessna and Black & Veatch, who say there's a critical shortage of engineers in Kansas. Our health education building in Kansas City is helping our School of Medicine to train more doctors for Kansas.

