The University of Kentucky continued an upward trajectory in successfully competing for sponsored grants and contracts. Between 2016 and 2017, UK saw a 4.7% increase in awards.

The majority of UK’s external funding comes from federal sources (53.8%). State funding makes up 27.4% and industry contracts are 5.5% of the total grant and contract awards received by the university.

UK’s research enterprise is heavily funded by the National Institutes of Health (63.9% of all federal awards). NIH grants to UK increased by 23.3% in 2017 compared to 2016.

The top NIH institutes funding research at UK include the National Heart Lung & Blood Institute (NHLBI), the National Cancer Institute (NCI) and the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA).

Source: University of Kentucky OSPA database (June 30, 2017)