Departmental Base Budget Overview												
Department	VP Researc	ch				Executive						
Index	4R1001					Program	06					
Base Budgets:												
2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	Change		
511,665	517,926	444,013	507,249	426,868	425,452	441,183	452,734	1,351,987	1,161,358	126.98%		

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The VPR office is responsible for fostering research and creative activities at MSU; identifying new research/creativity opportunities; working with the congressional delegation and federal agency personnel in securing increased federal support for MSU; working with the Montana Legislature and state agencies in securing increased state support for MSU; identifying private funding opportunities; developing private/public partnerships; and transferring MSU technology to the private sector. These activities are certainly central to MSU's mission. It will be necessary for this office to effectively perform all of its functions if we are going to achieve core values of MSU and address the budget priorities established by UPBAC. This Office is one of the key components in relation to all the university budget priorities agreed upon by UPBAC, and it is an essential office relative to all of the university core values.

A major budget change occurred in Fiscal Year 2008. Prior to FY08 the central Overhead Costs that the Vice President for Research was responsible for were paid from F&A funds. In FY08 these costs were moved to the Research General Operating budget to more accurately reflect the contribution by the VP for Research to central overhead. As a result of this conversion, the VP for Research's general operating budget had to be increased to cover the personnel and "operation" costs of the Research office, as well as central commitments, which had previously been paid with F&A funds.

Departmental Base Budget Overview												
Department	Grants & Contracts Administration						VP Resear					
Index	4R1600		-			Program	06					
Base Budgets	ase Budgets:											
2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	Change		
270,967	292,378	367,147	408,177	506,637	510,989	529,450	560,762	1,164,533	1,430,786	428.03%		

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The Office of Sponsored Programs fits well into the mission of the institution as it provides support to MSU's public service, instruction, and outreach objectives. The research component of the institution directly impacts approximately 450 researchers as they apply for outside sponsored funding and improving the quality of education provided to both graduate and undergraduate students, as they are involved in the various research projects.

A major budget change occurred in Fiscal Year 2008. Until FY08 the central Overhead Costs that the Vice President for Research was responsible for were paid from F&A funds. In FY08 these costs were moved to the Research General Operating budget to more accurately reflect the contribution by the VP for Research to central overhead. As a result of this conversion, OSP's general operating budget had to be increased to cover the personnel and "operation" costs which had previously been paid through F&A funds. The 10-year comparison is no longer a useful tool. It does not reflect like data, so a more accurate comparison is between FY08 and FY09.