



24-25 Plan Highlights

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Research, Innovation & Practice

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Why the long name?



A Navajo-inspired
way of seeking
knowledge

Activities we support at Diné College



Research –
studies and experiments that lead to knowledge creation



Innovation –
new ways of understanding the world or solving problems



Practice –
sustaining cultural knowledge and lifeways.

What extramural funding looks like

Grants (PI directed)

- E.g., investigate the potential of fungi to mitigate uranium contamination

Cooperative agreements (PI and sponsor direct collaboratively)

- E.g., Work closely with Department of Agriculture and the Southwest Climate Hub in developing and delivering information through their existing research and outreach programs with stake holders

Contract (Fee for goods or service)

- Establish tribal-level data surveillance on maternal mortality and severe maternal morbidity, and promoting and executing innovation in maternal health service delivery

Diné College Strategic Design

1. Quality Growth for Navajo People: Serve student and community interests by implementing programs, projects, and initiatives through investments to ensure quality return for nation-building that are sustainable, diverse, equitable, and inclusive.

- **Research:** Support faculty, staff, and students as they redefine Tribal research, increase institutional research capacity, and advance the research agenda of the institution and Navajo Nation by respecting digital humanity and social justice.

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Vision

- Create a full-service research infrastructure for investigations and projects that have local and global significance to benefit the Navajo Nation.

Mission

- Provide professional research administration and development services and stewardship of external funds to the Diné College research community.

Key Metrics from 2022-2023



\$3,054,000 in Research expenditures (\$2,255,000 from U.S. Federal)



\$15,555,542 in new competitive funding



72% acceptance rate (26/36 submissions)

Technical Improvements and Efficiencies

Streamlining	Implementing	Eliminating	Strengthening	Enhancing	Continuing
Streamlining business processes	Implementing monthly reconciliations	Eliminating duplication of effort	Strengthening internal controls	Enhancing audit readiness	Continuing professional development for staff

Research Leadership Program



DEVELOP ROBUST SKILL SET FOR
FACULTY AND STAFF



FOCUS ON BUILDING SKILL AND
CONFIDENCE IN SECURING
EXTRAMURAL FUNDING



SIMULTANEOUSLY BUILD COHORT
CULTURE AND PERSONAL RESEARCH
AGENDAS