

# RESEARCH FAST FACTS 2025

Montana Technological University is a place of purpose, home to uncommon thinking, teaching, research, and innovation. Montana Tech's unique culture is driven by its designation as Montana's Special Focus STEM university, offering a personal atmosphere that promotes collaboration, innovation, and discovery.

### The Montana Tech Difference: A Student Focus

- 10% undergraduates received funding for research experiences. Source: UMDW & Enrollment
- We celebrate 12 Undergraduate Goldwater Scholars, 5
   Honorable Mentions, and 3 Rhodes Scholarship Finalists

   Source: Undergraduate Award Committee
- 1 Graduate Fullbright Scholar & 2 NSF Graduate Research Fellows. Source: FFSB & NSF GREP, respectively
- 95% of thesis-based graduate students are funded, both at the MS and PhD levels. Source: UMDW & Banner

#### **Tech boasts Impactful Pipeline and Trades Programs**

- The Center for Education and Ecological Studies has engaged 84,660 K-12 students and 988 teachers in STEM projects.
   Source: Ripple Annual Report 2024
- The Institute for Educational Opportunities provides college access and success programing for traditionally underrepresented students (K-16).
- New workforce development initiatives at Highlands College build the trades workforce in Montana and beyond.

#### Montana Tech Provides High Value to Stakeholders

Externally funded research is small but mighty... and growing! \$22.6M of annual research expenditures output from 144 Researchers, 146 undergraduates, and 213 graduates. Source: (NSF HERD, FY24)
This a 59% increase from FY22. source: UMDW

#### **High Value and ROI for campus**

External research expenditures represent 22% of campus expenditures. This fully supports research administration, with no net cost to the University budget. Service centers provide an additional \$310K/year in campus revenue. \$10.4M in equipment has been purchased since 2019. Source: Sales & Service

#### Research is Highly Applied and Relevant

We have 12 active patents in Alloying, Dry Mixing, Biotech, Separations, and Energy and 2 licenses. *Source: USPTO* 

## Tech's Centers & Facilities serve Montana Industry, the Region, and the Nation

- Montana Bureau of Mines & Geology
- Center for Advanced Materials Processing
- Underground Mine Education Center
- Center For Environmental Remediation & Assessment



