Based on the National Science Foundation’s annual Higher Education Research and Development survey, which is the primary source of information on R&D expenditures at U.S. colleges and universities:

- MSU ranks 2\textsuperscript{nd} in the nation for Department of Energy expenditures (2015) and this level has nearly doubled in the past five years (2011-15).
- MSU ranks 6\textsuperscript{th} nationally in combined Department of Energy and National Science Foundation expenditures (2015).