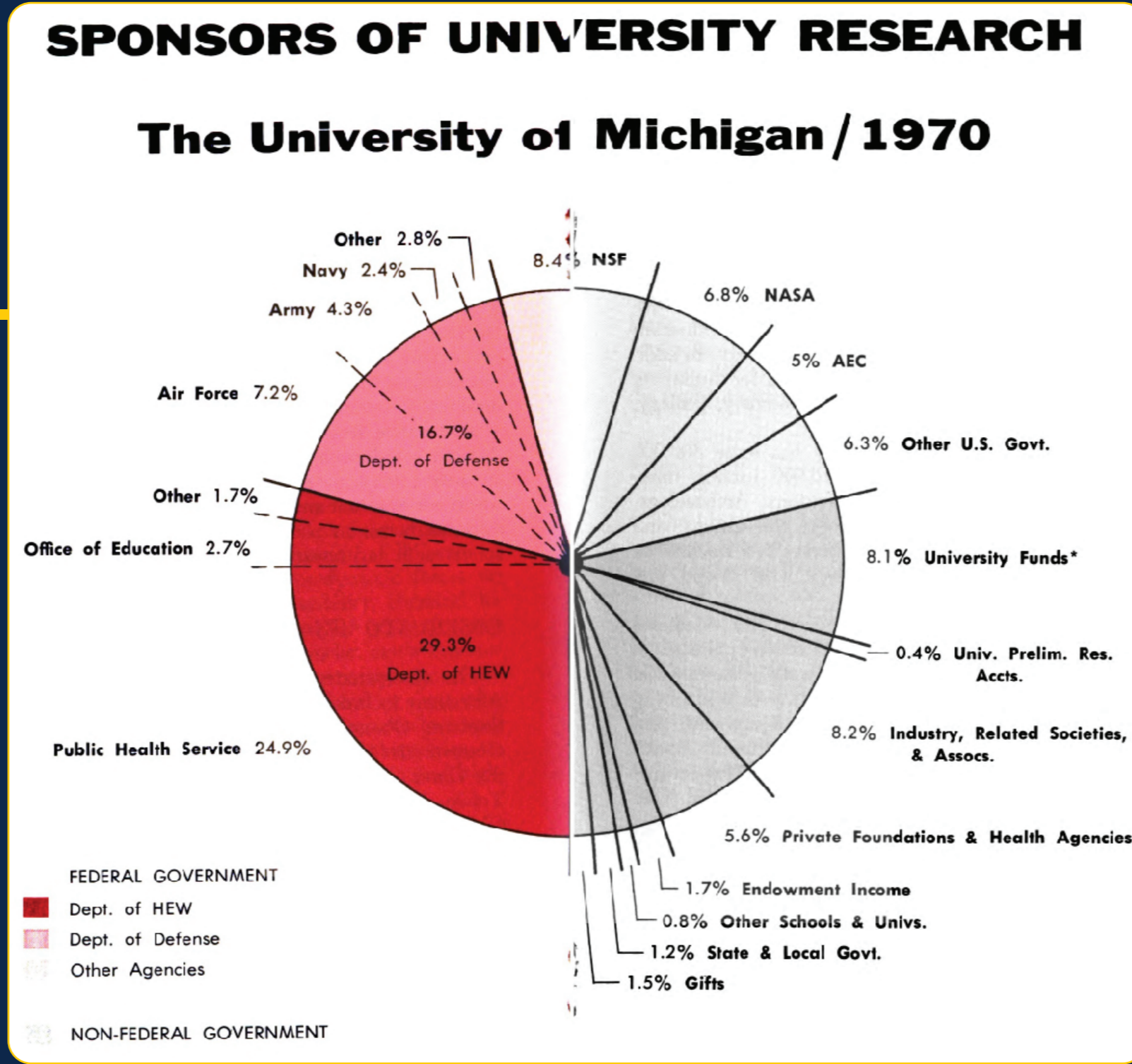




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Post-War Era
Sponsored research at U-M did not grow dramatically until World War II, when the federal government looked to universities for expertise. After WWII, federal funding increased steadily, at approximately 14% annually.

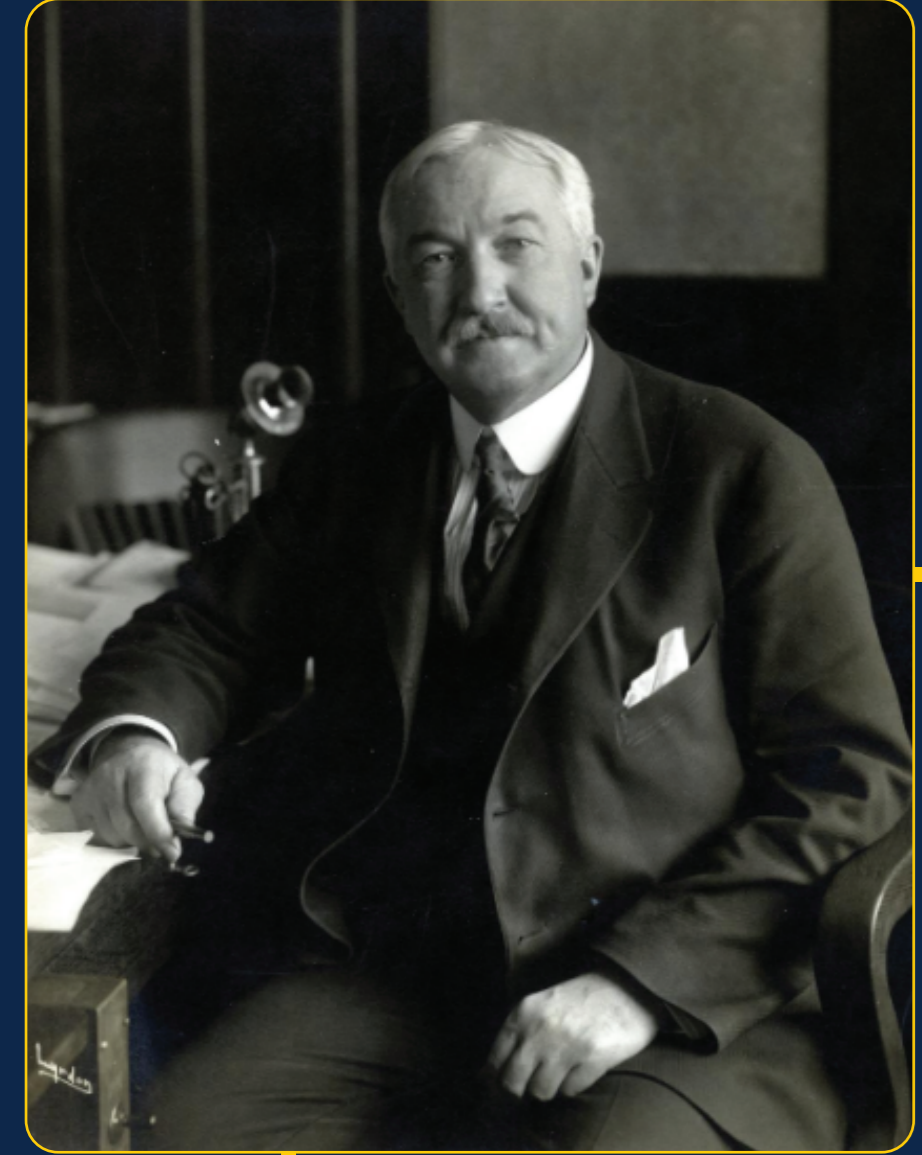


SPECIAL REPORT: GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS

U-M awash in federal cash

University's \$78.5 million in contracts over past five years leads state haul; WSU third

"Uncle Sam is a maize and blue fan. The University of Michigan has received more than \$78.5 million in federal contracts over the last five year, or \$7 of every \$10 in government work awarded to universities in the state." Joel L. Smith, *The Detroit News*



1916
Dean of U-M Engineering, Mortimer Cooley, conveyed the need to work with industry and government sponsors.

1919
To sway the Regents, Cooley pitched the idea of an engineering research department to the Michigan Manufacturers' Association. Industry leaders like W.K. Kellogg and Herbert Dow, appealed to the Regents about "the importance of cooperation [with U-M and statewide industry] along the lines of technical and scientific research."

The Engineering Research Institute (ERI)

The Office of Research Administration (ORA)

1980
Technical Typing Service Unit closed. Typing could now be handled within the units. The era of word processors began.

1982
PRISM (Programmed Research Information System at Michigan), the precursor to eRPM, was rolled-out at an initial developmental cost of \$7,500. Telex, pictured, was a major method of sending electronic messages.

2008
U-M launched the electronic Research Proposal Management (eRPM) System. Over 91,316 proposals migrated from PRISM.

2019
ORSP instituted the Deadline Policy to establish fair and uniform service.

1920

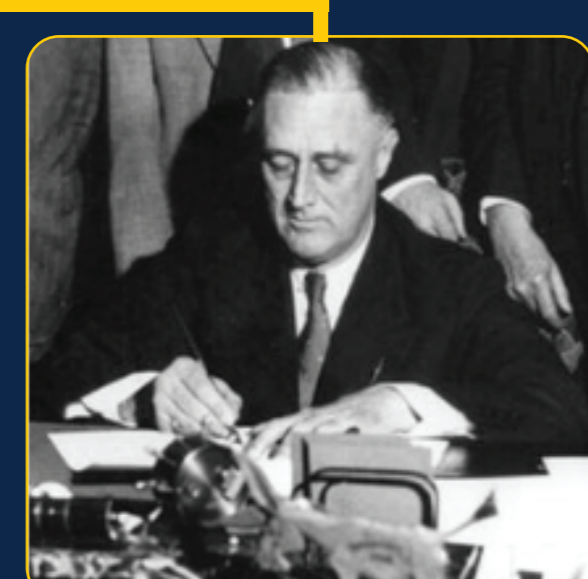
1945

1970

1995

2020

Department of Engineering Research



1923
Occupied offices in East Engineering Building.



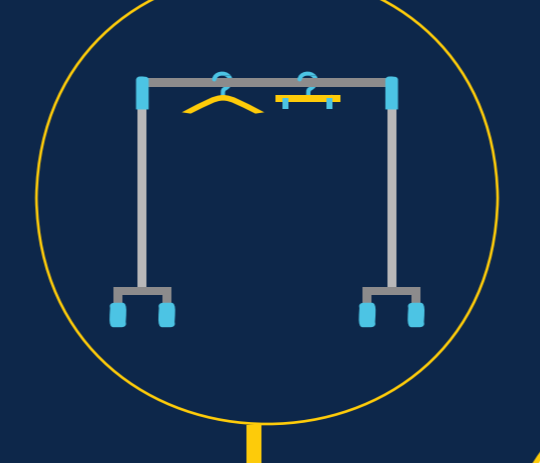
1933
In March 1933, research work was stopped temporarily because of the March 1933 banking crisis. U.S. President Franklin D. Roosevelt, signed the Emergency Banking Act, intended to restore American's confidence in banks, when reopened.

1955
U-M's history in vaccine development includes 1955, when, after extensive field studies conducted at U-M, the new polio vaccine was approved.



1958
Regental Bylaw 31.15 revised to establish a University of Michigan Research Institute, to extend its support beyond Engineering Research to all of the units of the University, covering all of the sponsored projects.

University of Michigan Research Institute (UMRI)

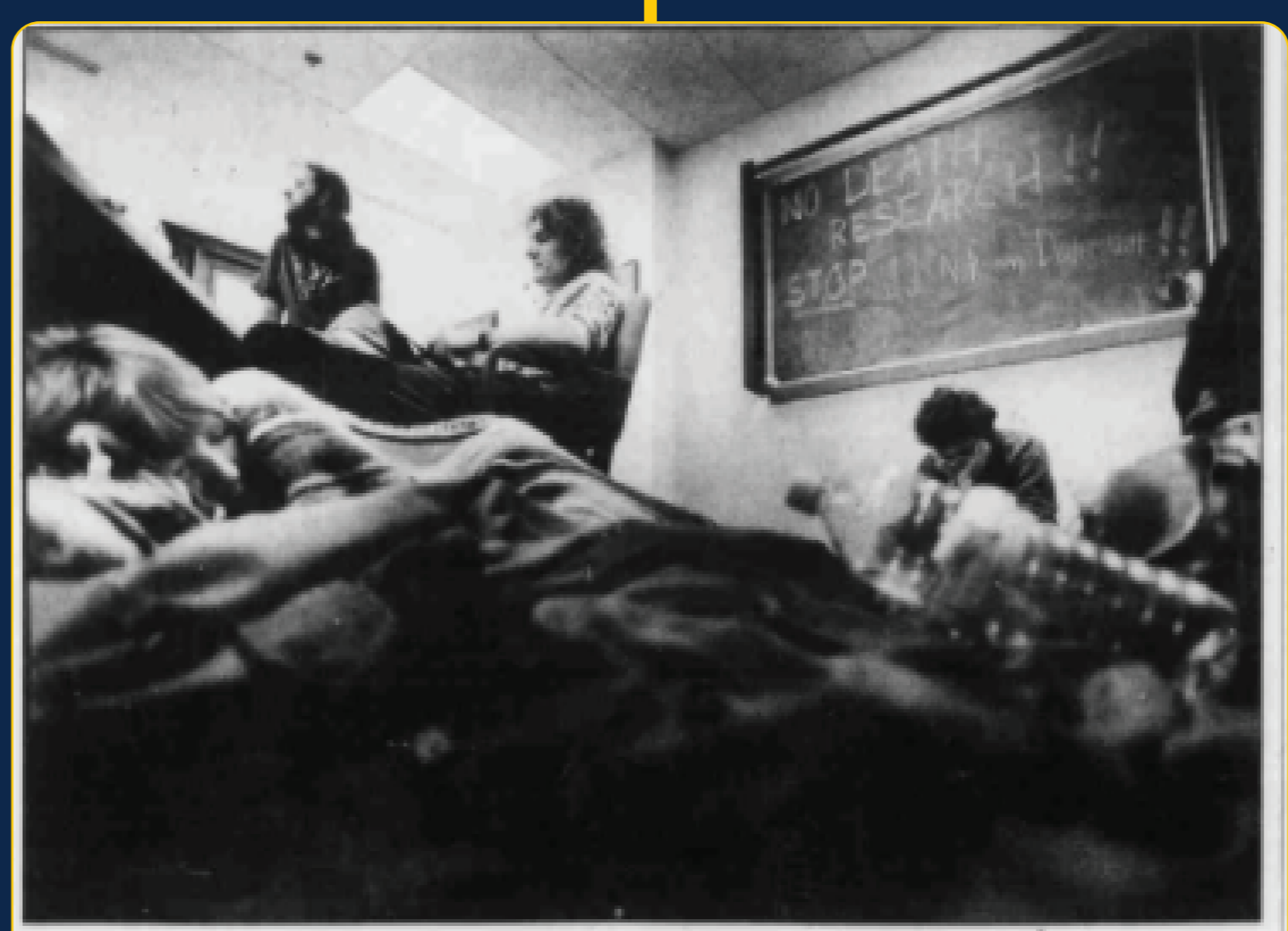


Division of Research Development & Administration (DRDA)

1965-1967
This photograph from May 1965 depicts ORA staff and the office. Note the dress codes and office equipment that were current for that time.



1993
DRDA moved to Wolverine Tower -- the first U-M unit to occupy the building.



1991
U-M Students Against U.S. Intervention in the Middle East (SAUSI) occupied the DRDA Director's office for 24 hours to "expose the University's efforts to deceive its role in developing genocidal weapons."

2020
With the rise of the unprecedented COVID-19 pandemic, ORSP successfully shifted to remote work while continuing to negotiate contracts and agreements and process over 800 COVID-19 related proposals and 320 projects, as well as multiple clinical trials. ORSP is positioned to move forward at the 100-year mark, with Assistant VP for Research-Sponsored Projects, Craig Reynolds.

