

# Fresno State raises most money since recession

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In its biggest fund-raising year since the beginning of the economic downturn, Fresno State brought in more than \$43 million for scholarships, research, lab space and other projects last fiscal year.

The dollars represent a \$16.7 million increase over the previous year's numbers -- and almost double the university's fundraising efforts during the 2012 fiscal year.

Big gifts, including a \$500,000 donation for nursing school scholarships and a \$200,000 gift for agricultural research, helped bring the school's total up from previous years, officials said.

The effort follows an eight-year fundraising campaign that ended in 2013 and raised more than \$214 million.

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