

Southwest Hispanic Research Institute

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2020 Annual Review of Category 3 Research Centers/Institutes | Revision Date

Mission

Established in 1980, the Southwest Hispanic Research Institute (SHRI) promotes multidisciplinary research on the Latino/Hispanic populations of New Mexico and the United States. SHRI offers an intellectual home for its faculty associates and invites the Hispano and Mexicano communities of New Mexico to connect with the University. SHRI advocates and supports access and equity in hiring, promotion and retention of Latinx faculty; supports and co-sponsors research and events, including conferences, open lectures and visiting scholars. The Institute supports faculty and student working paper series, sponsors and provides internships, graduate assistantships and research opportunities for UNM faculty associates and affiliated students.

CY 2020 Goals and Status

- I. Increase number of SHRI Publications – 2nd book in Contextos series released, Inaugural volume of Chamisa finalized.
- II. Increase number of grant applications, contracts, and awards – Director secured contract for mural extension at Albuquerque high school.
- III. Host a post-doctoral fellow
- IV. Organize public policy conference – delayed due to pandemic

Membership of Advisory Committee

- Membership List

The Advisory Committee, constituted in 2018, is serving as an ad hoc advisory board and is engaged in reviewing the strategic plan adoption, assessing unit viability, and making recommendations related to the Institute's mission, goals, director and member roles, and future research priorities. The members of the committee include Ronda Brulotte, Sylvia Celedon-Pattichis, Manuel Montoya, Mark Peceny, Jane Ellen Smith, Maggie Werner-Washburn.

- The Advisory Committee met on 7/9/2020.

CY 2020 Highlights

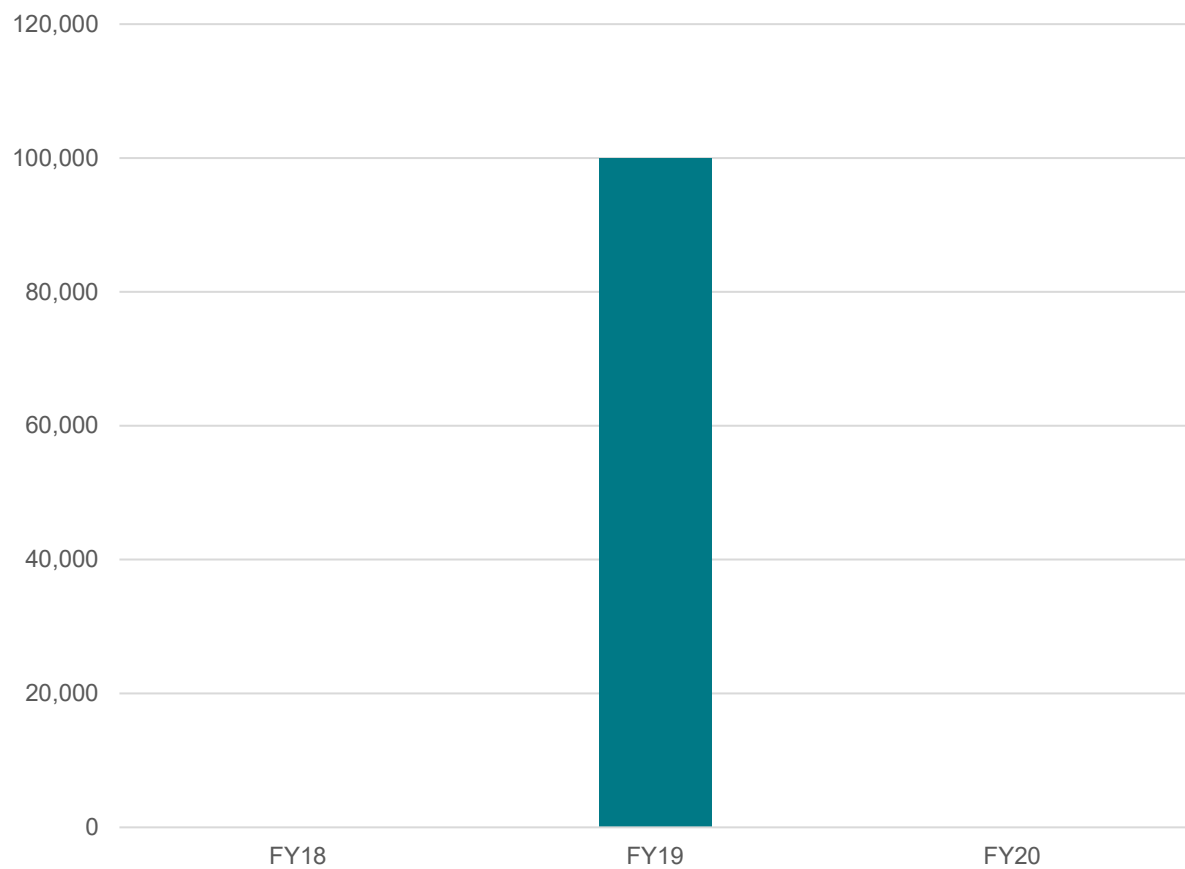
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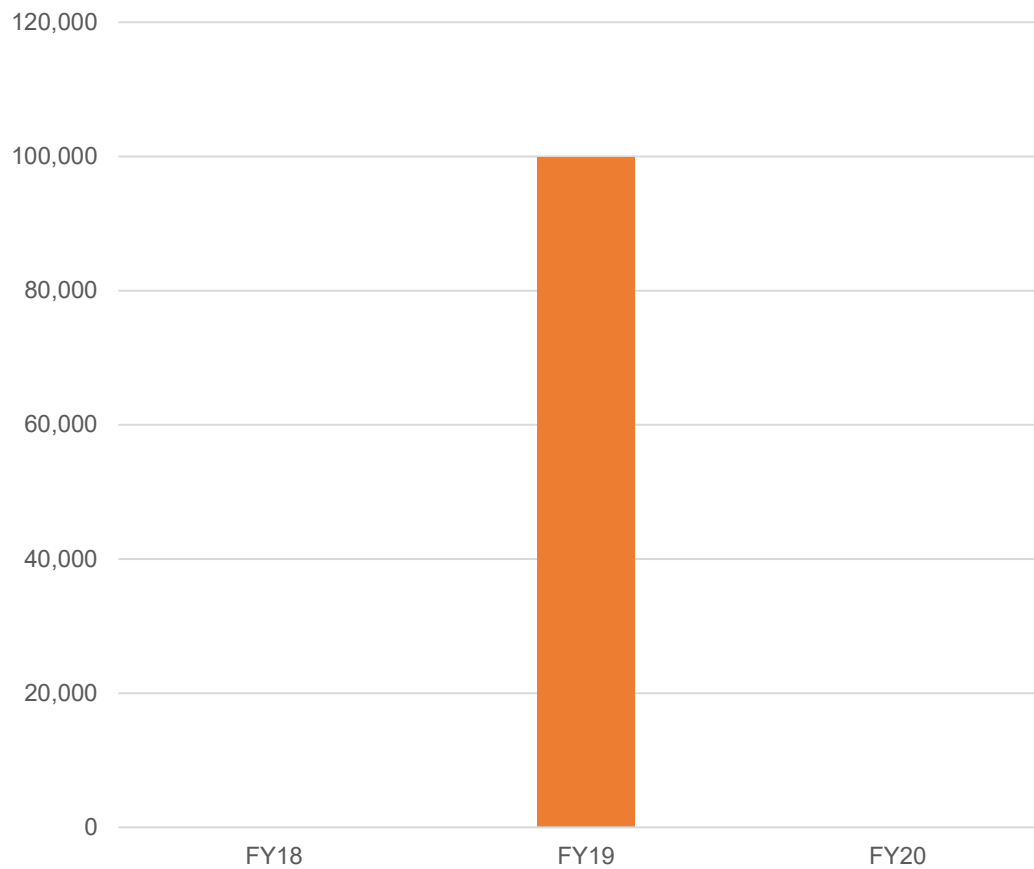
- Director Vasquez participated in the annual IUPLR and inaugural symposium of Crossing Latinidades Initiatives. Director led the teaching and learning group.
- Dr. Jose Rivera published *The Zanjas of Llocos: Cooperative Irrigation Societies of the Philippines* through the Ateneo de Manila University Press.
- Dr. Rebecca Blum-Martinez and Mary Jean Habermann Lopez published *The Shoulders We Stand On* through the University of New Mexico Press.

Proposals and Awards

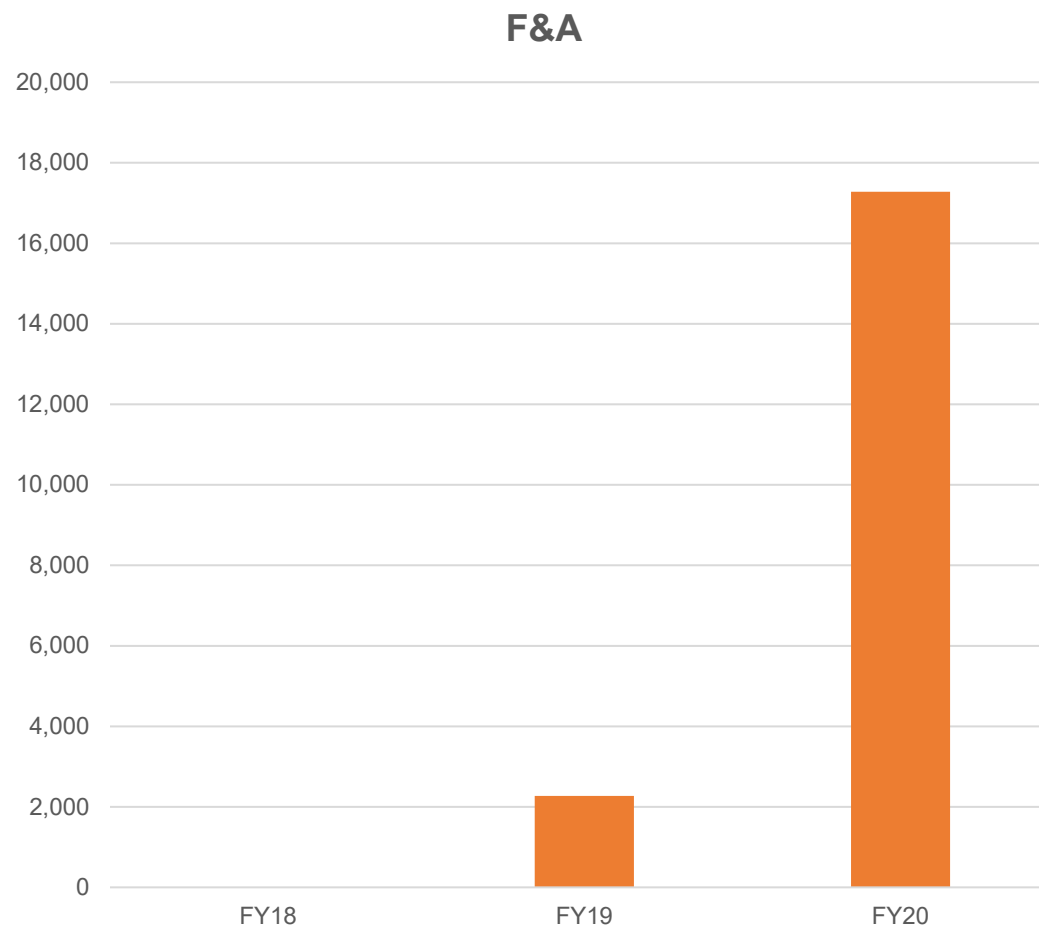
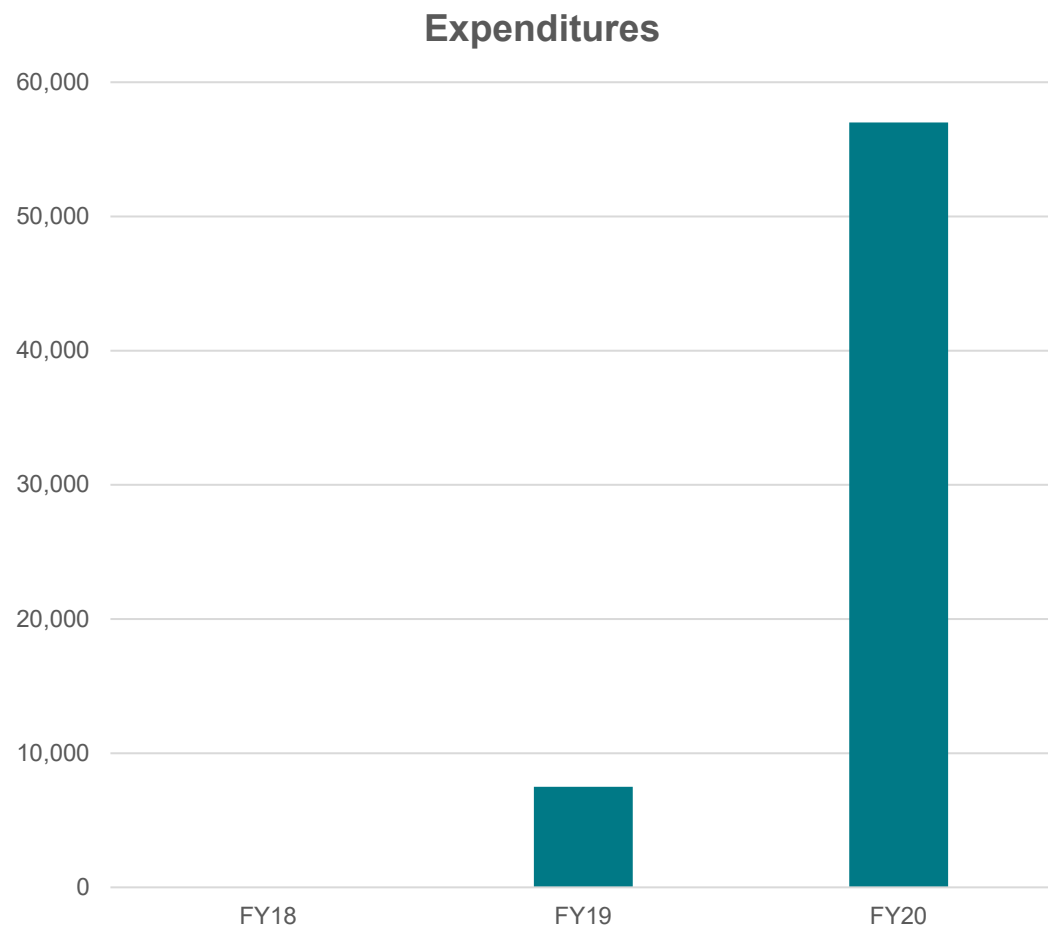
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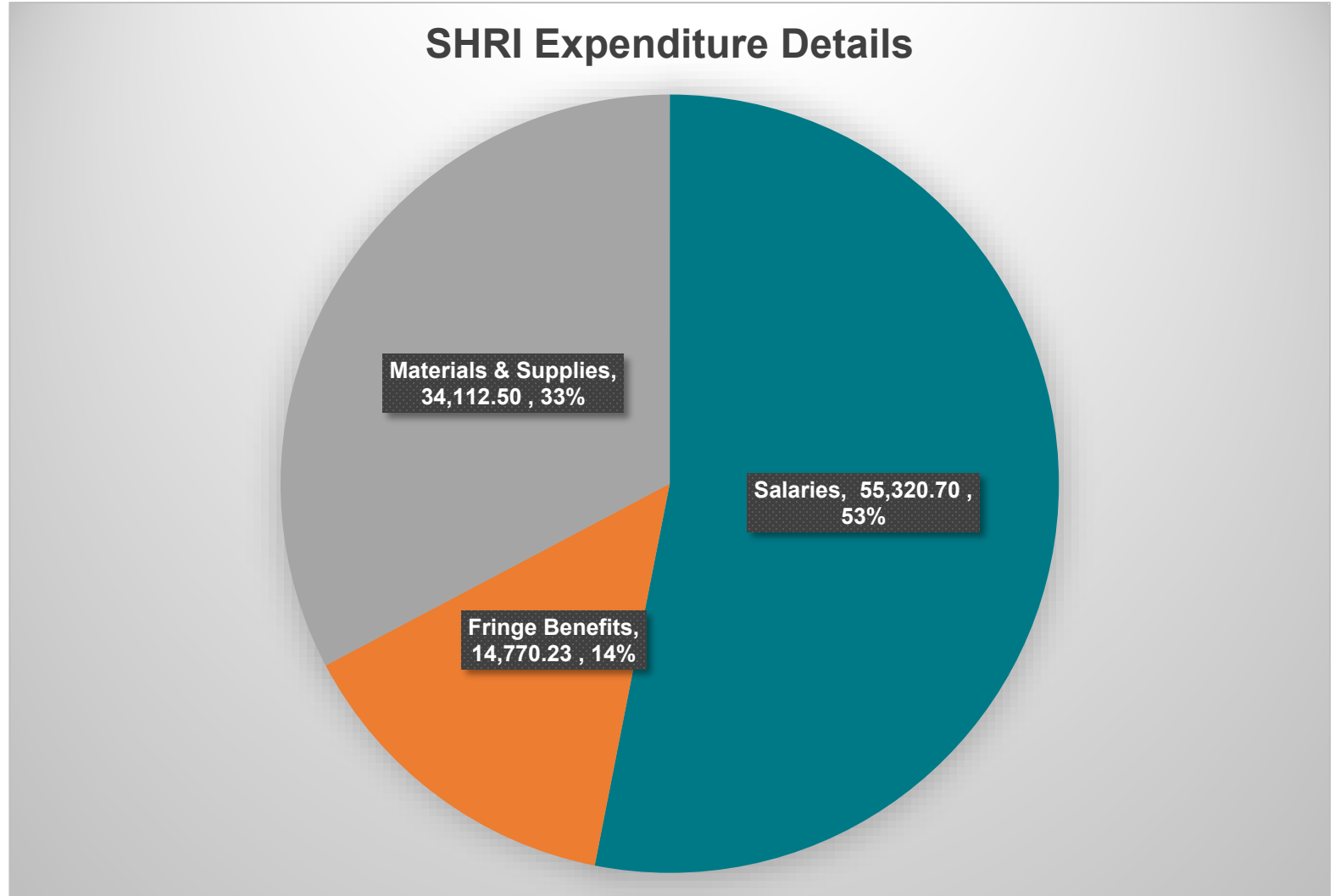
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Research Expenditures and F&A



FY20 Sources of Revenue	
F&A Return	6,048
VPR Allocation	100,000
Other	4,586
FY19 to FY20 Reserves	25,677
Total	136,311



Research Center Impacts

- Resources provided for Latinx faculty and Latinx-related programs
- Contributions to education & intellectual environment through public programming
- City of Albuquerque contracts secured
- Book and journal publications enhance Latina/o research profile.

Return on Investment

- Number of faculty served - 50
- Number of undergraduate and graduate students served – 100
- Number of community members served - 200
- Total number of contracts = 1

SHRI has over fifty Research Faculty from the Colleges of Arts and Sciences, Education, Architecture and Planning, Medicine/Health Sciences, Fine Arts, Law, and the Anderson School of Management. The Institute engages closely with the new MA and PhD program in Chicana and Chicano Studies Department on collaborative academic initiatives that promote Latinx research and the bridging of UNM and the States' Latinx communities.

STRENGTHS

SHRI is largely supported by OVPR funds. Although associated faculty generate significant sponsored research, due to the incentive structure of F&A distribution among OVPR, Colleges and Departments, SHRI does not benefit from the administration of their associates' grants as faculty are typically required to administer their funding through their home units. SHRI administrative support staff is .50, which limits the level of its productivity.

WEAKNESSES

With the upcoming evaluate of the SHRI Strategic Plan, SHRI Research Faculty will be positioned to understand the impact of faculty and student scholarship, stimulate and co-facilitate sponsored research activities and serve as a supportive unit for the Latinx community on and off campus.

OPPORTUNITIES

In order to become self-sustaining, SHRI must continue to foster collaborative inter-disciplinary projects, seek state and federal funding and submit grant proposals, and have the capacity to administer substantive external grants in order to incentivize faculty to have their grants run through the Institute, and thus, become self-sustaining.

THREATS

Looking Ahead to 2021

Aspirations or opportunities for the institute.

- Finalize the NEH Humanities Initiative grant and website
- Finalize Chicana Art exhibit
- Secure additional space for Research faculty and students
- Co-host activities related to the Crossing Latinidades initiative
- Release 1st issue of Chamisa
- Select 3rd book in Contextos series

Summary

SHRI has increased its research and scholarship contributions to UNM. The evaluation of the Strategic Plan will inform SHRI of the status of its strategic priorities and the challenges it faces in the next five years. SHRI plays an important role in strengthening the quality of UNM's Latinx-serving research, faculty/student professionalization, and community engagement. Moreover, SHRI plays a role in shaping public discourse as it relates to Latinx populations on local, regional, and national levels.