

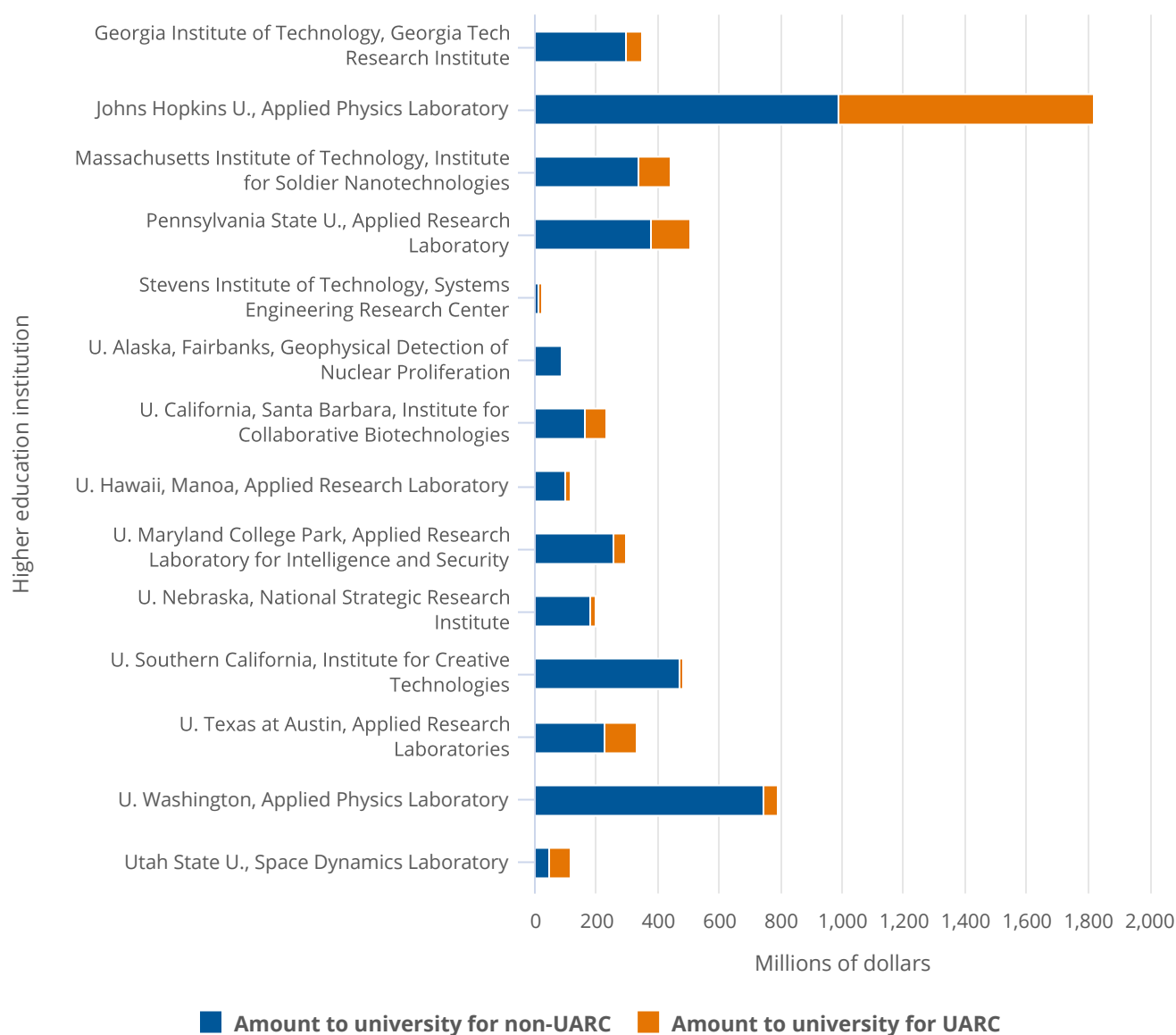


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Federal Funding to University Affiliated Research Centers Totalled \$1.5 Billion in FY 2021

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Figure 1 | Federal obligations for R&D to higher education institutions with University Affiliated Research Centers: FY 2021



UARC = University Affiliated Research Center.

Note(s): Because of rounding, detail may not add to total. FY 2021 obligations include additional funding provided by supplemental COVID-19 pandemic-related appropriations (e.g., Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security [CARES] Act).

Source(s): National Center for Science and Engineering Statistics, Survey of Federal Funds for Research and Development, FYs 2021–22.

In FY 2021, 14 higher education institutions had a University Affiliated Research Center (UARC). New data collected on federal agency obligations to UARCs show that although obligations for R&D to these 14 institutions totaled \$5.8 billion, \$1.5 billion (26%) was directed to their UARCs. UARCs are nonprofit research organizations affiliated with a university and have a set of core competencies that are tailored to the long-term needs of the Department of Defense. As part of a FY 2021 survey redesign, newly collected data from federal agencies show the amounts to individual UARCs varies from as much as \$831 million for the Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Lab to \$5 million for the University of Alaska Geophysical Detection of Nuclear Proliferation. For more details see tables 44–46 in the [full set of latest data tables from the Survey of Federal Funds for R&D](#).

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