

FINANCIAL-RELATED AUDIT

The University of Montana (All Campuses)
For the Two Fiscal Years Ended June 30, 2011

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REPORT SUMMARY

During 2010-11, The University of Montana served over 19,000 students; 77 percent were residents of Montana. The University of Montana (UofM) consists of four campuses: University of Montana – Missoula, Montana Tech of The University of Montana, University of Montana – Western, and University of Montana – Helena College of Technology.

Context

The University of Montana is one of the state's two universities; it offers one-year associate degrees and certificates, two-year associate degrees, four-year undergraduate bachelor's degrees, and master's and doctoral graduate degrees.

UofM–Missoula is considered the center of liberal arts education in the Montana University System (MUS) and operates the only law school in the MUS. Montana Tech is located in Butte and focuses on engineering and science degrees in a broad selection of disciplines. UofM–Western is located in Dillon and has a unique university-wide program called Experience One, where students take one course at a time throughout the semester. UofM–Helena College of Technology is a two-year institution offering education in occupational, technical, and training specialties. For fiscal year 2010-11, The University of Montana employed over 3,100 full-time equivalent employees.

The University of Montana is responsible for distributing federal financial aid and private scholarships to qualified students. Students are awarded federal financial aid after filing an application with the federal government; federal aid might include loans, grants, and work study. Scholarships are financed through donations gifted directly to the campuses or their respective foundations.

UofM–Missoula and Montana Tech conduct significant research and development funded by the federal government, state agencies, and private parties. Between both campuses over \$70 million worth of research and development have been expended during each of the last two years.

Results

Our audit resulted in three recommendations. Two recommendations relate to the access allowed to The University of Montana's computer system, known as Banner. The Banner system is critical in supporting the organization's operations. In order to protect the system and data from unauthorized activity, access to Banner should be controlled. Our audit identified five different instances where Banner access was not appropriately limited.

The third recommendation relates to compliance with policies prescribed by the Board of Regents's (board). The university accepted grants from state agencies where the indirect cost rate was below the amount required by board policy.

Recommendation Concurrence	
Concur	3
Partially Concur	0
Do Not Concur	0
Source: Agency audit response included in final report.	

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