The 2026 Engineering Update

HOW WE'RE DOING ON OUR PATH FORWARD 2024-2028, SoE'S STRATEGIC PLAN

OUR GOALS

- Improve Student Success Pathways
- Develop Faculty and Staff
- Build a Culture of Equity and Inclusive Excellence
- Grow Research and Innovation
- Grow and Manage Resources

THE HIGHLIGHTS

90% OF STUDENTS RETAINED TO THE SECOND SEMESTER FOR THE FIRST TIME IN 10 YEARS

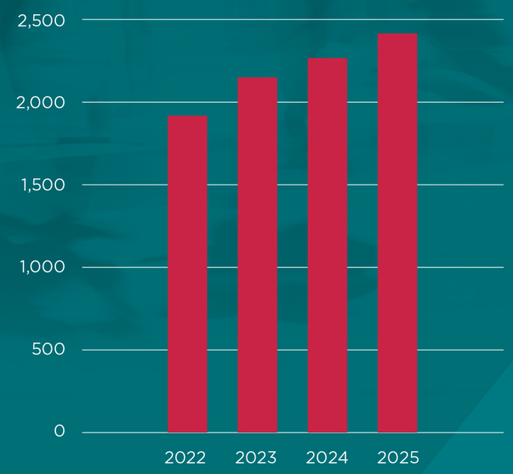
26% INCREASE IN UNDERGRADUATE ENROLLMENT SINCE 2022

6 NSF CAREER AWARDS IN 2026

SURPASSED TARGET GOAL FOR UNDERGRADUATE ENROLLMENT

25.9% increase in undergraduate enrollment since 2022

UNDERGRADUATE ENROLLMENT BY YEAR



NEW PROGRAMS IN 2026

- First-Year Engineering
- Bachelor of Science in Bioengineering
- Certificate in Ethical AI for Autonomous Systems
- Certificates pending state approval in Fire Protection Engineering, and two additional AI topics

85 Peer Learning Facilitators hired for Fall 2026

25 courses awarded learning facilitator support

Created a **pilot program** enabling staff to apply for $2,000 professional development grants

38 total **Teaching Innovation Fellowships** awarded since 2023; 11 faculty received Teaching Innovation Fellowships in Spring 2026

29 **new patents** by SoE faculty in 2025

Increased **SoE endowment** from $31M to $42M since 2023

Established the **Dr. John J. Russell Endowed Professorship,** a $1 million endowment for the professor leading LoboMotorsports

$60 million in research expenditures in 2025

ANNUAL RESEARCH EXPENDITURES IN MILLIONS



2 PECASE AWARDS IN 2025

EARLY CAREER FACULTY RESEARCH IMPACT

- 11 faculty have received NSF CAREER Awards since 2023; 6 of them in 2026
- 1 DOE Early Career Research Award
- 2 NIH MIRA Awards