



Research Policy Council

The Research Policies Council

Advocates for discovery in the University by

- developing,
- reviewing,
- and **recommending** policies

that support and enhance research and creative activities

RPC Membership

- Composed of at least 18 members including:
 - VP ORI
 - Dean of the Graduate College
 - Provost
- 11 faculty members elected by the Senate
 - 3 from Arts and Sciences (**Vacancy**: CAS Social Sciences)
 - 1 from each of the other colleges
- Faculty Senate Executive board designee as an ex officio member
- Chair of the FRACAA Research Screening Committee
- 2 graduate students selected by the GSA

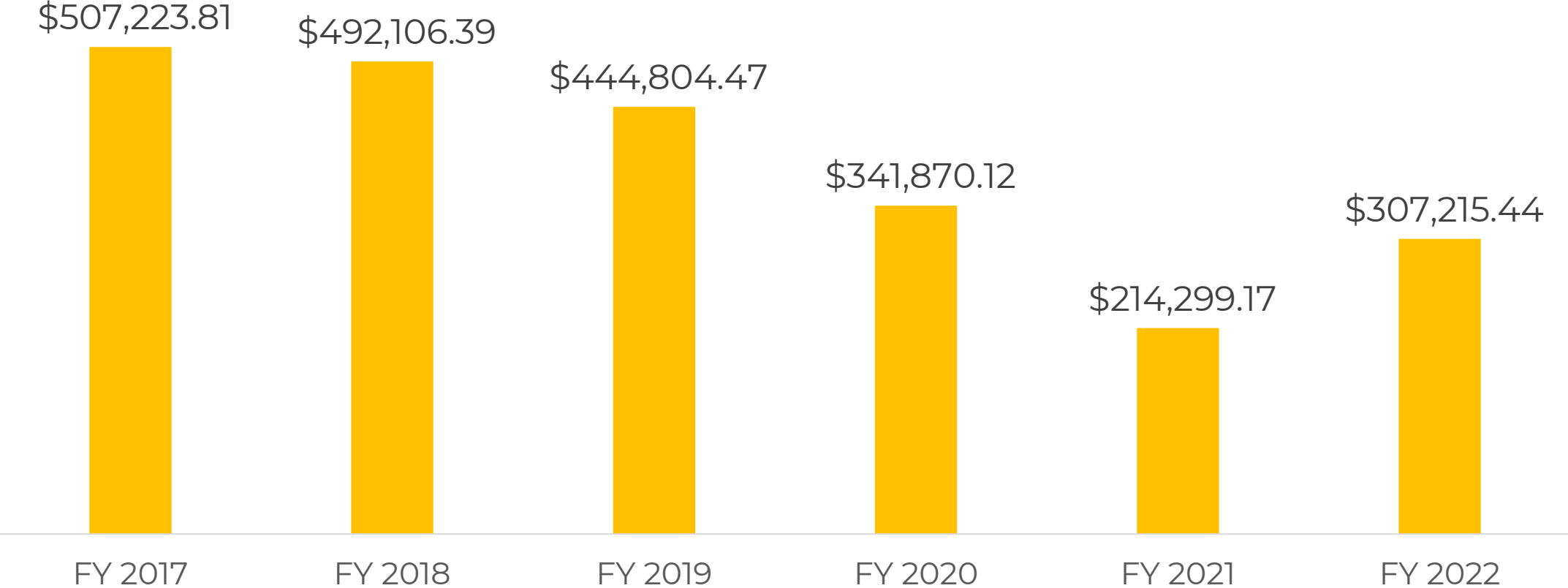
Charges 2022/23

1. Review and Administer FRACASF.
2. Collaborate with the ORI in developing strategies to support faculty to advance research and creative scholarship.
3. Review of the state of research ethics policies and procedures.
4. Research tools available through the University Libraries.
5. Review the scope and description of the council's role.

Faculty **R**esearch and **C**reative
Activity **S**upport **F**und

<https://wmich.edu/research/funding>

FRACASF Awards per year

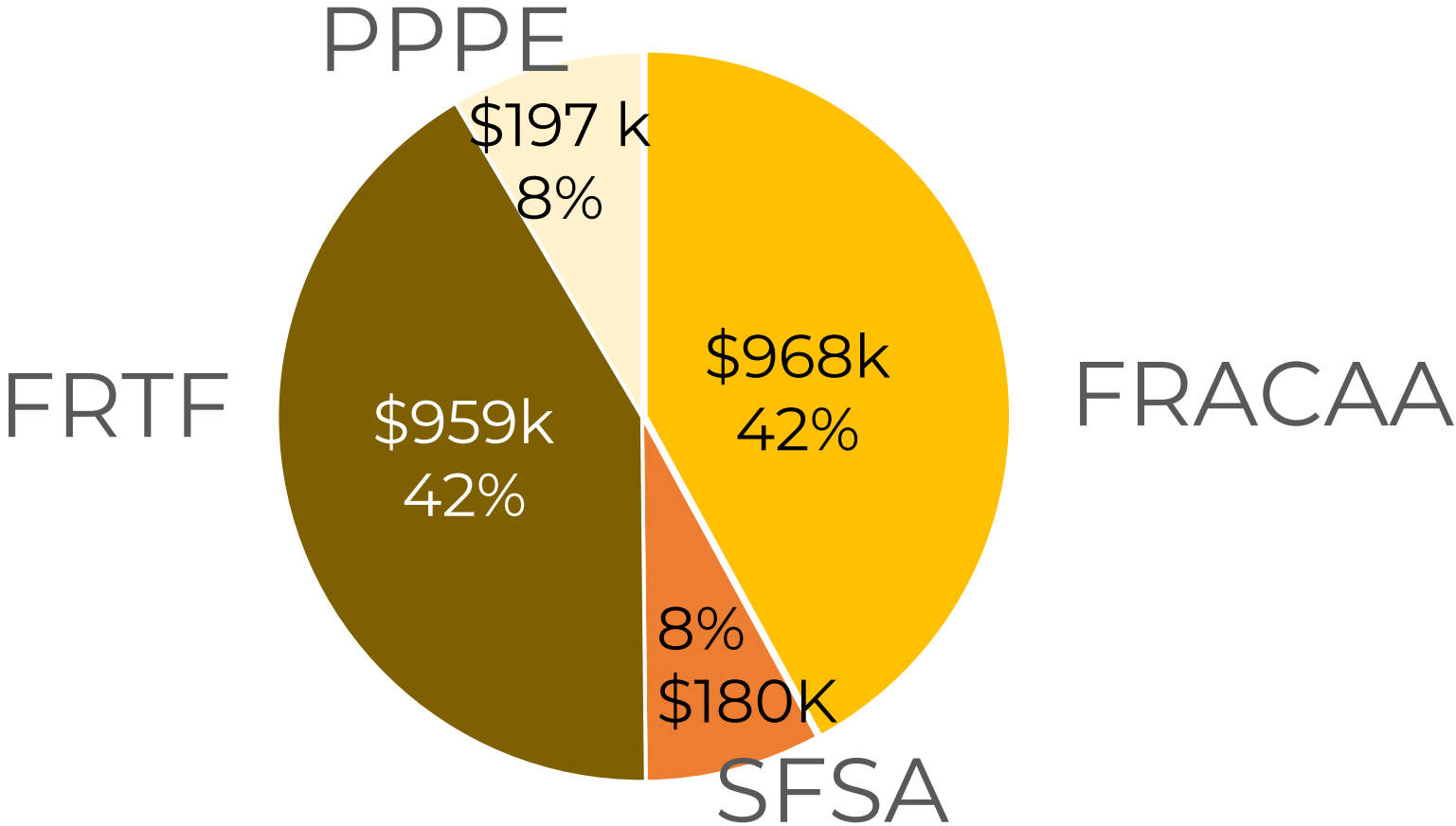


FRACASF Awards

Since FY 2017, the FRACASF internal award program has provided:

- A total of 1,722 awards
- In the sum of \$2.3M
- To over 600 faculty members

FRACASF Awards by Type (2017-22)



FRACAA Awards

The FRACAA is a competitive award that supports WMU faculty in significant research, rigorous scientific inquiry, original artistic activity, and inventive technology.

Awards are made for up to **\$15,000** and require submission of an external funding proposal within 18 months of the end of the project period.

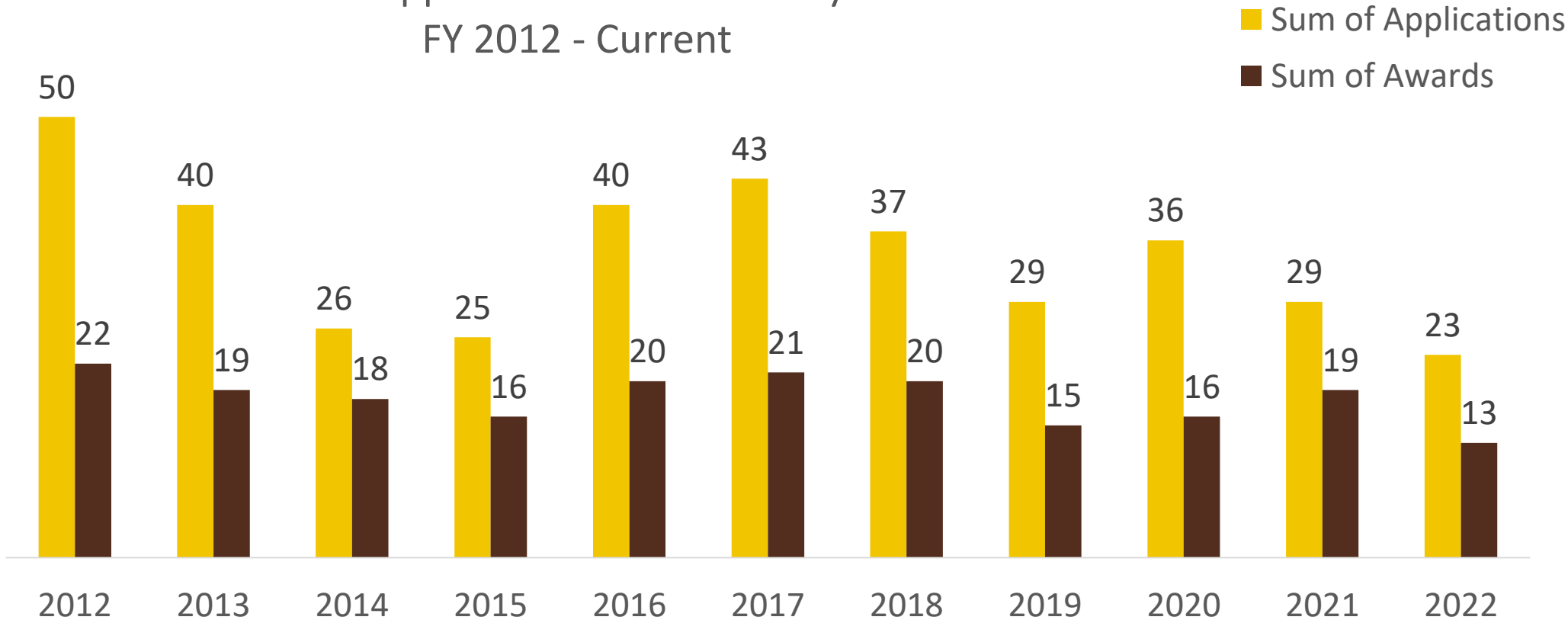
FRACAA Awards

The FY 2022 FRACAA award competition:

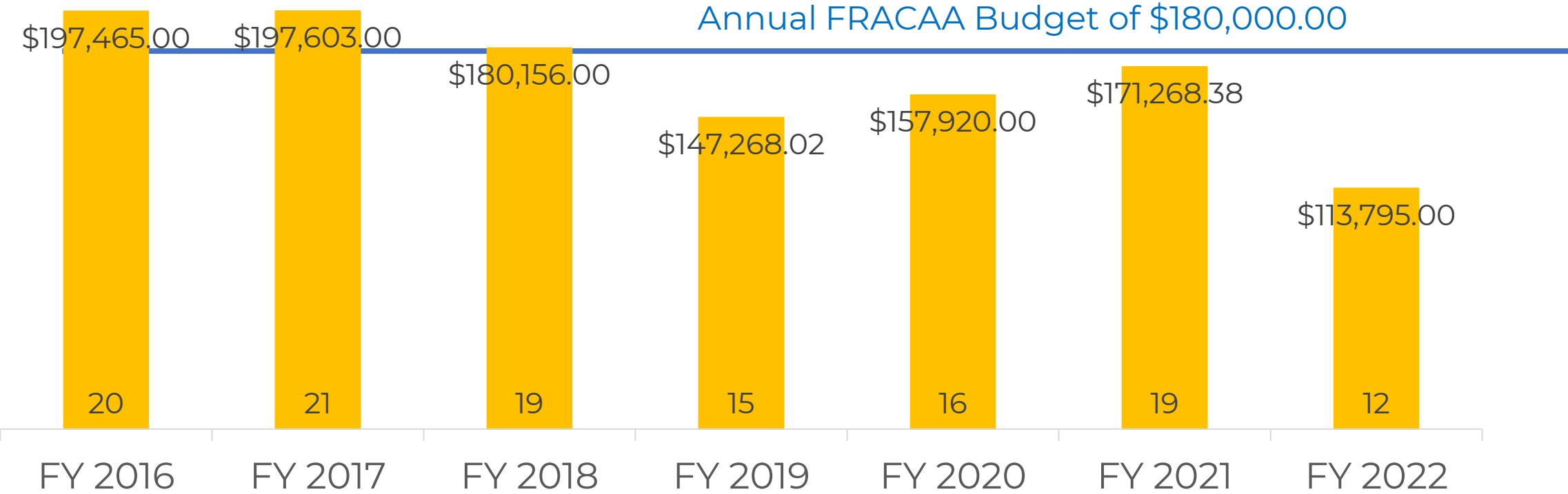
- Received 23 applications
- Awarded 13 proposals
- Distributed award dollars totaling \$113,795

FRACAA Awards

FRACAA Applications vs. Awards by Year
FY 2012 - Current



FRACAA Award Numbers and Values



SFSA Awards

The SFSA supports creative activities and research that may not lead to external funding but enhance and sustain the scholarly reputation of WMU and the faculty principal investigators.

The FY 2022 SFSA award competition:

- Approved 8 proposals
- Dispersed \$15,259.37 in award dollars
- Increased Limit: **\$3,000**

SFSA Awards Number and Values

Annual SFSA Budget of \$40,000.00 Starting in FY 2018



FRTF Awards

The FRTF supports faculty travel to meetings of professional organizations for the purpose of reporting research results, exhibiting or performing creative works, or otherwise disseminating the results of WMU's scholarly activity. Apply after travel to receive reimbursement.

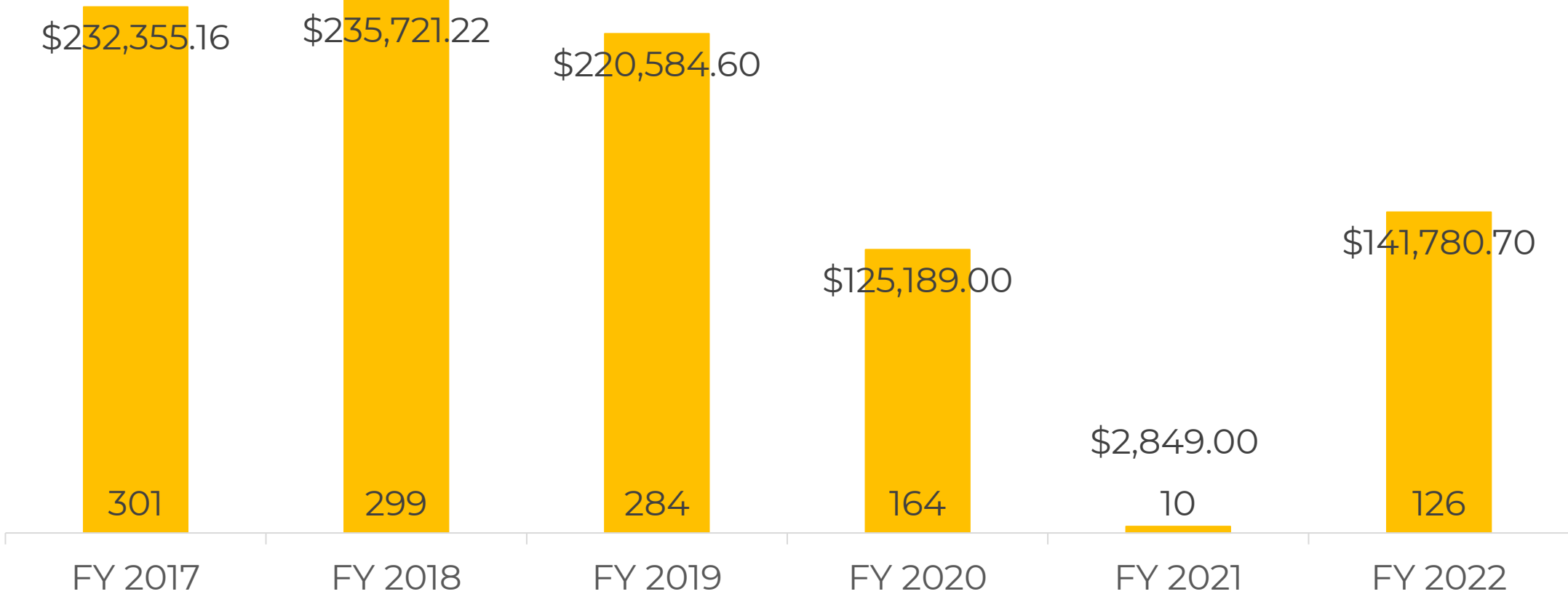
FRTF Awards

In FY 2022, the total award amount per faculty was raised to **\$2,500** to cover

- 126 FRTF requests were processed
- Distributing \$141,780.70 in award funds

*Note: FY 2020 (June 2019) and FY 2021 (June 2020) FRACAA reviewers were authorized to receive an additional \$800.00 award for their service. To date, only 6 requests have been processed. The deadline for submission is **June 30, 2023**.*

FRTF Awards Numbers and Values

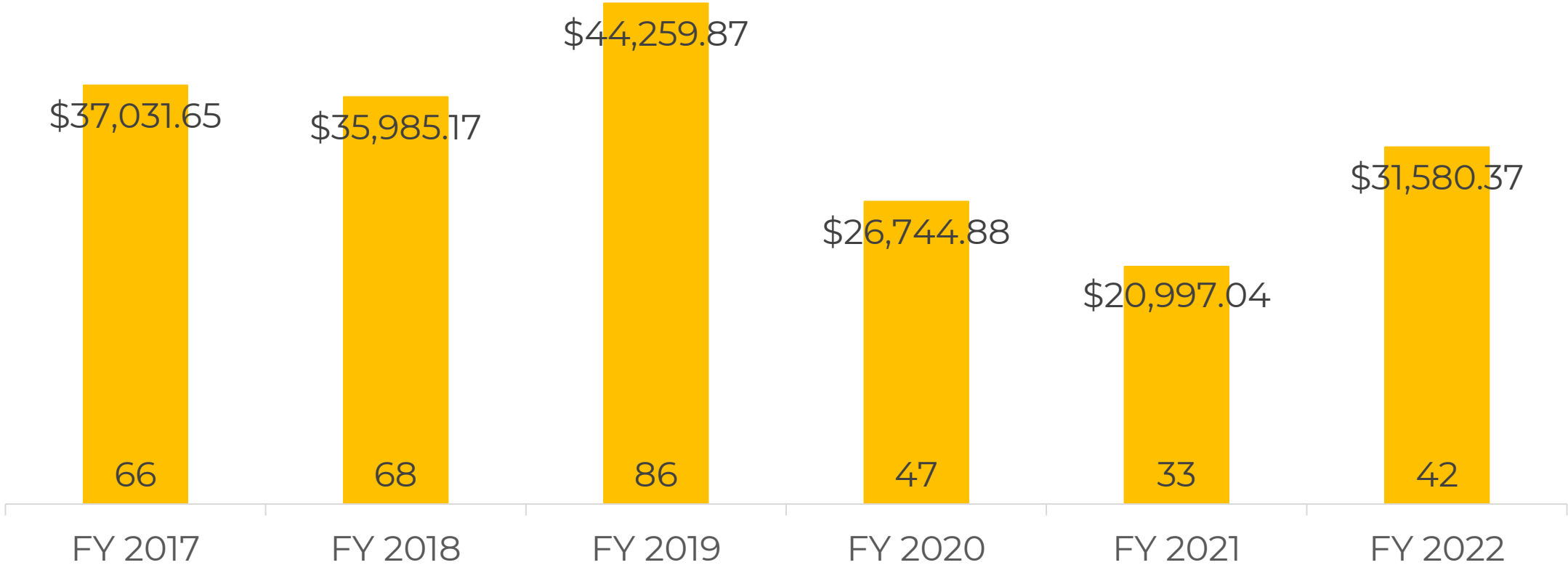


PPPE Awards

PPP&E funds support the final preparation and publication of papers and exhibition of creative works through recognized media. Apply after the research or creative work has been completed.

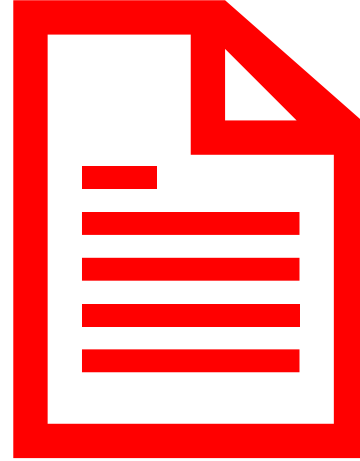
- The award amount was increased from \$750.00 to **\$2,000** in FY 2022.
- 42 PPPE requests were processed
- Amounts totaled \$31,580.37

PPPE Award Number and Values



FRACASF Summary

- FRACAA: \$15,000
 - Re-eligible as soon as requirements are met
- SFSA: \$3,000
- FRTF: \$2,500
 - Multiple trips allowed
- PPPE: \$2,000



Questions?