MIT 6th in federal aid funds

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MIT may be the number one engineering school in the country, but it ranked number six in the receipt of federal aid to colleges and universities in 1973-1974.

According to a study recently released by the National Science Foundation (NSF), of the total $4.4 billion granted to US universities, Harvard University received the fourth largest share — $72.5 million — while MIT was sixth with $69.5 million. These figures do not include student loans or aid programs.

The University of Washington topped the list with its share of $81.9 million government dollars, while the University of California at Los Angeles was second, with $73.7 million. The University of Wisconsin at Madison was third with $73.6 million.

The amount reported by the NSF given to MIT does not include $86 million given to the Draper Laboratory, which were diverted from MIT in 1973.

Sixty one per cent of the funds granted to colleges went for academic science, the NSF reported. MIT used $67.74 million or 97.4 per cent of its federal aid for academic science, mostly research and development.

Of the academic science money granted to MIT, $61.74 million went to research and development, $1.67 million to the research and development plant, $19.000 for facilities and equipment for instruction, $4.35 million for fellowships and trainee stipends and travel programs, $772,000 for general support and $254,000 for other science.

MIT spent $1.8 million for non-science purposes.

The funds for academic science granted to colleges were increased 11 per cent from $2.7 billion. The NSF attributed this increase to the release of funds that had been imposed by the White House.

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