Private companies make up half of Plant Sciences’ top research sponsors

Nearly **14 percent** of the division’s external funding comes directly from private agrochemical and seed companies like Monsanto and Dow AgroSciences.

![Bar chart showing funding awarded between FY2009 and FY2018 (in millions). The chart lists various sponsors, including Missouri Soybean Merchandising Council, Foreign Agricultural Research Service, National Institute of Food and Agriculture, SmithBucklin, Mid-American Research and Development Foundation, Missouri Department of Agriculture, Directorate for Biological Sciences, Dow AgroSciences, Cornell University, and Monsanto Company.]

**Note:** Monsanto was acquired by Bayer in the summer of 2018. Also, Dow AgroSciences became Corteva in summer 2019.

**Source:** MU OFFICE OF SPONSORED PROGRAMS ADMINISTRATION