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MSU [celebrated](#) the 2025 FCS National Football Championship winning team on Jan. 17! This is MSU's first national football title since 1984 and the third time in five years the Bobcats have reached the championship game.

MSU will soon provide U.S. innovators with patent and trademark services with the forthcoming addition of a new U.S. Patent and Trademark office (USPTO) [Community Engagement Office](#).

MSU [was named](#) a National Center of Academic Excellence in Cyber Defense in recognition of its cybersecurity curriculum.

MSU's quantum research facility received a [\\$31.5 million contract](#) with the Air Force Research Laboratory for research, technology and test bed expansion.

The Defense Innovation OnRamp Hub: Montana, housed at MSU, officially [opened its doors in January](#). MSU's designation as a DIU OnRamp Hub will bring the university's cutting-edge facilities and highly trained researchers together with companies to scale up technologies for use in defense projects.

MSU faculty [developed a digital tool](#) to help producers worldwide calculate the return on investment of precision agriculture technology, such as smart herbicide sprayers.

The National Science Foundation has again [funded an MSU program](#) that helps elementary school teachers, including those from rural and tribal areas, gain research experience to use in their classrooms.

MSU [is researching](#) the economic impact of restoring wetland ecosystems for their surrounding communities. Recently published research examined the intersection of the state's extensive agricultural and recreational economies.

An [interdisciplinary research effort](#) between MSU and eight Montana universities examines the environmental and social effects of prescribed fires.

MSU photography professor [Christina Anderson](#) received a national educator award from the Society of Photographic Education.