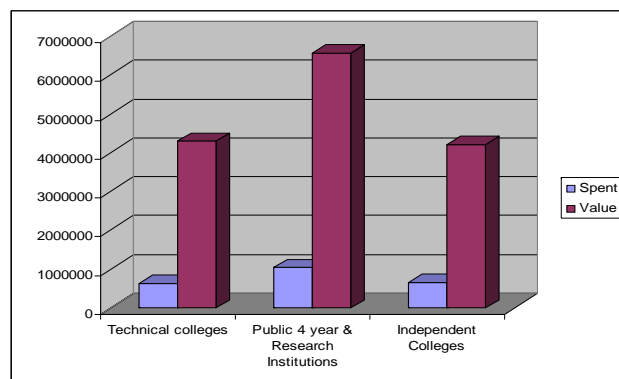


PASCAL's Strategic Value

"In these tight economic times, efficient collaborative ventures like **PASCAL might be seen as safety nets, ensuring that fundamental educational needs are met with maximum cost-effectiveness.** Longer term these foundational programs can set the stage from more intensive collaboration..."

"Leveraging Higher Education for a Stronger South Carolina," Report of the Higher Education Study Committee, March 2009.

PASCAL Rate of Return, FY 2007-8
(Last Year at Full funding)



Dr. Phillip McGee, Program Coordinator for the Masters Program in Human Resource Development at Clemson University, says...

"Knowledge is the life blood of every 21st century economy. **To cut the state funding for PASCAL's programs by 90% makes as much sense as sealing off the interstates.** One carries information, the other goods and services. Both are essential to a healthy economy, especially during these difficult economic times."

What is at Stake?

THE REALITY

Eliminating PASCAL programs represents a serious contraction in the knowledge-base for South Carolina higher education, and, in turn, the South Carolina workforce. Without PASCAL, **millions of articles in research journals will simply vanish** for many of our 230,000 students and faculty. **The budget cut especially hurts 2 and 4 year institutions serving South Carolina's rural communities.**

Even research institutions are making drastic trade-offs, scrambling to replace expensive science and technology resources PASCAL once provided. **Elimination of PASCAL's efficient book delivery service would translate into lost access to research collections** for our smaller and rural schools, and a return of costly interlibrary loan fees.

THE REQUEST

The Commission on Higher Education identified PASCAL as the number one higher education funding priority in its 2011 budget request, stating that "to restore core support as provided in past years, \$2 million is needed." **All elements of South Carolina's Higher Education Community have endorsed this request.**

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Partnership Among South Carolina Academic Libraries

Between 2004 and 2008, a \$2M appropriation from the state was used for two initiatives:

PASCAL Delivers: A rapid book delivery service that expands access to print-based knowledge statewide. It leverages existing institutional collections using an efficient, centralized requesting & delivery system.

Electronic Resources: Extremely cost-effective central annual licensing of core electronic resources for higher education.

These two programs exemplify fiscal effectiveness and cooperative action in SC. While leveraging every dollar spent seven-fold, we have built a foundation for ubiquitous statewide access to research and reference materials. As one observer puts it, **PASCAL "is one of the REAL bargains in the state budget!"**

PASCAL's budget was reduced by 90% in 2008. If this funding is not replaced, PASCAL's programs will cease to exist.

PASCAL is important to Faculty

“While our own library holdings are modest, the shared electronic resources made possible through PASCAL along with the ready access to statewide library holdings through **PASCAL Delivers** have **made it possible for me to maintain a robust research agenda and to engage my students in serious research projects**”

- Prof. Sara Sanders, Coastal Carolina

“PASCAL makes South Carolina university libraries competitive with the best academic libraries in the nation...The large PASCAL network makes up for specific weaknesses in the collections at individual SC institutions.”

- Prof. Russell Lake, Clemson

“The vast majority of my students have both growing families as well as full-time jobs. **The ability to remotely access information via PASCAL databases is an absolute necessity if they are to learn, grow and succeed.**”

- Prof. Ross O. Wagner, Greenville Technical College

“Many of our students come from impoverished parts of South Carolina that have a severe lack of professional research facilities. **PASCAL allows us to better equalize the intellectual resources for all of our students.**”

- Dr. Mark W. Mitchell, Winthrop University

Students Need PASCAL!

“We are a BSN (4-year) nursing program that prepares students for entry to professional nursing careers and graduate school. **PASCAL provides an essential database for this preparation.** Please help us keep it!

-Leeisa Igleheart, Lander University

“I could not have finished my dissertation without the fast service of PASCAL. I was teaching at one institution and traveling to another for classes and advising. I could order almost any material through PASCAL and have it within a few days. It was a life saver when I needed information and resources fast.”

- Dr. Amy Tully, Coastal Carolina

“I am a nursing graduate student and on active duty in the Army. I chose Clemson University to receive my masters since I knew the nursing graduate program here had a great reputation for research. Please do not put their program and reputation for producing evidence-based nurses on the line. It will greatly impact the future health of SC. For future and current nurses, **PASCAL is greatly needed to ensure patient safety, improved outcomes and practices through evidence-based research.**”

-Jenni Huxel, Clemson University

Knowledge for SC Higher Education :

Costs with PASCAL: \$

Costs without PASCAL: \$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$

Which makes more sense?

“PASCAL is an invaluable resource and has been a lifeline for me as I pursue a Ph.D. in political science at the University of South Carolina. In such a reading-intensive degree program as political science, the quick and ubiquitous availability of required and suggested books that would otherwise just lie dormant on other libraries’ shelves helps to significantly reduce the skyrocketing cost of education in this state.”

-J. Alexander Nicholson III, Univ. of South Carolina

“I am a single mother with teenagers trying to complete my first undergraduate degree and the time that I save using these resources has helped me keep my GPA well above 3.5. it has helped me inspire my children to excel at school as well. I would be lost without the resources PASCAL provides.”

-Allene Merritts, Coker College

“PASCAL Delivers is...like having a library card to every college in SC...It saves money because the colleges share resources. More importantly, students can access many resources that would not be available to them without PASCAL.”

- McMaster, Central Carolina Technical College

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