2017 was a year of unprecedented growth and accomplishment for the Mandel School on all fronts—research impact, student enrollment, curricular innovation, and community outreach and engagement—exemplifying the best efforts and far-reaching vision of our faculty, researchers, students, and alumni.

We advanced leadership in social work and nonprofit education, scholarship, and service—and set exciting new milestones to achieve in the years to come, no matter how challenging they may be. For more than 100 years, we have proven one thing: We’re up for the challenge, and we are committed to our mission to build a more just world.
Fall 2017 student enrollment in Master’s and Doctoral programs, a record high
International student enrollment
Dual degrees, an option pursued by 20% of on-campus Master’s students
Short-term study abroad courses at Case Western Reserve are offered by the Mandel School, to nearly every continent; 37% of faculty engaged in international activity
Alumni in all 50 states and 41 countries
Employment rate after graduation (2016 Master’s Student Survey)
Hours of social work provided by MSSA on-campus and online students in field placements at more than 350 agencies throughout the United States, an economic value of $6,338,982

Research

$11,678,402 Total external research and training funding in 2016–2017
24% Increase in external funding in 2016–2017
155% Increase in external funding since 2006
56% Funding for research and program evaluation
44% Funding for training, technical assistance, and consultation
41% Funding from federal sources

Top 5 FUNDING SOURCES
Accounting for 47% of research funding and 15% of awards
• Cuyahoga County
• Ohio Department of Mental Health
• City of Cleveland
• National Institutes of Health
• District of Columbia

New and continuing awards in 2016–2017
71 Publications in 2016–2017 (a 29% increase over previous year)

MSASS RESEARCH & TRAINING FUNDING: 2008–2017

MSASS PERCENTAGE OF RESEARCH & TRAINING AWARDS BY STUDY AREA: 2017

24 Behavioral Health
15 Community Practice
14.5 Criminal Justice
13.5 Evidence Based Practices
10 Children, Youth & Families
9 Alcohol & Drug Abuse
7 Early Childhood Intervention
4 Community Development
3 Violence Prevention
Amy Vaughters
MSSA Candidate: A Peace Corps veteran of Mali, China, and Ethiopia, Amy connected the dots from her federal work experience at the Smithsonian and the U.S. Department of Transportation to the field of social work, where every aspect of the profession is concerned with well-being, empowerment, and social justice for all.

Claudia J. Coulton, PhD

Megan R. Holmes, PhD
Appointment to National Advisory Committee of the National Quality Improvement Center on Child Welfare Involved Children and Families Experiencing Domestic Violence

Mark L. Joseph, PhD
2017 Best Book in Urban Affairs Honorable Mention Award for co-authoring “Integrating the Inner City: The Promise and Perils of Mixed-Income Public Housing Transformation”