
Program or Service Specific Assessments

Unit: Research and Sponsored Programs

What program or service specific assessment occurred in the current academic year?

In response to the university strategic plan Goal 6, the ORSP analyzed the process for securing sponsored research awards. A need for providing research design and statistical support to faculty and staff engaged in proposal writing was identified, and an individual was hired to provide this service to faculty and staff through ORSP. Continuation of internal grant programs and faculty travel programs were also identified as an ongoing service necessary for continued success. Dollars were budgeted through ORSP to continue to provide these services.

How were the results of the assessment used to improve services or programs?

Faculty and staff time is saved through providing research design and statistical support services through ORSP. In the first six months of implementing this service 24 individuals have utilized it. It is anticipated that this will lead to more successful proposal submissions and an improved success rate. Internal grants and travel grants awarded to faculty enable them to conduct pilot studies, and attend technical workshops and conferences that readily identify and strengthen opportunities for seeking externally funded grant funds. These activities help improve student learning through engagement in scholarly activities that provide research experiences for students.
