

Proposal for the Establishment of a Research Unit

Faculty who are interested in submitting a proposal for the establishment of a Research Unit must provide the following information using the process identified in Section 220-01.

1. Background information, goals, and objectives, and reasons why they cannot be achieved within the existing structure. If the unit arises from an existing Special Research Program (SRP), justification for seeking status as an ORU.
2. Statement of original knowledge the unit will add to the field.
3. Description of the value and capabilities that will be added to the campus research program by the unit (e.g. fostering new intellectual collaborations, stimulating new sources of funding, furthering innovative research, or performing service and/or outreach to the public).
4. Comparison with similar units elsewhere, including such information as how the proposed unit duplicates other entities and how the new unit would be unique.
5. List of related departments and programs and their relationship to the proposed unit.
6. List of names of faculty members who have agreed in writing to participate, and projections of numbers of faculty, students, professional research positions, and other personnel needs for a five- year period.
7. Experience of core faculty members in interdisciplinary and multidisciplinary research collaborations.
8. Statement of effects on teaching programs of participating faculty members' departments, particularly impact on graduate education, including opportunities for training, employment, and exposure to new knowledge and fields of endeavor. Estimated number of students expected to participate during the first five years.
9. Statement of effects on teaching programs of participating faculty members' departments, particularly in reference to graduate education.
10. Budget estimates and projections of operations for the three years for SRPs and five years for ORUs. Anticipated sources of all funding, including specific sources of University support.
11. Immediate and projected space needs, equipment, library resources, capital outlay, and other necessary facilities, identifying the extent to which those needs are satisfied by existing arrangements, and realistic projections for future resource needs.
 - a. Space & funding commitments / sources, both current and at the time of requested unit establishment.
 - b. Actual or potential availability of extramural funds cannot be the sole basis for establishing an ORU.
12. Research plan of operations and projections for the first three years for SRPs and five years for ORUs.
13. Strategic Plan for the first three years for SRPs and five years for ORUs.