Discovery
(Research)
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Montana State University in Bozeman is ranked in the top tier of U.S. research institutions by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching. Located...
Number of Carnegie RU/VH Public Universities in Western States
Proposed Mission Statement for Research at MSU
MSU will promote excellence in research, discovery, creativity and the innovation enterprise in order to advance the frontiers of knowledge and art, thereby enhancing our student’s learning experience and building a prosperous and sustainable future for Montana and the world.
GOAL: Increase MSU Prominence

Increase the regional, national and international prominence of MSU in research, creativity, innovation, and scholarly accomplishments
Metrics

• Maintain ranking as a top tier research university, currently “very high research activity” in the Carnegie Classification
• Participation on Editorial Boards
• National and international presentations, exhibitions, performances
• Number and quality of peer-reviewed publications, including impact assessment
Strategy #1: Promote Interdisciplinary Collaborations and Individual Excellence

• Increased numbers of centers and/or programs, and growth of existing programs
• Increased number of undergraduate and graduate students performing interdisciplinary research
• Increased number and quality of PhD students pursuing dissertation work in interdisciplinary themes
Strategy #2: Enhancing Student Learning Experiences by Integration of Discovery and Engagement

- Provide competitive compensation for GTA’s and GRA’s
- Increased quality and number of PhD’s.
- Increase graduate student recruitment budget (suggest doubling)
- Increased numbers of awards for undergraduate researchers
Strategy #3: Strengthening Partnerships

• Increased external funding for collaborative efforts.
• Increased partnerships with the private sector (private and corporate giving)
• Increased opportunities for student training and employment.
• Increase the number of MSU faculty participating in visiting professorships, distinguished lectures, colloquium speakers, etc
• Increase the presence of external faculty in Bozeman and Big Sky through visiting professorships, national meetings, distinguished lectures, etc.
Other Ideas

• Increase number of nationally ranked graduate programs
• Increase private support of the research enterprise
• Increase number of endowed Chairs
• Increase funding per PI
• Increase number of doctoral programs; improve distribution (currently 60% of PhDs are awarded by CLS)
• Engage all faculty interested in graduate education