

The School of Medicine Research Roadmap

Frequently Asked Questions

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What is the Research Roadmap? The Research Roadmap is a framework that is designed to facilitate the organization and administration of research and guide resource allocation for research at the OHSU School of Medicine over the next five years. The Research Roadmap, the result of a collaborative planning process by faculty launched in 2010, is comprised of six Strategic Initiatives and associated strategies.

Why was the Research Roadmap developed? OHSU has experienced tremendous growth in research over the past two decades. In 1990, total grant awards to OHSU were \$43 million. By 2011, this figure had increased to about \$325 million. In parallel, OHSU experienced a rapid growth in research programs, initiatives and discoveries, along with an increase in faculty, staff and graduate studies programs. Now, as the external landscape facing academic medicine is changing rapidly, including expected declines and/or shifts in federal funding, medical schools have new opportunities and new challenges. The Research Roadmap is our long-term strategy to help us continue to advance science and research, and to become global leaders in the rapid application of new knowledge and science to improve human health and well-being.

Are the recommendations in the Research Roadmap supported by School of Medicine and research leadership? Yes. The Research Roadmap is endorsed by Dean Mark Richardson, Vice President for Research Dan Dorsa, and Associate Deans Mary Stenzel-Poore and Eric Orwoll. Other research leaders involved in the planning process have also endorsed the recommendations. Successful implementation will require the involvement of all research faculty and staff, and the continued engagement of the Collaborative Research Leadership Group (CRLG).

How does the School of Medicine Research Roadmap link to other research areas at OHSU? The recommendations in the Research Roadmap will be targeted for the School of Medicine. However, the fact that the School of Medicine receives nearly two-thirds of all grants awarded to OHSU, combined with the overarching School of Medicine goal to support collaboration at all levels, means that many of the recommendations included in the Research Roadmap will integrate with and benefit the broader OHSU research community and mission.

What is the Collaborative Research Leadership Group? Formed in 2009, the Collaborative Research Leadership Group (CRLG) brings together leaders from research programs in clinical and basic science units to enhance collaboration, facilitate trans-departmental research interests and identify research needs and their solutions. Led by Mary Stenzel-Poore and Eric Orwoll, the group consists of about 50 research leaders – department chairs (or delegates), institute/center directors and other research faculty – and meets monthly during the academic year.



How has faculty input been incorporated into the Research Roadmap? The faculty has been actively involved through the members of the CRLG, and through direct input. The CRLG has participated in the development of the Research Roadmap through a number of opportunities, including a two-day Research Roadmap retreat and the work of the six Strategic Initiative Task Forces. A faculty survey was also conducted. The 451 respondents answered a range of questions regarding research excellence, collaboration, professional satisfaction and awareness and/or use of research resources available at OHSU. Full details about the planning process are available at www.ohsu.edu/researchroadmap.

Who is responsible for implementing the Roadmap? Some aspects of the Roadmap will be overseen by the newly established Council for Research Opportunities and Strategies (CROS). Other aspects will be implemented under the direction of CRLG, Associate Deans, faculty leaders, or expert staff. The specifics will be determined as part of the Blueprint phase. Everyone involved in the research mission will ultimately be mutually responsible and accountable for the success of the Research Roadmap.

What is the “Blueprint” phase? With the completion of the Research Roadmap, the planning process has now entered a new phase focused on implementation, referred to as the “blueprint.” This approach will involve an annual process to develop implementation plans, funding strategies and an accountability framework for each Strategic Initiative. The CRLG, faculty members and research staff will continue to inform the Blueprint phase, using the final Research Roadmap as a guide as to achieve specific goals for the next five years.

Will this Research Roadmap impact any of my current activities? Not immediately. But over time, the recommendations in the Research Roadmap will begin to transform our environment, processes and other aspects of the research mission. The Research Roadmap is intended to support new collaborations, innovation and technology advancement to better enable research faculty success.

Learn more at www.ohsu.edu/researchroadmap. The website contains videos, presentations, summaries, the Research Roadmap methods appendix and much more. Over time, the website will also include updates on progress made on the Research Roadmap initiatives.

Regular faculty/staff updates are provided via the School of Medicine [Research Voice](#) blog (internal only; search using keyword “roadmap” for an archive of the nine updates from past year).

This FAQ will be updated as new questions arise. Have a question or comment? Send it to somdeansoffice@ohsu.edu.

