MU RESEARCH INTEREST GROUPS (RIGs)

History – The ADRs started the spreadsheet as a way to gain an understanding on the existing research groups on campus. Therefore we utilized the College Research Growth Plans as our starting point. The spreadsheet contains the name of the research group, the contact person, a list of the faculty members, and a short description of the group. The RIGs are grass-roots efforts by the faculty.

Purpose - The spreadsheet is a tool designed to help the ADRs/Research Development Network help the faculty. Specifically we are using it to connect research groups with specific funding opportunities (with the goal to jump start the development of centers and center-type proposals, help with SIP development, etc.) It can be a tool for the new faculty (and current faculty) to learn about some of our areas of research; they can join some RIGs, thereby enhancing interdisciplinary research. These RIGs could be utilized to provide justification for strategic hires, infrastructure development, etc.

Management – The spreadsheet is a living document and it is updated as needed (i.e., the ADRs and the faculty will provide information on additional RIGs). Currently Mary Clark, Research Development Professional from the School of Health Professions, is the keeper of the document, which is on Box. All the ADRs, network, and Deans (coming soon) have access to the Box folder.

Challenges – Need a more streamline process or dashboard system to maintain/update list…

IDEAs lab, Flash talk symposiums, Workshops

Faculty driven research groups

Leading to more successful and/or interdisciplinary proposals

Incorporated into College Research Growth Plans

A TOOL is formed to help ADRs/RDN help faculty

Extracted from CRGP to form Research Interest Group spreadsheet

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