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# Strategic Research Planning Initiative

## Arts & Humanities Townhall



COLLEGE *and* GRADUATE SCHOOL  
*of* ARTS & SCIENCES

# Strategic Research Planning Initiative

The initiative will assess our strengths, benchmark our performance, and articulate a vision for what research excellence looks like in A&S, and will recommend specific actions to achieve it and measure progress over the next 5-7 years.

*Expand the impact and size of our research footprint*

# Strategic Research Planning Initiative

Identification of...

- Focal areas for strategic investment
- Changes in practice and resources that enable success in research, scholarship and creative practices

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# Expand the impact and size of A&S's research footprint

*Broad engagement of faculty across divisions*

- Faculty focus groups
- Survey to (a) determine areas of strength and opportunity and to (b) assess constraints
  - Townhall to discuss survey responses

*How do we get there?*

# Expand the impact and size of A&S's research footprint

## *Survey...*

- 619 A&S faculty invited to take survey
- 51.2% overall response rate
- 52.8% A&H response rate 😊
- Representative across the ranks

## *How do we get there?*

# Survey Results: Arts & Humanities

## Resources: Arts & Humanities

### Summer funding (2.87)

Highest	Flexibility with teaching schedules (3.39) Research/conference travel (3.45) Seed money for projects (3.50)
Lowest	Graduate students/postdocs (4.36) Funds for Publication fees (4.81) Other* (5.61)

## Infrastructure: Arts & Humanities

### Pre-award staff support (2.42)

Highest	Support for administrative tasks (3.00) Increased post-award staff support (3.38) Identifying grant/fellowship possibilities (3.53)
Lowest	Assistance with hiring or purchasing (4.53) Assistance compliance requirements (5.00) Other* (6.12)

## Collaboration/Communication: Arts & Humanities

### Cohort, mentorship, or residency (2.60)

Highest	Central information for internal funding opportunities (3.00) Speaker series promoting research/collaboration (3.24) Promotion/communications of completed works (3.43)
Lowest	Availability of interdisciplinary space (3.73) Communication about available data sets/equipment (5.72) Other* (6.28)

## Equipment/Training: Arts & Humanities

### Spaces for research (2.53)

Highest	Shared equipment (3.20) Developmental editors (3.42) Increased technical staff (3.87)
Lowest	Media support (4.41) Funding for data sets (4.53) Other* (6.02)

# Focal Areas for Strategic Investment: Arts & Humanities

*Looking for your help to build out focal areas for strategic investment!*

# Focal Areas for Strategic Investment: Arts & Humanities

- Digital Humanities & Technology Integration
- Interdisciplinary Arts & Humanities
- Global Spanish Studies
- Publicly Engaged Scholarship
- Disability Studies