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Research and Creative Activity

Prioritize NDSU's status as a Carnegie R1 institution.

Goals, Timelines, and Outputs

Goal 1: Generate co-developed strategic research priorities between the Colleges and the Office of Research and Creative Activity (RCA) as an investment roadmap.

- Timeline for action: Spring/Summer 2025
- Outputs:
 - Development of a shared vision for NDSU's research strategy; aligning goals and identifying strategic opportunities for interdisciplinary collaboration and research growth; and aligning funding strategies.

Goal 2: Pilot near-term supports for faculty in the context of Post-Tenure Review offered by the Office of the Provost and the Office of Research and Creative Activity (RCA)

- Timeline for action: Spring 2025 - Spring 2026
- Outputs:
 - Cohort-based learning and support materials/sessions to support faculty in their post-tenure review phase.
 - Generate and eventually increase faculty participation at support sessions.

Goal 3: Build and strengthen research partnerships that align with the priorities and capacities identified by regional Tribal Colleges and Universities (TCUs).

- Timeline for action: Ongoing
 - Outputs:
 - RCA webpage offering best practices for projects with Tribal Nations/Colleges.
 - Offer workshops and webinars to enhance researchers' knowledge of regional TCUs.
 - Identify activities, initiatives and programs with TCUs determine if a central website landing page for such information would be useful.

Goal 4: Pursue the Association of Public and Land-Grant Universities Innovation and Economic Prosperity (IEP) Program designation.

- Timeline for action: Currently in process, final submission estimated January 2027
- Outputs: Workplan outline (February 2025), Communication plan and launch (February – May 2025), Stakeholder survey data and focus group interview reports (2026), self-study reflection report and IEP designation submission (2027).

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Metrics (for Internal Reference, not Provided on the NDSU Website)

Goal 1: Generate co-developed strategic research priorities between the Colleges and the Office of Research and Creative Activity (RCA) as an investment roadmap.

- Timeline for action: Spring/Summer 2025
- Metrics: Completion of strategic planning sessions between College Deans and RCA Office, identification of strategic opportunities for interdisciplinary collaborations and a funding strategy plan.

Goal 2: Pilot near-term supports for faculty in the context of Post-Tenure Review offered by the Office of the Provost and the Office of Research and Creative Activity (RCA)

- Spring 2025 - Spring 2026, First session April 2, 2025
- Metrics:
 - Support sessions take place; faculty participate.
 - Internal funding calls for proposals targeting tenured faculty are issued, reviewed and decisions made. Tenured faculty awarded funding produce final reports and provide information about the products generated from that

funding, including publications, research proposal activity (including funded proposals), and collaborations.

Goal 3: Build and strengthen research partnerships that align with the priorities and capacities identified by regional Tribal Colleges and Universities (TCUs).

- Timeline for action: Ongoing
- Metrics:
 - Best practices website launched.
 - Workshop offerings focused on working with TCUs are offered every semester.
 - A central resource of NDSU initiatives and programs is developed in 2025.

Goal 4: Pursue the Association of Public and Land-Grant Universities Innovation and Economic Prosperity (IEP) Program designation.

- Timeline for action: Currently in process, final submission estimated January 2027
- Metrics:
 - Submission timelines for APLU are met in a timely fashion.
 - APLU IEP designation process is complete and a determination is made for NDSU during 2027.