

2012 Survey on Research Needs  
University of Maine

Dear Colleagues,

The Research and Scholarship Committee (RSC) of the Faculty Senate, together with a subcommittee of the University Research Council (URC), is conducting an online survey of faculty and professional staff perceptions of supports and barriers in their efforts to engage in and expand extramural research. The RSC last conducted a faculty survey on research in 2008. Given the University's goals of expanding research effort and external funding, together with the continued reductions in personnel and state funding, it is important to identify ways we can move forward. Your suggestions will help these committees make specific and relevant recommendations to inform the development of our University's strategic plan.

The survey is very short (estimated 5-10 minutes) and anonymous (unless you wish to provide your name). The format provides ample opportunity to share your thoughts through open-ended comments. Members of the RSC will compile the results of the survey and will post the results on the committee's webpage found through the Faculty Senate's webpage at the link: <http://umaine.edu/facultysenate/committees/research-committee/>. Results will not identify any departments or individuals. The results will be disaggregated by type of position (faculty or staff), type of faculty position (tenure track or not) and rank, and by College or Research Unit in order to help us understand how the research needs and supports may vary across different units on campus. Please click on the link below to take the survey. If you have any questions about this survey, please contact Janet Fairman at 581-2475 or by email on First Class.

Thank you for your help in this effort!

Sincerely,

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Emmanuel Boss, Marine Sciences  
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### Perceptions of Supports and Barriers for Research

1. What are the primary factors that currently limit your ability to engage in or expand your extramural research? Please be specific.
2. What are the most helpful factors that currently support your research effort? Please be specific.
3. What other supports do you feel you need from the University of your College to engage in or expand your extramural research?
4. Other suggestions?

### Demographic Information:

5. Are you currently supported as a PI or Co-PI on an externally-funded research grant?  
 Yes       No
6. Please indicate your current position:  
 Faculty       Professional staff
7. Indicate type of position:  
 Full time       Part time
8. Unit of employment. (check all that apply if a joint appointment)  
list colleges here
9. If faculty, please indicate your current position and rank. (If staff, skip this question)  
 Non-tenure track faculty:  
 Research faculty       Instructor/ Lecturer  
  
 Tenure track faculty and rank:  
 Assistant Professor       Associate Professor       Full Professor

*Thank you for completing this survey!*

Your name (Optional): \_\_\_\_\_

You may provide your name if you wish, in case the committee conducting this survey would like to contact you to clarify a comment.