



MWU-Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine



2026 Mid-Cycle Report

Commission on Osteopathic College Accreditation

Standard 8: Scholarly Activity

Element 8.1: Research and Scholarly Activity Strategic Plan


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MWU-CCOM Element 8.1-1. Research & Scholarly Activity Strategic Plan

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ORSP

Office of Research & Sponsored Programs



← Departments & Services
Accreditation and Support Services
Alumni Relations +
Animal Resources +
Business Services +
CCOM Dean's Office
CHS Dean's Office +
COEE +
Campus Facilities +
Clinical Research Services (CRS) +
Communications +
Copy Center
Excellence in Service
Faculty Development
Faculty Senate +

The strategic objective of Midwestern University's Office of Research and Sponsored Programs (ORSP) is to support University research priorities and meet research challenges in service to Midwestern University faculty, staff and students through clear communication, expertise and integrity.

Annual Research Publications


What's New

- [Hanover Grant Assistance Services Overview](#) [June 21, 2024]
- [Kenneth A. Suarez Research Day - Save the Dates!](#)
 - Glendale, AZ Campus
 - Friday, April 10, 2026
 - Downers Grove Campus
 - Friday, May 1, 2026
- MWU Strategic Plan for Research - view section below

About ORSP

The ORSP is responsible for providing research assistance to the Midwestern University community by serving as the pre- and post-award research office, which includes identifying funding sources, assisting in proposal budget preparation, reviewing and endorsing proposals, negotiating contracts and a variety of agreements, interpreting guidelines and promoting compliance with agency and University policies.

We are responsible for providing all colleges with intramural funds as well as funds for Multidisciplinary Awards, One Health Awards and Cross-Campus Awards, toward the goal of extramural funding success. The ORSP disseminates monthly research e

	
<u>Human Resources</u>	+
<u>ITS</u>	+
<u>Mailroom</u>	+
<u>Media Resources</u>	+
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<u>ORSP</u>	-
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<u>OSH</u>	
<u>One Health Center</u>	
<u>Remote Teaching & Learning</u>	
<u>Risk Management</u>	+
<u>Staff Development</u>	
<u>Student Counseling & Academic Support Services</u>	
<u>Student Handbook</u>	
<u>Student Services Resources</u>	+

Newsletters, in addition to Quarterly and Annual Research Reports, which recognize [faculty research activities and success.](#)

The ORSP coordinates and serves as a resource for our institutional research committees, such as our Institutional Review Board, Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee, Biosafety and Radiation Safety Committees. We oversee the review process for faculty committees that make recommendations regarding intellectual property, and work with patent attorneys to assist with filing of patents and the negotiation of license agreements.

Midwestern University's ORSP assists with accreditation by reviewing documents and representing research administration at all accreditation site visits. We offer statistical support for the Midwestern community by recommending appropriate statistical techniques and processes for the analysis of study data, as well as providing input on study design, data acquisition, drafting statistical text for manuscripts involving complex statistics, and assisting with power analysis to justify sample size.

Finally, the ORSP serves as a significant resource for student research by funding fellowships and supporting student travel to present research at national conferences, in addition to supporting a research seminar series, a [Kenneth A. Suarez Research Day](#) on each campus, and an internal website filled with research-related information.

The ORSP is dedicated to facilitating the research and research-related programs of faculty, administration, students and staff at Midwestern University.

Strategic Plan

Northwestern University's Strategic Plan for Research

^ MWU Strategic Plan for Research

Northwestern University (NWU) is first and foremost a teaching institution, where research is considered a vital ingredient for excellent teaching. Consistent with the importance that we place on research, we strive to increase our extramural support, number and quality of our publications, and number of licensable patents annually. Almost all universities engaged in the research enterprise measure their research success by tabulating research expenditures, number of publications, and number of patents. While NWU recognizes the importance of these three indicators of research success, increasing these numbers to achieve the status of a research-intensive institution is not the reason that we support our research faculty. Rather, NWU recognizes that excellence in research, be it basic science or clinical, and excellence in teaching cannot be arbitrarily separated. We believe in the research-teaching nexus, where research supports teaching and teaching supports research. It is our goal, as a healthcare university, to not only disseminate knowledge, but to create new knowledge and to foster life-long learning in our students. We seek to develop students who are motivated and have the necessary intellectual tools to continuously strive to improve their ability to deliver excellent healthcare to their patients.

When students enter the research laboratory or engage in a clinical research project and learn to solve complex problems working side-by-side with faculty members, both the faculty member and the student benefit in a synergistic manner. The student can bring a refreshing enthusiasm and a healthy inquisitive perspective to the research problem, which can energize the faculty member and encourage them to view the problem in a new light. In turn, the faculty member can teach the student how to scientifically approach a complex problem, enabling them to deal with similar complex problems that they will, most certainly, encounter during their professional careers. NWU recognizes that research is a form of experiential education. A faculty member that is focused on unraveling cutting edge questions through their research is up-to-date in their area of expertise and can incorporate that knowledge into the classroom.

In addition to enhancing teaching, research performed at NWU has the ability to benefit society through innovative discoveries. Having the appropriate support for faculty to accomplish excellent research is a prerequisite for recruiting and retaining the highest caliber of teachers. Certainly, having well rounded researchers and teachers can enhance the bottom line of the university through extramural support and by elevating NWU's prestige.

While NWU is very proud of remaining true to our strong teaching heritage, we also significantly value our faculty's efforts and success in obtaining extramural funding. Our commitment to our employees is evidenced by the fact that all of our tenure track faculty have 100% "hard money" salaries paid by NWU. In addition, the vast majority of our Research Associates are 100% "hard money" because NWU firmly believes in being fiscally responsible to our faculty and staff. NWU's faculty are encouraged to obtain extramural funding, but are not required to obtain such support to retain their position (as is



common at research-intensive institutions). MWU has always paid 100% of the salaries of all tenure track faculty and, consistent with our teaching background, we plan to continue that tradition.

In short, MWU believes that support for research is critical, not only because of the innovative discoveries and the potential increased extramural funding that can result, but also because a great researcher in the laboratory is often also a great teacher in the auditorium. We believe that engaging students in a meaningful research experience can provide them with important tools that can assist them in succeeding over the course of their career.

Latest Innovations

- [Drug Discovery System and Therapeutics for Age-Related Macular Degeneration \(AMD\)](#)- Michael Kozlowski, Ph.D., O.D.
- [Selected Chromobacterium vaccinii bacteria strains for Organic Agriculture Mosquito Control](#) - Scott D. Soby, Ph.D.

Contact Information

For research inquiries regarding our campuses.

Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine and MSC-Downers Grove					
Goal	Operational Plan	Accountability	Initiate	Complete	Comments
41.13	Implement pharmacy wellness and preventive services in the FMC.	College of Pharmacy and CCOM Deans	2018	Ongoing	– Collaborative agreement between FMC and Pharmacy in place; pharmacist maternity leaves and pharmacy running COVID vaccine clinic have delayed this. The current plan is to implement pharmacy-led Medicare Wellness visits for eligible FMC patients starting in August 2022
41.14	Expand marketing plan and funding to increase public and business community awareness of the FMC and its care offerings.	CAO, Deans, Marketing Department, Medical Director	2018	Ongoing	– Medical Director of FMC is working closely with the newly expanding marketing department to expand the marketing reach for the FMC.
41.15	Increase scholarly activity and teaching by developing a faculty incentive plan specifically designed to reward academic and scholarly/research activity for physicians who are not on “guarantee”	CAO, Dean, and Medical Director	2021	Ongoing	– Development of an academic incentive plan would likely increase physician interest in joining the FMC medical staff

Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine and MSC Downers Grove					
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41.16	Explore options for the introduction of Medical Spanish into the CCOM curriculum	Dean	2023	Ongoing	– Explore options that include immersive and non-immersive programs
41.17	Explore options for elective or core course education in the business of healthcare	Dean, Costin Institute	2023	Ongoing	-explore options that include electives, core courses, or collaboration with a locally located business program
41.18	Explore options to develop a faculty position that would provide mentoring and supervision to assist students with research and publication	Dean, ORSP, associate deans	2023	Ongoing	-paid faculty member or consultant