Rocking Research & Scholarship

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What is research?

• The Common Rule describes research activity, as “systematic investigation, including research development, testing and evaluation, designed to develop or contribute to generalizable knowledge”
Why is it important?

• Generate new knowledge within a field
• Impact society
  • NIH – “the likelihood for the project to exert a sustained, powerful influence on the research field(s) involved”
  • NSF - “the potential [for your research] to benefit society and contribute to the achievement of desired society outcomes”
Research agenda

• Statement of an area of research interest
• Plan of how to pursue the research interest
  • Develop cohesiveness within products coming from research activities
  • Helps prioritize what work should focus on
• Maintaining a strong research agenda will require professional development
Faculty tracks

• Workload (percent of effort) guides expectations regarding research and scholarship

• Tenure-track and Research - generally have higher research workload

• Expectations for evaluation are guided by departmental by-laws
Faculty panel

• **Jamie Coble**; Associate Professor; Nuclear Engineering; Tickle College of Engineering

• **Scott Crouter**; Associate Professor; Kinesiology, Recreation, and Sport Studies; College of Education, Health, and Human Sciences

• **Jessi Grieser**; Associate Professor; English; College of Arts and Sciences

• **Kathy Newnam**; Associate Professor; College of Nursing

• **Emily Paskewitz**; Associate Professor; School of Communication Studies; College of Communication and Information

• **Konstantinos Vogiatzis**; Associate Professor; Chemistry, College of Arts and Sciences
Questions

• What was helpful for you to get your research/scholarship/creative activity started?
• If important to your field, how do you identify collaborators and begin collaborations?
• How do you successfully involve students, both undergraduate and graduate students, in your work?
• How do you identify mentors and how have mentors been helpful for you?
• If important to your field, how do you identify funding to support your work?
• If you could give one piece of advice to yourself when you started UT about your research/scholarship/creative activity – what would that be?
Resources

• Your college
  • Associate Dean of Research
    • Professional development
    • Funding
    • Proposal submissions
Resources

• Office of Research, Innovation, & Economic Development - https://research.utk.edu/oried/
  • Research development - https://research.utk.edu/research-development/
    • PIVOT - https://research.utk.edu/research-development/funding-opportunities/external-funding/pivot/
  • Research integrity and assurance - https://research.utk.edu/oried/research-integrity-and-assurance/
Resources

• Center for Global Engagement, Global Research Office - https://cge.utk.edu/globalresearch/
• Diversity and Engagement - https://diversity.utk.edu/
• Office of Undergraduate Research - https://ugresearch.utk.edu/
Questions?