

Research Council Minutes

November 5th, 2025

3:30pm – 5:00pm

Research Alliance- 3rd Floor Library

VOTING:

Alison Harmon

Mary Miles

Mary Cloninger

Ron June

Darin Boss

Kristen Intemann

Molly Secor Turner

Maritza Espina

Doralyn Rossmann

Monica Skewes

Anja Kunze

Sreekala Bajwa

Anna Tuttle

Nicole Tuss

Jeff Heys

Blake Wiedenheft

Eric Sproles

Maksym Makarchuk

Tracy Gatlin

James Park

Mary Alice Carlson

David Nelson

NON-VOTING:

Deborah Haynes

Steve Swinford/Michael Ouert

Terry Leist

Robert Mokwa

Durward Sobek

Ryan Knutson/

Coltran Hophan-Nichols

Becca Belou

Carl Yeoman

Kirk Lubick

Quinton King

Alyssa Harmel

Welcome and Introductions:

Voted for the next Research Council meeting on February 4th, 2026, to be in the Research Alliance.

MSU Research Information Items:

- Proposal: Applied Quantum CORE (QCORE) – Jayne Morrow & Krishna Rupavatharam
 - Give a high-level overview of establishing QCORE and need feedback from across campus
 - There are 31 MOUs of organizations to be the next generation of workers
 - Discuss developing a request to plan for center growth and expansion
 - Emphasize industry partnerships and workforce development in quantum computing.
 - Highlighted the unique infrastructure and resources available at Montana State University for quantum research.
 - Focus on transitioning research from Lab settings to practical field applications.
- Research Alliance overview-- (RA team)
 - Introducing the team that uses space:
 - ✓ Office of Research Development

- ✓ Center for Faculty of Excellence
 - ✓ Undergraduate Research Program
 - ✓ Research Cyberinfrastructure
 - ✓ Research Optimization analytics and data services
- Research Alliance fosters collaboration among campus groups to support faculty success and resource access.
 - Monthly meetings enhance synergies and address challenges within the research community.
 - Explore opportunities for broader participation, including staff and graduate students, in research initiatives.
- November 1 State of Research and Forecast—Alison Harmon
 - Optimistic outlook on submitted proposals, totaling 312 this year, with requests of \$163 million.
 - New awards decreased by 21% compared to last year, raising concerns about funding.
 - Expenditure increased by 27%, and IDC collection rose by 8% from last year.

Discussion Topic:

- Faculty Recruitment: Start-up Packages that include alternatives to cash
 - Develop a one-pager highlighting the benefits and resources for new faculty to accompany offer letters.
 - Explore the possibility of offering fellowships for graduate students to make the University more attractive to new faculty.
 - Faculty recruitment discussions emphasize the importance of showcasing MSU's unique resources and benefits.
 - Highlight lifestyle advantages and community engagement opportunities to attract new faculty.
 - Consider conducting a survey of current faculty to gather insights on what attracted them to MSU.

Research Policies and Procedures:

- Research Misconduct Policy—Kirk Lubick
 - Research Misconduct Policy was approved.
 - Human participant database update. Currently, there are up to 400 participants.

- Flyers are out in the SUB for students. Engaging with MSU Billings, and running an advertisement in the Local newspaper there and will also be in Great Falls newspaper.
- Had conversation with Cody Stone and will engage with the Extension.

Announcements from RED:

- Research Development
 - Applications are now open for the 6-week Strategic Applications & Grants Excellence Series (SAGES; formerly Grant Writing Bootcamp). Due January 16:
<https://montana.infoready4.com/#freeformCompetitionDetail/1995618>
- Sponsored Programs
- Research Integrity & Compliance
 - Received full accreditation from AAALAC for MSU's animal care and use program
 - FAR 52.240 (*Prohibition on Unmanned Aircraft Systems Manufactured or Assembled by American Security Drone Act-Covered Foreign Entities*) starting December 22, 2025
- Research Security
- Economic Development
 - We are still collecting research impact stories
 - Feel free to email them to Mike Veselik (michael.veselik@montana.edu)
- Undergraduate Research
 - USP funding portal opens Friday
 - Reminder about the Crawford scholarship process
 - MUS-wide research retreat and upcoming collaborations

Other Announcements from Council members

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Research Events:

[Virtual Info Session: NIH MIRA \(R35\) ESI](#): Wednesday, November 12, 2025, 1:30pm - 2:30pm.

Attendees must register.

[COMING EVENTS: 994 Journeys - Office of Research & Economic Development | Montana State University](#)

- Devon Orme, Monday December 1, 4pm; SUB 233
- Nick Lux, Monday January 26, 4pm; SUB 233
- Catherine Kirkland, Monday February 9, 4pm; SUB 233
- Jason Bolte, Monday March 30, 4pm; SUB 233