

How Does Teaching and Administrative Support at Emerging Research Institutions Impact Faculty's Ability to Conduct Research?

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Impact of Teaching

§ Positive Impacts

- Enhancement of understanding
 - § Teaching courses specific to research area
- Increased familiarity of literature
 - § Assigning students activities to help review literature

§ Negative Impacts

- Teaching Load Heavy
 - § Loads of multiple preparations
 - § Schedules cutting across all days of the week
 - § Teaching only lower division (freshman/sophomore) courses
- Teaching Philosophy
 - § Outside of class activities to increase student success
 - § Assignment of additional/bonus activities

Impact of Teaching

§ Negative Impacts Cont'd.

- Advising large numbers of students
- Service on multiple committees

Impact of Administrative Support

§ Positive Impacts (maybe)

- Lack of publish or perish stress

§ Negative Impacts

- Lengthy process of approvals
 - § Submitting proposals
 - § Hiring personnel (Professionals vs Technical Staff)
 - § Ordering materials and supplies
- Lack of or minor start-up support
 - § Materials, supplies, and specialized equipment
 - § Release from teaching/committee responsibilities
- Lack of incentives
 - § Release time
 - § Additional support to research program
 - § Salary enhancement
- Lack of support for P.I. development
 - § Minimal travel support
 - § No or inadequate proposal development support
 - § No grant writing training

Impact of Administrative Support

§ Negative Impacts continued

- Lack of proper facility maintenance and timely renovations
 - § Maintenance activities focused on repair rather than prevention
 - § Many repair activities require external contracting
 - § Renovations require lengthy approvals and external contracting
- No or inadequate core facilities
 - § Availability of core facilities decrease costs
 - § Increase competitiveness for grant support
- Inadequate grant management infrastructure
 - § Grant Officers travel to workshops
 - § Communication issues PI and Officers
- Inadequate purchasing and receiving infrastructure
 - § Purchasing process lengthy
 - § Untimely deliveries
- Inadequate support for library acquisitions
 - § Electronic resources versus Hard copies