

Overview

These requirements are to provide guidelines for the allocation and utilization of research space. There are several types of research conducted at the OUHSC, each of which may have specific space needs relative to size and instrumentation. ***For the purposes of this requirement, research space is defined as net assigned square feet used for the performance of funded research studies.*** Clinical research space specifically assigned to an investigator is included in this requirement.

I. Principles

- Research space is a limited resource of the campus and is not owned by centers, divisions, departments, or current occupants.
- The allocation of research space is the responsibility of the Provost, Vice President for Research (VPR) and respective Deans.
- The effective utilization of research space is the responsibility of investigators, department chairs, and the respective administration.
- Space allocations by the Provost, VPR, and Deans should never be considered permanent as they may change with the level of a department's or individual's research activity and/or the research priorities of the OUHSC or Colleges. Consequently, the Provost, VPR, and Deans also have the flexibility to consider programmatic issues in their determination of the allocation of research space.
- Objective space metrics will be used in the assignment or re-assignment of research space [See Section II].
- Priorities in the allocation of space will also be given to those investigators whose funded research is in accordance with the priorities of the strategic goals of the OUHSC or the respective Colleges.
- The level of funding is a strong indication of an investigator's scientific accomplishments, prospects for continued success, and the importance of the research being done.
 1. Consequently, peer reviewed support carries greater weight than non-reviewed support.
 2. NIH funding will be considered the most meritorious funding followed by funding from national agencies such as the American Heart Association, Juvenile Diabetes Foundation, etc.
- It is the prerogative of the Provost, VPR, and Deans to reassign research space that becomes available when an investigator vacates research space, such as upon leaving the OUHSC, or when research space metrics so indicate. However, prior to the reassignment, the Provost and Deans should consult with the head of that investigator's academic unit.
- The Deans are responsible for assigning space in their respective Colleges and determining the Benchmark RSPI and Benchmark Indirect Costs that must be achieved to maintain research space.

II. Research Space Metrics

There is a need to apply objective criteria to determine research space allocations to investigators and departments. To that end, the following metrics will be used to analyze faculty research productivity, both at the individual investigator and the departmental level:

- A. Total Award (TA): the sum of direct costs and indirect costs associated with research and service awards. Projects on no cost extensions should not be included in the total.
- B. Net Assignable Square Feet (NASF): Square footage assigned to a specific investigator
- C. The Research Space Productivity Index (RSPI): the TA of a funded investigator divided by the number of NASF of laboratory space occupied.
- D. Each fiscal year, the Research Space Productivity Index (RSPI) will be calculated for individual investigators from data collected by the Office of Research Administration

III. Research Space in the Biomedical Research Center (BRC) and the University Research Park (URP)

- A. Space in the BRC and URP is not assigned to colleges or departments.
- B. The Provost and VPR are responsible for assigning space in the BRC and URP.
- C. Allocation of research space in the BRC and URP will follow the Requirement for Allocation of Research Space – Biomedical Research Center and University Research Park