Lindsey Wilson College

*Research Matters at Lindsey Wilson College*



Center for Excellence in Research

A Strategic and Comprehensive Research Plan:

A Practical Model

A teacher affects eternity: He can never tell where his

influence stops. \_\_\_\_\_\_ Henry Adams

**Excellence in education means excellence in everything**.

\_\_\_\_\_\_ Daya Singh Sandhu

**Enhancing Faculty Research and Publication Activities:**

**Strategies to Combat Research Inertia**

**Mission Statement:**

To enhance research and publication activities at Lindsey Wilson College.

**Vision Statement:**

Faculty members develop a coherent and focused line of scholarship.

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| No | Strategies | Description | Comments |
|  | Getting Motivated | * Research inertia * Lack of motivation | Understand significance of research.  \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*  \* Only through research and  publications, faculty members could develop their identity as scholars |
|  | Dealing With  Challenges | * Identify roadblocks | Deal with the following obstacles creatively and through self-discipline.  \*I got no time for  research.  \*I will start writing  during spring break  or summer time.  \*I don’t have  necessary  materials to write.  \*I am not capable to  Conduct any type  of research.  \*I don’t have  enough knowledge  and training to  engage in  research. |
|  | Starting Research Projects | \**Your passion about*  *research*  \*Think about three major areas of research areas about which you are quite passionate.  Understand and follow IRB guidelines at your institution carefully. Get Human Subjects Committee’s approval prior to starting your research projects. | \*List your three  favorite areas of  research on your  website.  \*Gather information  relating to your  areas of research  interests.  \*Subscribe to the  journals of your  research interests.  \*You may also have  access to these  journals in your  library. |
| 4. | Collaboration with  Others | \*Develop research teams  \* Seek co-authors with  similar research interests | \*Encourage your  students to co-  author with you.  \*Seek your co-  authors from other colleges and universities (nationally and internationally). |
| 5. | Selection of Research Projects | \*Your most important task  \*Generally speaking  journal articles are given  preference to book  chapters. As the  beginning authors devote  your time and energies  more to refereed journals. | Your most important challenge is to decide upon the research project.  \*Review recent calls for manuscripts in your journals of interests. Consult various listservs, your association’s newsletters, etc.  You may also contact the editors of journals in your areas of research interests. At the state, national, and international conventions, be sure to attend sessions presented by the editors. |
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