

**Faculty Mentoring Program in Research
Department of Large Animal Clinical Sciences
College of Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences
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Each faculty member is responsible for showing initiative in career planning. Professional success is important to the individual, as well as the Department, College, and University. Research is a mission component for many faculty members within the Department. While some faculty members are confident in their abilities to conduct research, others are daunted by this facet of academia and might benefit from tutelage by colleagues that have experience in this arena.

To this end, the members of the Research and Graduate Studies Committee would be pleased to meet with any faculty members that seek guidance in research. Interested faculty members are encouraged to provide a statement to the Committee regarding their research interests and intended niche. A meeting can then be scheduled with individual members of the Committee to discuss development of research interests, including:

- overview of scholarship;
- identification of potential collaborators (contacts/laboratories that might support your research efforts and/or include you in their research group);
- design and implementation of experiments;
- considerations for publication and presentation of completed research;
- available resources for conducting research, including shared equipment and space;
- sources to assist with development and submission of grant proposals;
- balancing of clinical and teaching duties with research initiatives (addressing flexibility of schedules and budgeting of time); and
- addressing specific questions as they occur to you.

This proposed plan is intended to be an informal, but constructive, means of counseling clinical faculty members on networking and gaining prominence in the research arena. It is envisaged to provide a climate of research mentoring, such that clinical faculty members will embrace research as a fulfilling component of their professional development.

If you wish to schedule a meeting for mentoring with members of the VLCS Research and Graduate Studies Committee, please contact Dr. Noah Cohen at ncohen@cvm.tamu.edu or Jennifer Wilson at jwilson@cvm.tamu.edu.

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