**2015 CPI SURVEY DATA FOR ALL UNITS COMBINED**

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| **SECTION 1** |  |  |  |
| FUNDING | **YES** | **NO** | **comments** |
| IDENTIFYING FUNDING SOURCES |  |  |  |
| Q 3. Are appropriate methods for identifying appropriate funding sources easily available to you? (Including non-traditional sources) | **68%** | **29%** | **17%** |
| SEED FUNDING |  |  |  |
| Q 8. Is there sufficient seed funding available to fund novel concepts or ideas? | **24%** | **61%** | **19%** |
| Q 9. Is the process for obtaining seed funding transparent to you? | **24%** | **68%** | **8%** |
| BRIDGE FUNDING |  |  |  |
| Q 19. Are sufficient "bridge funds" available to assist PIs to bridge gaps in funding between funded proposals (i.e. between grants/contracts)? | **11%** | **52%** | **18%** |
| Q 20. Is the process for obtaining "bridge" funding, to bridge gaps between grants and/or contracts, transparent to you? | **8%** | **73%** | **7%** |
| TEAM BUILDING |  |  |  |
| Q 4. Are appropriate opportunities for team building and networking to enhance your research program available to you? | **36%** | **51%** | **14%** |
| Q 5. Is assistance in establishing and maintaining productive collaborations within and across colleges and/or disciplines available to you? | **61%** | **33%** | **37%** |
| Q 16. Are you aware of mechanisms to facilitate interactions between your research program and international collaborators, partners or other international programs? | **26%** | **67%** | **10%** |
| CORE FACILITIES |  |  |  |
| Q 6. Have you found it straightforward to identify and use appropriate core facilities or services on campus? | **36%** | **51%** | **14%** |
| Q 7. Are appropriate core facilities available on campus for your work? If not, what facilities do you need? (EXAMPLES might be microscopy, proteomics, sequencing, etc.)? | **61%** | **33%** | **37%** |
| PROPOSAL PREPARATION |  |  |  |
| PROPOSAL PREPARATION SUPPORT |  |  |  |
| Q 10. Do you receive sufficient and competent administrative support for proposal preparation? | **54%** | **39%** | **24%** |
| Q 14. Do you receive sufficient help in preparing larger, *multi-investigator* proposals (program project, research center, training grants, etc)?  If not, what types of resources would promote your ability to lead/participate on such proposals? | **27%** | **40%** | **24%** |
| Q 15. Do you receive sufficient help in preparing larger, *multi-institutional*proposals? If not, what types of resources would promote your ability to lead/participate on such proposals? | **24%** | **37%** | **19%** |
| PRE-AWARD SUPPORT |  |  |  |
| Q 12. Is there sufficient support in the preparation of pre-award budgets or sub-contracts available to you? | **64%** | **26%** | **17%** |
| Q 19. Are the promptness, knowledge, and consistency of pre-award grants management staff sufficient for a smooth pre-award process? | **57%** | **33%** | **16%** |
|  | **YES** | **NO** | **comments** |
| Q 17. Do you receive sufficient assistance with the administrative burden for grant submission and award management? | **50%** | **43%** | **18%** |
| Q 21. Have you had a proposal rejected by the sponsor due to administrative errors? If so, why? | **10%** | **83%** | **14%** |
| SUCCESSFULLY GETTING FUNDED |  |  |  |
| Q 11. Has writing competitive grant proposals that get reviewed and or funded been a barrier to your research program? If so, what aspect of this has been problematic? | **34%** | **58%** | **32%** |
| **SECTION 2: SECURING CONTRACTS** |  |  |  |
| Q 22. Are the general mechanisms for you to engage with industry sufficient? | **33%** | **37%** | **10%** |
| Q 28. Are the resources available to connect industry partners looking for specific expertise with PIs sufficient? | **15%** | **47%** | **11%** |
| Q 23. Do you receive sufficient support for developing non-disclosure agreements? | **33%** | **21%** | **7%** |
| Q 26. Is administrative oversight and processing of contracts clear and efficient? |  |  |  |
| Q 24. Is negotiation and implementation of contracts done in a timely way? | **29%** | **34%** | **14%** |
| Q 25. Are non-disclosure and IP agreements approved in a timely way in your experience? | **24%** | **25%** | **6%** |
| Q 27.Are the interpretation and implementation of regulatory and reporting requirements reasonable and appropriate in your experience? | **37%** | **30%** | **10%** |
| **SECTION 3: MANAGING GRANTS/CONTRACTS** |  |  |  |
| INTERIM FUNDING |  |  |  |
| Q 30. Are you aware that interim funding may be available to you after an award has been made but while you are waiting for accounts to be established? | **42%** | **52%** | **6%** |
| Q 31. Is the process for accessing interim funding, while waiting for account set up, transparent to you? | **18%** | **69%** | **3%** |
| COST SHARING |  |  |  |
| Q 13. Are the mechanisms for obtaining matching funds, or cost sharing obvious? | **15%** | **78%** | **10%** |
| Q 32. Is information for understanding cost sharing easily available to you? | **22%** | **66%** | **5%** |
| Q 33. Is the process for establishing cost sharing clearly outlined and transparent to you? | **16%** | **70%** | **2%** |
| Q 34. Has cost sharing been properly established for you? If no, please explain. | **28%** | **30%** | **16%** |
| ACCOUNT MANAGEMENT |  |  |  |
| Q 35. Are your grants/contracts consistently handled by the same individual (or by a small consistent group)? If not, please explain | **59%** | **33%** | **30%** |
| Q 29. Are your new accounts for grant and contract funding set up in a timely way? | **60%** | **30%** | **12%** |
|  | **YES** | **NO** | **comments** |
| Q 37. Are your account balances kept up to date? | **68%** | **22%** | **19%** |
| Q 38. Is accurate and timely information provided through the online system for grants management (Maestro)? | **58%** | **27%** | **21%** |
| Q 47. Is the process for closeout of grants and contracts reasonable? | **63%** | **14%** | **9%** |
| Q 36. Are issues related to post-award administration of your grants and contracts handled in a competent and timely way? | **58%** | **31%** | **17%** |
| Q 48. Are the invoicing and collection of contracted funds from industrial partners effective? | **27%** | **10%** | **6%** |
| Q 49. Have you performed contract work for which funds were never collected from the contracting partner? If so, please briefly describe this situation? | **4%** | **64%** | **4%** |
| Q 39. Have you had funds returned to the sponsor for any reason? If so, why? | **24%** | **69%** | **22%** |
| ADMINISTRATIVE BURDEN |  |  |  |
| Q 40. Is the general administrative burden with regard to required training appropriate? If no, please explain. | **49%** | **35%** | **24%** |
| Q 41. Is the general administrative burden with regard to research compliance appropriate? If no, please explain. | **48%** | **36%** | **28%** |
| Q 46. Is the process for grant-related travel and travel reimbursement reasonable? | **63%** | **26%** | **18%** |
| WORKING WITH COLLABORATORS |  |  |  |
| Q 45. Is the process of set-up and management of sub-awards or sub-contracts with other institutions straightforward? | **35%** | **29%** | **12%** |
| **SECTION 4 WORKFORCE** |  |  |  |
| PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT |  |  |  |
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| Q 50. Do you feel that TAMU-based professional development programs for faculty are sufficient? (I.e. professional development leave, cross-disciplinary training opportunities, training to improve laboratory management, etc). | **38%** | **41%** | **17%** |
| Q 51. Do you feel that you have sufficient access to professional development for faculty administered by external entities (federal programs, programs administered by professional societies etc.)? | **42%** | **37%** | **6%** |
| Q 52. In your view, are sufficient funds available for professional development of faculty? | **23%** | **55%** | **13%** |
| AWARDS AND NOMINATIONS |  |  |  |
| Q 53. Are mechanisms for the nomination of faculty for awards at the local, national and international levels sufficient? If no, please explain how this could be improved. | **39%** | **39%** | **25%** |
| Q 54. Are mechanisms for awards for trainees (students and post-docs) at the local, national and international level sufficient? If no, please explain how this could be improved. | **37%** | **35%** | **18%** |
| Q 56. Are there adequate financial support mechanisms for graduate students? If no, please explain. | **28%** | **61%** | **40%** |
| TRAINING GRADUATE STUDENTS, POST-DOCS AND RESEARCH STAFF |  |  |  |
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|  | **YES** | **NO** | **comments** |
| Q 57. Are you able to find, recruit, and retain skilled research staff to support your research projects? | **45%** | **34%** | **17%** |
| Q 59. Are the post-doctoral fellows available highly qualified? How might we attract better research fellows? | **34%** | **20%** | **18%** |
| Q 55. Are resources for professional development of post-doctoral fellows available? | **20%** | **41%** | **12%** |
| Q 58. Are the graduate students available highly qualified? How might we attract better students? | **49%** | **40%** | **44%** |
| Q 60. Are the graduate training programs that you draw students from forward thinking and reflective of the current realities of research training in your field? If not, what improvements do you recommend? | **43%** | **25%** | **17%** |
| **SECTION 5: RESEARCH COMPLIANCE** |  |  |  |
| Q 61. Do you find the IRIS system sufficiently user friendly? | **27%** | **67%** | **31%** |
| Q 62. Do you find that institutional compliance regulations align well with applicable local, state and federal compliance requirements?  If no, please explain. | **42%** | **25%** | **20%** |
| Q 64. Do the requirements for compliance-related training meet, but not exceed, applicable federal guidelines? If you feel these are overly burdensome beyond federal/state/local requirements, how could this be simplified? | **41%** | **21%** | **23%** |
| Q 65. Is successful completion of training conveyed between appropriate entities in a timely way? (I.e. animal welfare assurance to SRS etc). | **44%** | **10%** | **6%** |
| Q 66. Have you been treated respectfully in your interactions with research compliance in post-approval monitoring and incident response? If no, please explain. | **54%** | **7%** | **9%** |
| **SECTION 7: OPEN RESPONSE** |  |  |  |
| PROGRAMS AT TAMU |  |  |  |
| Q 81. What services or programs that we currently DO NOT HAVE at TAMU, would make your research program more productive? |  |  |  |
| Q 82. What services or programs currently offered do you feel are most effective (what are we doing right)? |  |  |  |
| FACULTY MORALE |  |  |  |
| Q 83. How would you describe the overall faculty morale on campus? If fair or poor, please explain why. |  |  |  |
| Q 84. In your opinion what topics or issues affect faculty morale? |  |  |  |
| Q 85. What actions or improvements would make a positive impact on your satisfaction in your role as a faculty member? |  |  |  |
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| INPUT TO CPI |  |  |  |
| Q 86. Please provide up to 5 suggestions of those areas where the CPI could be pro-active to improve the research environment at TAMU. PLEASE PROVIDE THESE IN RANK ORDER OF IMPORTANCE TO YOU. |  |  |  |
| Q 87. Please provide input regarding guests at CPI meetings –i.e. who would you like to hear from at CPI general meetings the 2015-2016 academic year? |  |  |  |
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**Section VI. Combined compliance/Rating questions (14 questions):**

**a) Animal Care and Use**

Q 67. Animal Care and Use (please rate each of the following - if N/A for all, simply skip to the next section)

Q 68. Please provide any additional comments regarding Animal Care and Use

**b) Institutional Biosafety**

Q 69. Institutional Biosafety (please rate each of the following)

Q 70. Please provide any additional comments regarding Institutional Biosafety

**c) Human Subjects Research**

Q 71. Human Subjects Research

Q 72. Please provide any additional comments regarding Human Subjects Research

**d) Environmental Health and Safety**

Q 73. Environmental Health and Safety (please rate each of the following)

Q 74. Please provide any additional comments regarding Environmental Health &; Safety

**e) Export controls**

Q 75. Export controls (please rate each of the following)

Q 76. What Export Control resources would you like to see to assist you with understanding and complying with export control laws?

Q 77. How could compliance with export control laws be streamlined?

Q 78. Please provide any additional comments regarding Export Controls

**f) Technology Transfer**

Q79. Technology Transfer (please rate each of the following)

Q80. Please provide any additional comments regarding Technology Transfer

Q 88. Please provide any other comments that you wish to add, regarding the research enterprise that may not have been addressed by the questions in the survey.