

**Guidance For Research Plan**  
**Ohio State School of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences**

As part of the selection process in HRS, candidates for tenure-track or tenured positions are asked to submit a 5 year research/scholarship plan. The purpose of this research plan is to provide a foundation of the work you have completed in your career, as well as your plan for your future work. It should capture your research vision and creativity. Starting with your current/recent research, identify what the next innovative research steps are and how/what they will contribute to the problem in the field within the next 5 years. Commonly, research plans present overarching objectives or long-term goals which tie to the knowledge gaps or knowledge generation you have identified in your field through your prior research. Describe the short-term goals, how they are innovative, and how they will ensure your success. Highlight your extramural funding objectives, any specialized resources you require and infrastructural support you may need to successfully conduct your research. The research plan should not be a to-do list or a time management tool. It should establish your contribution to your focus area and how you will build upon this to advance the field over the next 5 years. The 5 year research plan should be submitted at the time of initial application for the position.