SBSRC will be a flexible, evolutionary entity that builds on existing strengths, increases research collaboration through referrals, reduces duplication of effort, and develops proposals for strategic investments where needed.
**Vision**

The University of Nebraska’s premier excellence in social behavioral sciences research, characterized by highly visible, well-funded, coordinated, transdisciplinary research that solves vital societal problems.

**Mission**

Facilitate the growth and excellence of Social & Behavioral Sciences research through coordinated activities that include building a referral network for existing resources, enhancing capacity, providing seed and voucher support, identifying & building research collaborations, and providing mentoring for new investigators.
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Referral Network

Building the network:

- Identifying resources both in terms of
  - faculty expertise and interests and
  - the centers and facilities supporting research
- Meeting with Departments and Center and Service Unit Directors

Network in Action:

- Referring collaborators
  - Identify collaborators across campuses and beyond
- Referring to existing resources
  - Grant Development Support
  - Data Collection
  - Data Analysis
  - Data Accessibility
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*enhancing capacity*, providing seed and voucher support, identifying & building research collaborations, and providing mentoring for new investigators.
Enhancing Capacity

• Awarded NRI funding to establish the Methodology and Evaluation Research Core Facility (MERC) for
  • Evaluation
  • Sampling
  • Data Acquisition
  • Database and Analysis

• Hiring a computer systems specialist and programmer who will enhance the capacities for innovative data collection and data archiving

• Central Plains Research Data Center
SSP Evaluation

- Certified Evaluator
- External or Internal
- Formative & Summative Evaluation Designs
- Logic Model Development
- Collection of Evaluation Data
- Analysis of Evaluation Data and Reporting
- A la carte service - Can do as much or as little as needed
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Seed/Voucher Support

• Internal minority health seed funding competition
  • Three grants of up to $25,000 each were awarded in 2015

• Voucher Support
  • Central Plains Research Data Center (Health Data Fees)
  • MAP Academy
  • Bureau of Sociological Research (NASIS)
  • Others
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Analyzing Networks
Connecting Researchers

• Co-Hosting Events
  • Social and Behavioral Sciences Food for Health lunch meeting to assist in team formation
  • Research Fair Session on **Building Trandisciplinary Research Collaborations** – November 11th

• Supporting Research Interest Groups
  • Qualitative and Mixed Methods Research Interest Group
  • Africa Research Group
  • Cluster Hiring Groups
THANK YOU!

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