UNL Research Support Structure

- **Public Policy Center**
  - Engages with policymakers, all branches of government, and all levels of government (federal, state, local) to forge solutions to problems
  - Can help develop ideas, offer substantive expertise, link to applied contexts, partner in scholarly and policy writing, provide financial and administrative support, identify broader impacts, support research (data collection and analysis), and assist in proposal development

- **Bureau of Sociological Research**
  - Fee-for-service data collection vehicle for the Department of Sociology
  - Services include research design consultation; questionnaire design; mail, phone, and web surveys; in-person interviewing; focus group facilitation; data entry, processing, and analysis; study recruitment and scheduling; technical report preparation; and transcription
  - Faculty can purchase space on the Nebraska Annual Social Indicators Survey (NASIS), which can be more cost effective than creating your own survey
  - Can provide internship opportunities to undergraduate and graduate students during the school year and summer

- **Center for Science, Mathematics and Computer Education**
  - Mission is to support UNL faculty engaged in education activities focused on improving the teaching and learning of STEM at the PK-12 and collegiate levels
  - Offers outreach to high school students, undergraduates, and teachers, in addition to other outreach in support of grants and faculty
  - Can assist with research proposals and project administration (e.g., budget, information technology support, advertising, connections with Nebraska teachers/districts, event coordination support, examples of past institutional review board [IRB] protocols, etc.)

- **Social and Behavioral Sciences Research Consortium (SBSRC)**
  - Mission is to facilitate the growth and excellence of social and behavioral sciences research
  - SBSRC can build a referral network (identify resources in terms of faculty expertise and interests and the centers and facilities that support research); meet with department, center, and unit directors; enhance capacity (e.g., establishing the Methodology and Evaluation Research Core Facility, hiring a computer systems specialist and programmer, starting the NSF-supported Central Plains Research Data Center); provide evaluation services, seed/voucher support, network analysis, and connections with other researchers

- **Research Compliance Services**
  - Covers conflict of interest, export control, responsible conduct of research, research misconduct, and IRB
  - Categories of research: not human subjects, exempt, expedited, full board
  - Approvals/permissions required from multiple sites (e.g., organization permissions, school district permissions)

- **Center for Instructional Organization**
  - Provides resources to support research into creating, evaluating, and promoting motivation, interest, and critical thinking in innovative learning environments
  - Focus on applied research; looks at creating learning tools and evaluating classroom learning
- Nebraska Center for Research on Children, Youth, Families and Schools (CYFS); Nebraska Academy for Methodology, Analytics and Psychometrics (MAP Academy)
  - Services include proposal preparation and coordination; methodology, analytics, and psychometrics (research design and data analysis); grant management (pre- and post-award); office management; and communications and technology support (web, media, and technology)
  - Also has research faculty and permits faculty affiliates

- Office of Proposal Development
  - Provides assistance to faculty, staff, and administrators with developing the narrative components of proposals
  - Services include funding source identification, idea development and proposal planning, and proposal preparation (e.g., document management, generating non-scientific proposal content, proofreading, coordinating expert external proposal review, connecting you to graphics/budget assistance, etc.)

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