

Research Specialists at MSU

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Education

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Distribution by College

College	Fixed Term	Cont. System	Cont. Appt.	Total
Associate Provost for Undergraduate Education	1			1
University Outreach & Engagement	2		2	4
Agriculture & Natural Resources	10		2	12
Arts & Letters			2	2
Education			1	1
Engineering	7			7
Human Medicine	2		1	3
Natural Science	2	1	7	10
Osteopathic Medicine	1			1
Social Science	6		2	8
Veterinary Medicine	1			1
Graduate School Dean	1			1
VP Research & Graduate Studies	1			1
Total	34	1	17	52

Survey of Research Specialists

- Online survey, 2005
- 16 of 52 responded
- Average years in research position: 6
- Majority of work is research

Responsibilities

- Write grant proposals
- Conducting, coordinating and supervising research projects
- Data management
- Work with community/industry stakeholder groups and grant agencies
- Design survey instruments and codebooks
- Write research reports
- Conduct project evaluation
- Develop web sites
- Supervise graduate assistants
- Develop and deliver presentations

Colleagues

- Tenure stream faculty
- Specialists
- Post-docs
- Graduate students
- Outside consultants
- State agency partners
- Other Big Ten researchers
- Undergraduate students

Research Issues

- Grants:
 - 6 PI / co-PI
 - 5 Senior personnel
- Restrictions
 - Lack of Ph.D.
 - Some units restrict roles on grants
 - Special permission from IRB or internal grants