

## **Additional Required Questions for Reviews of Organized Research Units (ORU)**

Below is a list of questions that we ask reviewers to consider when reviewing an ORU. Some questions may or may not be appropriate for the particular ORU in question. Please feel free to add additional comments or suggest and answer additional questions if you think they are appropriate.

1. **MISSION:** Briefly describe the research mission of the ORU and answer some of the following questions: Does the ORU work at the forefront of a discipline or a cross-disciplinary effort? (Does it contribute to the creation of knowledge? Does it provide opportunities for training and education?)
2. **MISSION:** Does the quality and uniqueness of the ORU work justify its existence? (If the ORU did not exist, would a compelling argument exist to open it now? Does it provide scholarly or technological opportunities that can be accomplished only through an ORU format?)
3. **MANAGEMENT:** Is the ORU well managed? (Does the director communicate sufficiently frequently and substantively with associated faculty and staff? Are the resources of the ORU well-known and available to a substantial segment of the University committee, or is it operated as a “closed shop”? Does the organizational structure of the ORU support a balance between evolutionary and revolutionary work? What is the nature of faculty involvement in defining the evolving scope or direction of the unit?)
4. **SPACE:** Are University space and personnel being effectively used, and is the quality and quantity of the space allocated to the unit appropriate for its mission?
5. **FUNDING:** What are the sources of financial support for the ORU? (provide a breakdown into University support, special legislative appropriation, private foundations, US government agencies, etc.) Is an appropriate distinction made between external support received by the ORU and by the faculty associated with the unit?
6. **FUNDING:** Is the current level of University financial support of the ORU commensurate with its importance to the intellectual life of the institution, and is it adequately leveraged by other sources of financial support?
7. **REVIEW TIME INTERVALS:** At what time intervals should the ORU be reviewed in the future? (Are there problems that require a review more often than every three years?)
8. **REVIEWERS' ADDITIONAL COMMENTS**