

**ORED Strategic Planning Process Meeting**  
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Answers to Key questions

Question: As an institution, what do we need to do so that Mississippi State University will be classified as a Carnegie Research University-Very High Research Activity?

Our response: The University should actively recruit expert Faculty at competitive salaries and encourage nominations of current Faculty for Academy memberships. It is our opinion that if expert Faculty were hired, this would enhance potential enrollment of graduate students and post doc positions. Also, stipends for Ph.D. graduate students should be increased to order to recruit more aggressively.

Question: For Our unit, what are: 1, Assets in place, and 2, Barriers to overcome, in order for us to become more involved in scholarly activities?

Our response:

Assets include expertise of unit researchers and infrastructure.

Barriers include lack of visibility campus wide (goes both ways) and little campus collaboration. Also, internal disarray within the unit.