

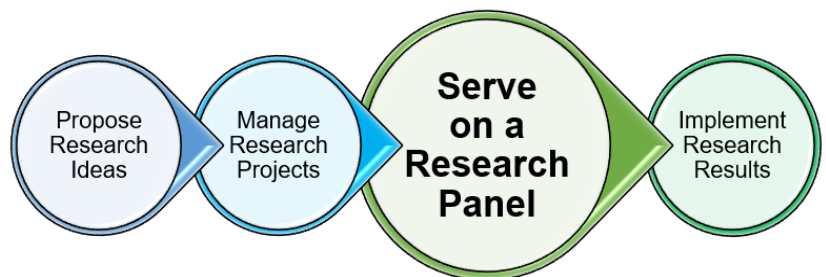


YOUR ROLE

AS A RESEARCH FOCUS AREA MANAGER

THE NEED

The Focus Area Manager (FAM) is designated by MDOT leadership to coordinate research projects within a focus area. Not only is the FAM involved in selecting appropriate research topics and planning a project, but they also have a key role in vendor selection and project management.



Stages and roles in research.

THE ROLE

- Recommends the Project Manager (PM) for the project to the Research Advisory Committee (RAC) chair.
- Assist the PM in member selection for the Research Advisory Panel (RAP).
- Participate on the vendor (researcher) selection team for the project and review submitted proposals.
- Attend project meetings to review progress.
- Report the project status to the appropriate RAC chair.
- Review and provide comment on project deliverables.
- Recommend implementation measures based on research results.

ABOUT MDOT RESEARCH ADMINISTRATION

Research Administration or RAd supports transportation research across the entire MDOT department in a variety of different focus areas. RAd's research program includes individual research projects, national programs, pooled fund studies with other states, and multiple research "Centers of Excellence".

OUR MISSION

Supporting and promoting innovative research and encouraging its implementation for safe, sustainable, and cost-effective transportation solutions that keep Michigan moving.

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