



# YOUR ROLE

## AS A RESEARCH IMPLEMENTATION MANAGER

### THE NEED

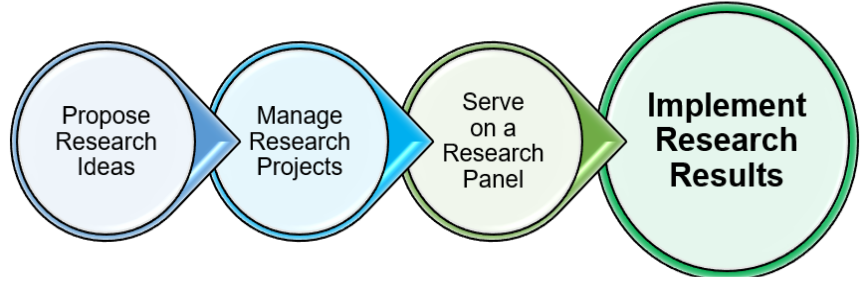
After the close of a research project, MDOT leadership and technical staff must decide whether specific research findings and recommendations from the research project should be implemented or not within the organization.

If implementation is needed an Implementation Manager (IM) is assigned and will guide the process.

The research project manager (PM) often fills the role of IM however, the IM should be the person with the resources and authority to champion the implementation efforts.

### THE ROLE

- The IM will prepare a draft preliminary implementation plan to be submitted to MDOT leadership that will include:
  - Objectives
  - Tasks
  - Cost
  - Scope
- The IM will take on the leadership role for implementation tasks.
- The IM will report on progress of the implementation plan to research and MDOT leadership until implementation is completed.



Stages and roles in research.

### 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.

### LEARN MORE

For more information about RAd, see the [Research and Implementation Manual](#). To identify specific focus area manager (FAM) experts in the department, see the [Research Committee Structure](#).