FIVE YEARS FORWARD
Through Collective Inspiration and Discovery
In May 2013, in consultation with the university and research community, embarked on a strategic planning process designed to bring increased focus, alignment and excellence for the university’s research enterprise.

During this process, OVPR engaged close to 4,000 individuals on our five campuses and in our surrounding communities, representing 65 stakeholder groups.
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VISION & CORNERSTONES

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### SUPPORTING GOALS

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<td>2a. Develop metrics and incentives to motivate transdisciplinary research.</td>
<td>3a. Expand economic development and external engagement.</td>
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<td>1b. Ensure high quality, state of the art research systems, capabilities and spaces.</td>
<td>2b. Provide funding and shared resources to implement partnerships.</td>
<td>3b. Showcase university research discoveries, capabilities and economic impact.</td>
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<td>1c. Grow and recruit more honorific award winning faculty.</td>
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<td>3c. Increase informatics capabilities.</td>
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<td>1d. Reduce faculty administrative burden.</td>
<td>2d. Reengineer public-private partnerships.</td>
<td>3d. Emphasize and promote entrepreneurship.</td>
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NEXT STEPS

Five Years Forward will be incorporated into the university’s strategic plan, leads will be assigned from across the university system and stakeholders will be re-engaged to encourage participation and success.
LEADERSHIP

To help ensure focus and alignment, the OVPR has invited leaders and experts from many fields across the university to help provide guidance as we carry out our strategic plan.

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