

- 1. Define research infrastructure, identify elements present at WSU, and develop a structure to bin infrastructure elements for evaluation.
- 2. Within bins identify the barriers that exist to research excellence (technology, physical facilities, staff, and management).
- 3. Provide a tiered prioritization of future investments into research infrastructure needed to support WSU "research themes".
- 4. Provide actionable recommendations that identify funding opportunities (facilities construction, technology acquisition, and ongoing operations) and changes in management that remove barriers and achieve excellence in research infrastructure.