

# Charge

1. Develop a list of current and potential high-impact major research themes for discussion/comparison, and rate the research opportunity/research impact associated with these themes.
2. For each theme, rate the degree to which WSU is well placed to pursue the theme, including faculty strength, infrastructure capability, sponsor interest, and importance for maintaining intellectual diversity and creative environment.

## Charge (continued)

3. Rate the research themes into the following categories:

Tier 1- Essential for WSU to pursue- *a “must do”*

Tier 2- Important for WSU to pursue- *an important current or emerging area where we should consider realigning resources to pursue*

Tier 3- *Areas WSU should pursue if resources are available, but not a priority for resource realignment*

## Charge (continued)

4. Identify barriers to research excellence and develop specific recommendations to improve the research environment and advance the WSU research enterprise.
5. Provide metrics and other information needed to enable ongoing assessment of the WSU research plan.
6. Provide findings and actionable recommendations.