ABRF Core Administrators Network Survey: Developing a Database of Core Administrators

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Abstract

CAN-CC was established by the ABRF in 2010 to facilitate greater interaction among core scientists and administrators and with the goal of creating a set of references, procedures and best practices for institutions engaged in core facility management and oversight. In particular, we seek to develop a database of core administrators, identify and describe core management model systems, and identify, collect and describe tools for core administration. Here we summarize results from our first survey, representing responses from 172 individuals from 79 institutions, that investigates the demographics of core facility management/administration and overall factors common to most cores.

1. Responders Information

What Job Title best describes your role?

- Core Administrator
- Core Operations Director
- Core Scientific Director
- Core Manager
- Financial Administrator
- Research Administrator
- Other (please specify)

To what position do you report? Select all that apply:

- Center Director or Department Chair
- VP for Finance
- VP or Dean of Research
- Fully subsidized
- Partially subsidized
- No subsidy
- Other (please specify)

2. Job Responsibilities

What are your responsibilities in relation to research core facilities? Select all that apply:

- Budgeting
- Financial operations
- Scientific coordination
- Marketing
- Creating
- Oversight
- Human resources
- Administrative oversight
- Other (please specify)

Who do the cores at your organization report to?

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- Partially subsidized
- No subsidy
- Other (please specify)

If you are a core director/manager, what is the business model for your core or cores?

- Fully subsidized - user fees
- Partially subsidized - user fees
- No subsidy
- Combination
- Other (please specify)

3. Institutional Structure

What type of organization do you work for? Select all that apply:

- Scientific Research Facilities
- Technical and Research Laboratories
- Independent College/University
- Government
- Industry
- Other (please specify)

What type of user groups do your core facilities serve? Select all that apply:

- Students
- Undergraduates
- Postdoctoral Fellows
- Faculty
- Researchers

Approximately how many core facilities are there at your organization?

- 1
- 2-5
- 6-10
- 11-50
- 51-100
- 101-500
- 501-1000
- 1001-2000
- 2001-5000
- 5001-10000
- 10001 or more

4. Type of Institution

What are the sources of funding for research core facilities at your organization? Select all that apply:

- Undergraduate
- Graduate
- Medical
- Biomedical
- STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics)
- Agricultural/Life Science
- External Entities
- Other (please specify)

5. External Support

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