

Faculty-Staff Survey Research Questions

Descriptive Research Questions

Research Question 1: How familiar are faculty and staff with open textbooks?

Research Question 2: How frequently are faculty and staff aware of the prices of textbooks they assign?

Research Question 3: What are the most important factors to faculty and staff for selecting textbooks?

Research Question 4: How frequently do faculty and staff personally select the textbooks they assign (versus a departmental/group decision)?

Research Question 5: What characteristics of a textbook do faculty perceive to determine the quality of that textbook?

Research Question 6: How frequently do faculty and staff use OERs (including open textbooks) in their courses?

Research Question 7: How do faculty and staff perceive the quality of OERs (including open textbooks)?

Research Question 8: How do faculty and staff perceive the academic value of OERs (including open textbooks)?

Research Question 9: How likely are faculty and staff to *use* OERs (including open textbooks)?

Research Question 10: How likely are faculty and staff to *author* OERs (including open textbooks)?

Research Question 11: What do faculty and staff perceive to be the most useful digital study aids to support student learning?

Research Question 12: What factors are the most influential on faculty and staff for deciding to *use* open textbooks?

Research Question 13: What factors are the most influential on faculty and staff for deciding to *author* open textbooks?

Research Question 14: What materials that faculty and staff create do institutions consider in making promotion and tenure decisions?

Research Question 15: How many faculty and staff develop textbooks, supplementary books, or other course materials?

Research Question 16: How viable do faculty and staff perceive various funding sources to be for the development and updating of open textbooks?

Research Question 17: How frequently, and in what formats, do libraries provide textbooks for check out?

Research Question 18: How much experience have faculty and staff had with open courseware?

Research Question 19: For what reasons have faculty and staff used open courseware?

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Inferential Research Questions

Research Question 1: Is there a statistically significant relationship between whether faculty and staff belong to universities or colleges and the importance of factors they consider in selecting textbooks?

Research Question 2: Is there a statistically significant relationship between whether faculty and staff belong to universities or colleges and how often they have used open textbooks or other OERs?

Research Question 3: Is there a statistically significant relationship between whether faculty and staff belong to universities or colleges and which study aids they rank as most useful to support student learning?

Research Question 4: Is there a statistically significant relationship between whether faculty and staff belong to universities or colleges and which factors they rank as most important in influencing their decision to create open textbooks?

Research Question 5: Is there a statistically significant relationship between whether faculty and staff belong to universities or colleges and what type of materials faculty create are considered as partial satisfaction of the scholarly production criteria for promotion or tenure?

Research Question 6: Is there a statistically significant relationship between faculty and staff's general discipline area and how they perceive the quality of OERs (including open textbooks)?