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Abstract

Academic research productivity has traditionally been measured via publication counts and citations. These measures have been used to evaluate both individuals and academic departments. An additional measure of research productivity has been emerging in recent years: research grant acquisition. The present analysis explores this method of evaluating research productivity. We consider the number of grants individuals have been awarded, the types of granting agencies, and the total amount of grant dollars individuals have received. Additionally, we explore these measures at the aggregated level of criminal justice departments. We find that grant acquisition is a unique, useful way to measure research productivity, that is related to traditional publication count approaches for both individuals and departments.

Notes

- 1. A total of 11 faculty responded to email requests for vitas with information that either they did not wish to share their vita or they did not maintain information about the number and dollar values of grants they had received. These individuals are not included in the analysis.
- 2. This top 10 list has only seven members because following these seven individuals were seven scholars who had received funding from six state agencies. Cutting the list at seven instead of 14 is more meaningful.
- 3. Here again, the list has only nine members because the next grouping was eight individuals having attained research funds from three different foundations.

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