Evaluation and Research Goal
To promote effective curricular methods and to increase scholarly activity in COM by helping faculty develop knowledge and skills to engage in continuous quality improvement and educational research.

Capabilities
OCS supports projects that examine the acceptability, processes, and/or outcomes of programs in undergraduate medical education, graduate medical education, non-physician health sciences education, or faculty development.

1. Program Evaluation: Projects examining a curriculum for continuous monitoring or quality improvement purposes

2. Educational Research: Projects examining a curriculum or educational intervention for the purpose of scholarly dissemination

Collaborations
To accommodate diverse levels of experience in program evaluation and educational research, OCS takes a scaffolded approach to working with COM faculty on evaluation and research projects.

OCS researchers coach novice faculty through the lifespan of the project to further develop their evaluation and research skills. Services for novice faculty may include designing projects, navigating the IRB, analyzing data, and preparing scholarly products.

OCS researchers actively collaborate with experienced faculty. Services for experienced faculty primarily include analyzing data and preparing scholarly products.

OCS researchers also manage the IRB-approved medical school data repository. As such, collaborations on projects using medical school curriculum data (e.g., admissions, evaluation, performance data) require an OCS researcher to be a co-investigator on the IRB.
Capacity
OCS capacity to support each type of project is regularly evaluated to ensure appropriate prioritization of resources. OCS resources are allocated based on project type and on project stakeholders.

When project commitments exceed reasonable bandwidth for OCS researchers, the OCS Director works with COM leadership to prioritize projects and resource allocation.

Connect with OCS
COM faculty interested in receiving OCS support for a program evaluation or educational research project should complete the online OCS Consultation Request Form (go.osu.edu/ocsresearch).