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## Desert Laboratory on Tumamoc Hill

### Research Advisory Committee

The primary mission of the Research Advisory Committee (RAC) for the Desert Laboratory is to increase and improve research at the Desert Laboratory through the creation, implementation, and or oversight of strategies for the more specific roles described below. During its first year of existence, the RAC is also charged with assessing and, if necessary, modifying this description of its mission and roles.

#### **Roles of committee:**

- Recruit researchers and students to undertake research on Tumamoc Hill and in collaboration with the Desert Laboratory.
- Help make connections and form a link between the Desert Laboratory and diverse Departments and Colleges at the University of Arizona.
- Increase research activity and grant support at the Desert Laboratory on Tumamoc Hill, via:
  - Identify relevant calls for major proposals and recruitment of potential project leaders;
  - Identify resources that would improve research infrastructure or otherwise facilitate research and help with making the case for funding them from appropriate sources;
  - Help writing infrastructure proposals;
  - Identify strategies to increase funding for graduate students and postdoctoral fellows, including adding to the Russell Endowment;
  - Increase the number of grants submitted through the Desert Laboratory or with partner Departments. While IDC does not return to RII/AIRES at present, the related goal is to increase the "credit" recognition of the Desert Laboratory via grants received;
  - Explore the institution of a station use fee for research conducted on Tumamoc Hill.
- Increase use of Tumamoc Hill and Desert Laboratory space by UA courses.
- Facilitate development of a strong research community at the Desert Laboratory and integration of students and trainees of all levels through activities such as journal clubs and seminars.
- Provide consultation and advice on proposed research for Tumamoc Hill as requested by Director and staff.
- Chair of Research Advisory Committee also serves on the Tumamoc Hill Advisory Council and serves as a liaison between the two entities.



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## **Membership of RAC**

Membership should include 5–7 people representing a wide diversity of units across the UA campus. Ideal members would have a good understanding of UA research environments and potential avenues of both internal and external support, be highly active in their units and have strong networks with campus and external researchers whose research interests could be a good fit for Tumamoc Hill.