



# University of Michigan Mixed Methods Program

## *Vision, Mission and Goals*

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### Vision

*To become the most influential global academic resource for promoting learning, research, and innovation in mixed methods by creating a network of experts excelling in the field of mixed methods research.*

### Mission

*To equip researchers with the skills and tools that they need to resolve the most complex problems in their fields. To fulfill this mission, we will demonstrate excellence in:*

- 1) conducting original research;
- 2) innovating state-of-the-art procedures and conceptualizations;
- 3) consulting on research projects with individual and corporate investigators;
- 4) training in mixed methods; and
- 5) providing leadership in the field.

### Goals (as linked to Activities from Mission)

- 1a) For Mixed Methods Program (MMP) faculty as a whole to obtain one major original research grant per year.
- 1b) To serve as co-investigators in the role of research methodologists on others' grants.
- 1c) To recruit and maintain as Department faculty with/without joint appointments in other departments, a total of four world-leading mixed methods research methodologists to create and sustain a critical mass of faculty.
- 2a) To host a retreat every three years bringing together four to five major mixed methods scholars who can tackle the most pressing methodological challenges and articulate future directions for the field.
- 2b) To have at least one senior visiting scholar visit the program each year.
- 2c) To have MMP faculty publish at least one new book per year on mixed methods.
- 2d) To have MMP faculty publish cumulatively at least ten articles/book chapters on mixed methods per year.
- 3a) To provide au gratis, one-time consultations to University of Michigan faculty and other scholars, and then provide continued consultations at a negotiated rate if requested to provide service beyond the first one-hour consultation.
- 3b) To provide consultations on mixed methods approaches to individual researchers and corporations on a fee-for-service model.
- 4a) To conduct three workshops per year on mixed methods research.
- 4b) To train at least one mixed methods research post-doctoral fellow in the program continuously.
- 4c) To have at least one visiting doctoral student per year.
- 4d) To submit a training grant T32 or R25, or equivalent, to serve as a grant initiative for the program that will in turn facilitate sustainability by February 2018.
- 5a) To have a partnership with the Mixed Methods International Research Association and/or other organizations (e.g., American Educational Research Association's Mixed Methods Special Interest Group, American Evaluation Association Mixed Methods Topical Interest Group, and have a representative of the mixed methods program on the MMIRA executive committee at least 50% of the time.
- 5b) To establish partnerships over the next five years with one or more institutes or centers on the U-M campus, such as IHPI/MICHR, CSCAR, or ISR.

An overarching goal to support multiple activities is to obtain a substantial gift of greater than \$500,000 for the program within the next five years.