Vision
To achieve international distinction in research excellence and innovation.

Mission
In support of McMaster University’s mission and vision, the Office of the Vice-President Research is committed to providing support for the highest possible standards of research excellence and innovation in championing the sharing of knowledge and discovery on a local, national, and international level.

To achieve our vision, what is important to our faculty, staff, students, partners, and public?
1.1 Contribute to generation and sharing of discovery at local, national, and international levels
1.2 Support researcher initiatives, communicate and coordinate institutional priorities
1.3 Benefit society through research impacts and economic development
1.4 Strengthen reputation and enhance recognition
1.5 Promote research strengths and capacity to government
1.6 Engage in enterprise outreach and education initiatives
1.7 Foster a culture of research integrity

To achieve our vision, what is needed to ensure financial sustainability?
2.1 A strong and diversified funding base
2.2 Strategic management of the allocation and use of resources
2.3 Strengthening linkages with all partners (public, private, non-profit)
2.4 Awareness of, and ability to capitalize upon, key opportunities
2.5 Continued development and extension of global reach

To deliver the above, at what internal processes must we excel?
3.1 Support research efforts within Faculties, Institutes, Centres
3.2 Support research education and training
3.3 Provide progressive, professional central research support
3.4 Continued development of McMaster Innovation Park
3.5 Pursue international opportunities
3.6 Establish and maintain mechanisms for research oversight
3.7 Promote a culture of commercialization
3.8 Aggressively promote interdisciplinary research
3.9 Pursue and develop strategic research initiatives
3.10 Expand and enhance research communications at all levels
3.11 Build upon existing and emerging strengths
3.12 Improve government relations and increase advocacy efforts
3.13 Champion university intellectual property to industry and society
3.14 Create and facilitate networking opportunities

To excel at these processes, how must we develop our human, information and organizational capital?
4.1 Promote a research culture
4.2 Foster collaboration and team building
4.3 Recruit and retain highly-qualified staff to support the research mission
4.4 Provide training, support, and guidance to staff in pursuit of key goals on both institutional and individual level
4.5 Provide appropriate infrastructure to support scholarship and the workplace
4.6 Provide positive stewardship of university research facilities
4.7 Contribute to technology improvement and innovation
4.8 Increase understanding and enhance support of research initiatives