

DEPARTMENT OF TOURISM, RECREATION & SPORT MANAGEMENT

Mission Statement

The mission of the Department is to provide a nationally and internationally recognized program of excellence in teaching, research, and service in leisure, specifically in the areas of tourism, recreation, parks, and sport.

Vision Statement #1

Through teaching, research, and service, improve the understanding of psycho-social factors that lead individuals and families to value leisure, specifically tourism, recreation, parks, and sport, and thus provide information that will help individuals and families improve their quality of life (health & social development) across the lifespan.

Vision Statement #2

Through teaching, research, and service provide information that will help communities and organizations develop and improve environmentally sensitive tourism, recreation, parks, and sport opportunities to benefit a wide range of people, focusing on children, families, and older adults.

Goal

To be recognized as the best research program in TRSM in the nation.

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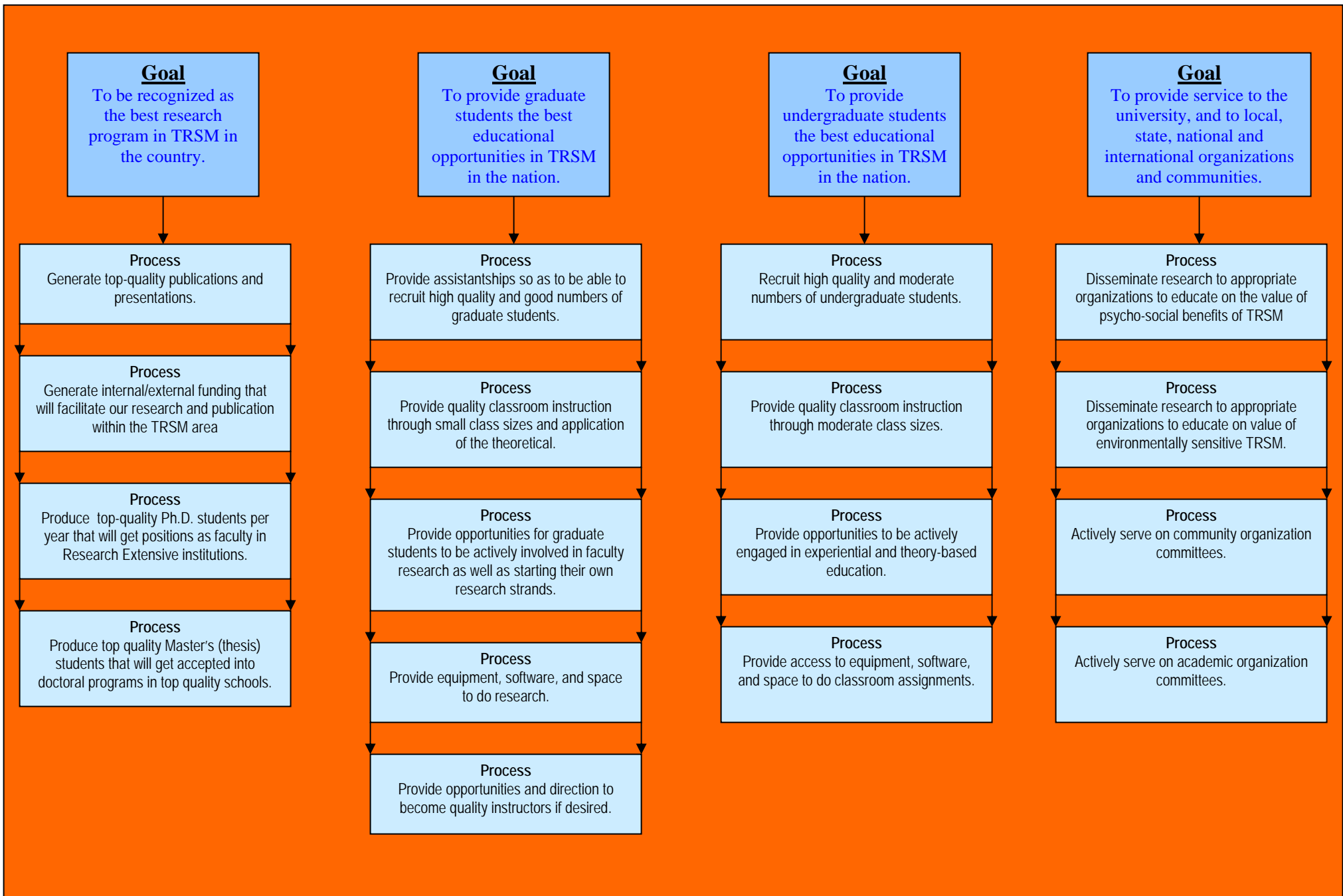
To provide graduate students the best educational opportunities in TRSM in the nation.

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To provide undergraduate students the best educational opportunities in TRSM in the nation.

Goal

To provide service to the university, and to local, state, national and international organizations and communities.



**Potential Foci of Research for
Vision Statement #1**

- A. Resilience and protective factors among youth.
- B. The role of recreation in coping with illness and disability in families and children
- C. Changes in decision making about, and patterns of, retirement migration
- D. Factors that contribute to health and well-being among retirees/older adults
- E. Understanding the role of parks and natural amenities in relocation decisions
- F. Sense of place among retirees after relocation
- G. Disability studies (impact of illness and disability among older adults)
- H. International aspects of aging?
- I. Motivational aspects of participation in leisure activities.
- J. Influence of values on decisions to participate in leisure activities.
- K. Cross-national comparisons of visitor impact management frameworks
- L. Impact of policy changes on children and families
- M. Implications of increasing racial and ethnic diversity
- N. Human dimensions of recreational fisheries management and policy
- O. Sport consumer behavior
- P. Group dynamics of sport organizations

**Potential Foci of Research for
Vision Statement #2**

- A. Injury prevention and safety in youth sports
- B. Barriers and constraints to use of parks and open space
- C. Facilitators of, and constraints to, environmental education
- D. The role of parks and open space in environmental and community health
- E. Impact of retirement communities on recreation and park policymaking
- F. Understanding tourism trends among older adults
- G. Impact of tourism development on coastal communities and marine environments
- H. Trends in water-based recreation and eco-tourism
- I. Co-management of parks and protected areas
- J. Environmental equity in development and management of resources
- K. Tourism impacts on (rural) community development
- L. Relationships between visitor use, social and ecological impacts in parks and protected areas (carrying capacity studies)
- M. Role of tourism in promoting peace
- N. Planning and policy implications of terrorism and security issues.
- O. Risk management of sport and exercise programs.
- P. Program management issue of youth activities
- Q. Quantitative analysis of sport management processes