The Office of the Vice President for Research has established a new Research Statistics and Analysis (RSA) group led by Prof. Kelvin Droegemeier, Ernest Abrogar and Deborah Marsh.

RSA gathers, analyzes and disseminates a variety of research enterprise statistics for helping achieve success in academic scholarship on the Norman and Tulsa Campuses.

In addition to maintaining an online archive of relevant data and facts, the hallmark of RSA is a series of one-page analysis papers on key research indicators, an example of which may be found at http://kkd.ou.edu/RSA08-002.pdf. For more information, visit the RSA group online at http://research.ou.edu/rsa.

Zoology Prof. Richard Broughton is the lead investigator of a new 5-year, $3 million grant from the National Science Foundation’s Assembling the Tree of Life program. The project seeks to understand the evolutionary history and diversity of the world's fishes.

Prof. Jizhong (Joe) Zhou's team at the Institute for Environmental Genomics (IEG) and Department of Botany and Microbiology received $860,000 from the US Department of Agriculture and $750,000 from the US Department of Energy for research on microbial community diversity and behavior.

The National Resource Center for Youth Services, a program of OU OUTREACH, received $1,789,194 for continued work in FY08 by the Oklahoma Department of Human Services.