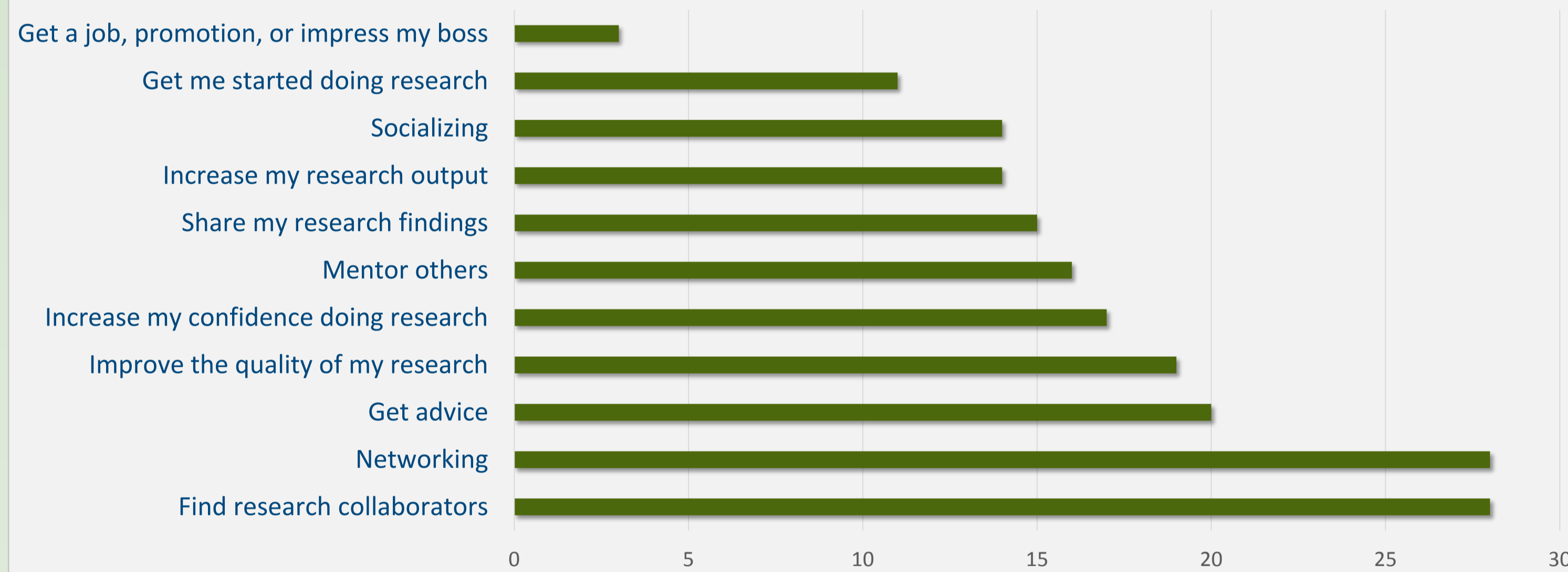


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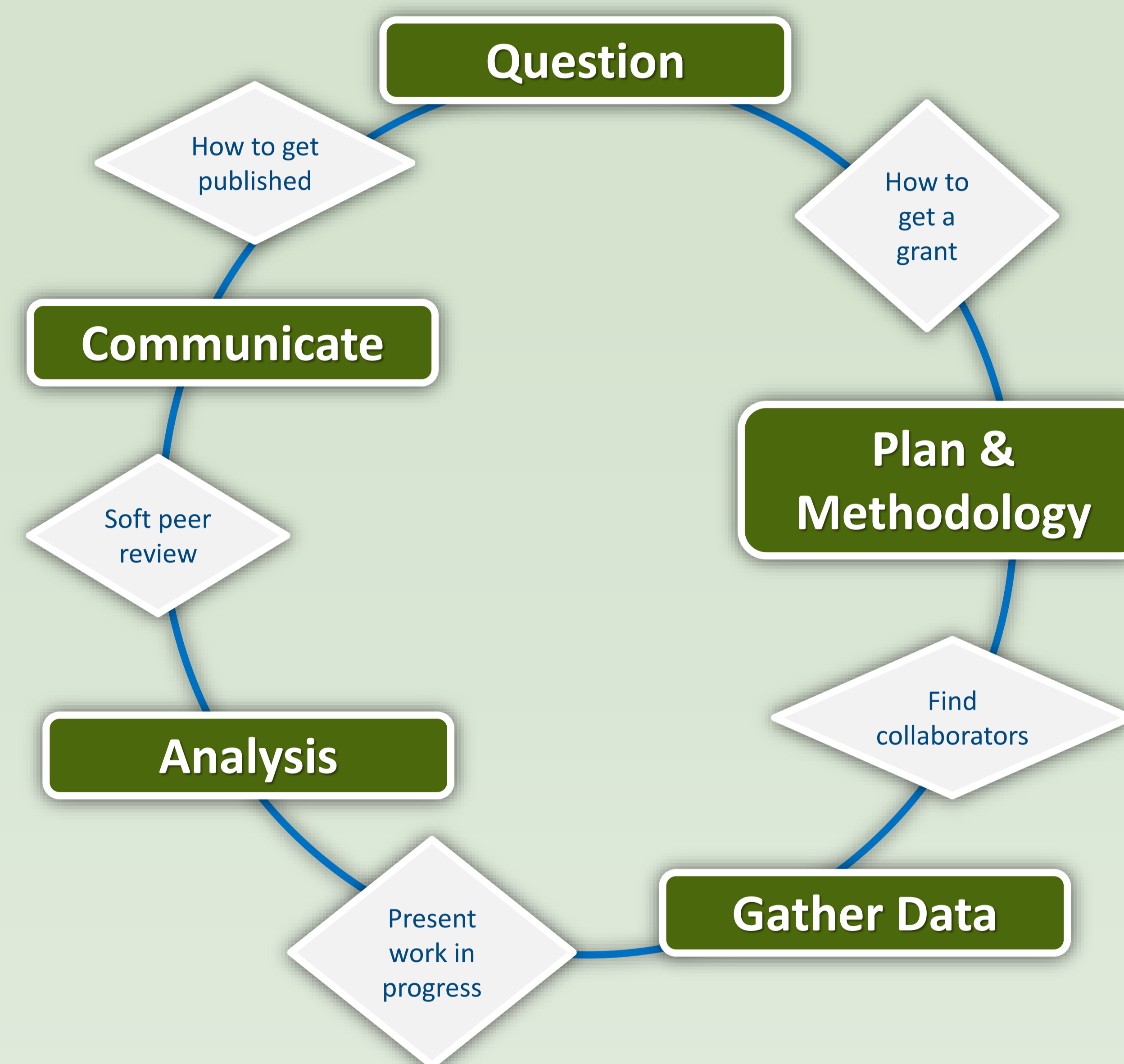
Founded June, 2015 The LibrariesNS Research Support Group (RSG) aims to increase the amount and quality of library research in Nova Scotia.

This is a “Work in Progress” group, where members can learn about research, communicate research projects to each other, pose questions to the group, practice presentations, and create constructive feedback, drawing on the strengths of the group to raise the level of research for all.

Goals of our Members



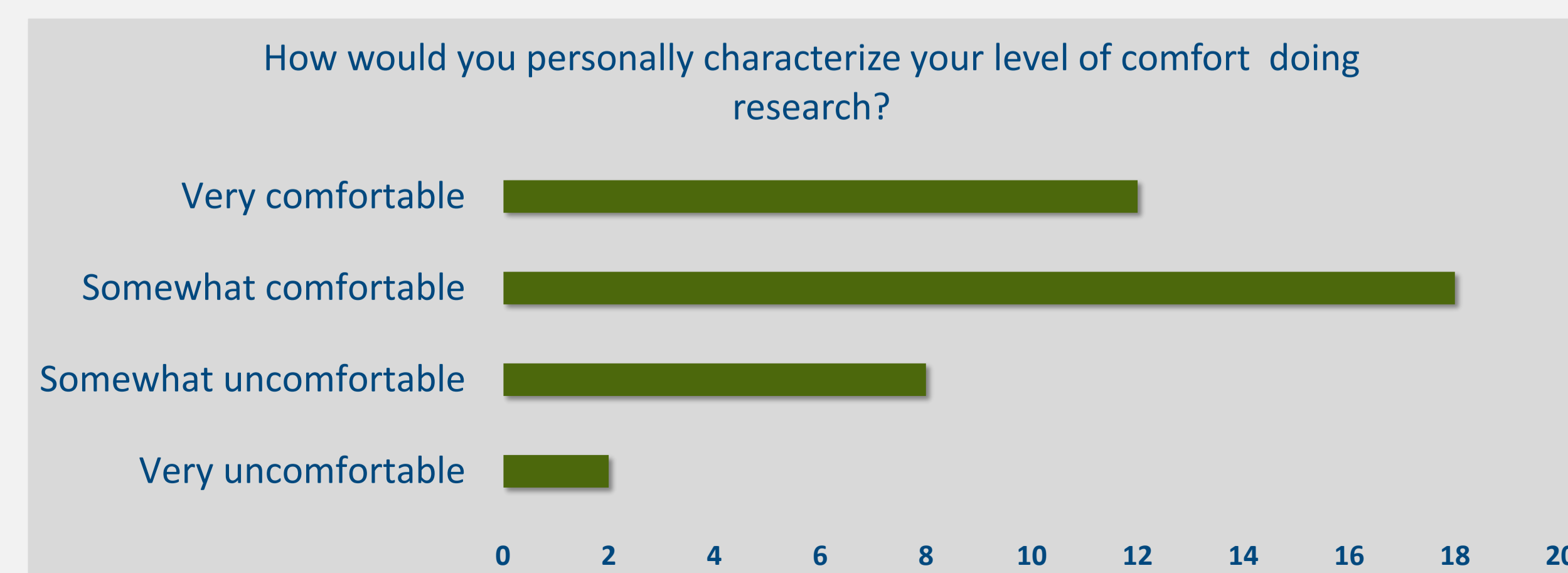
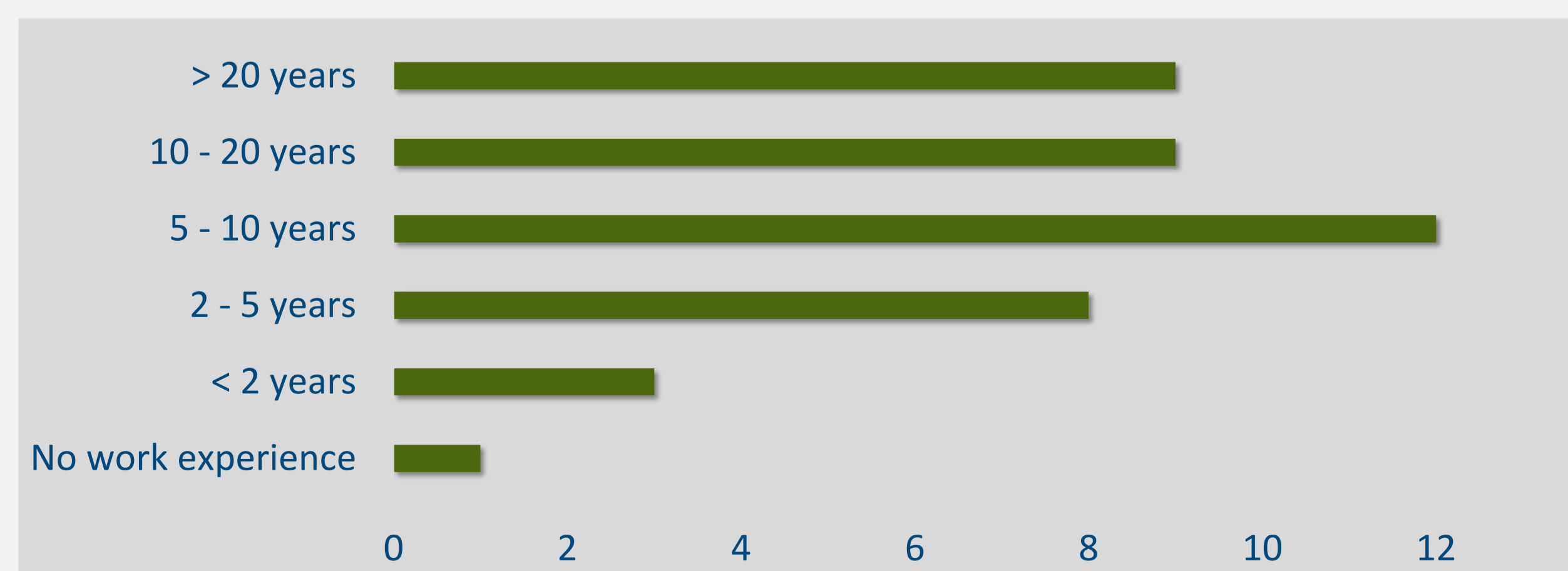
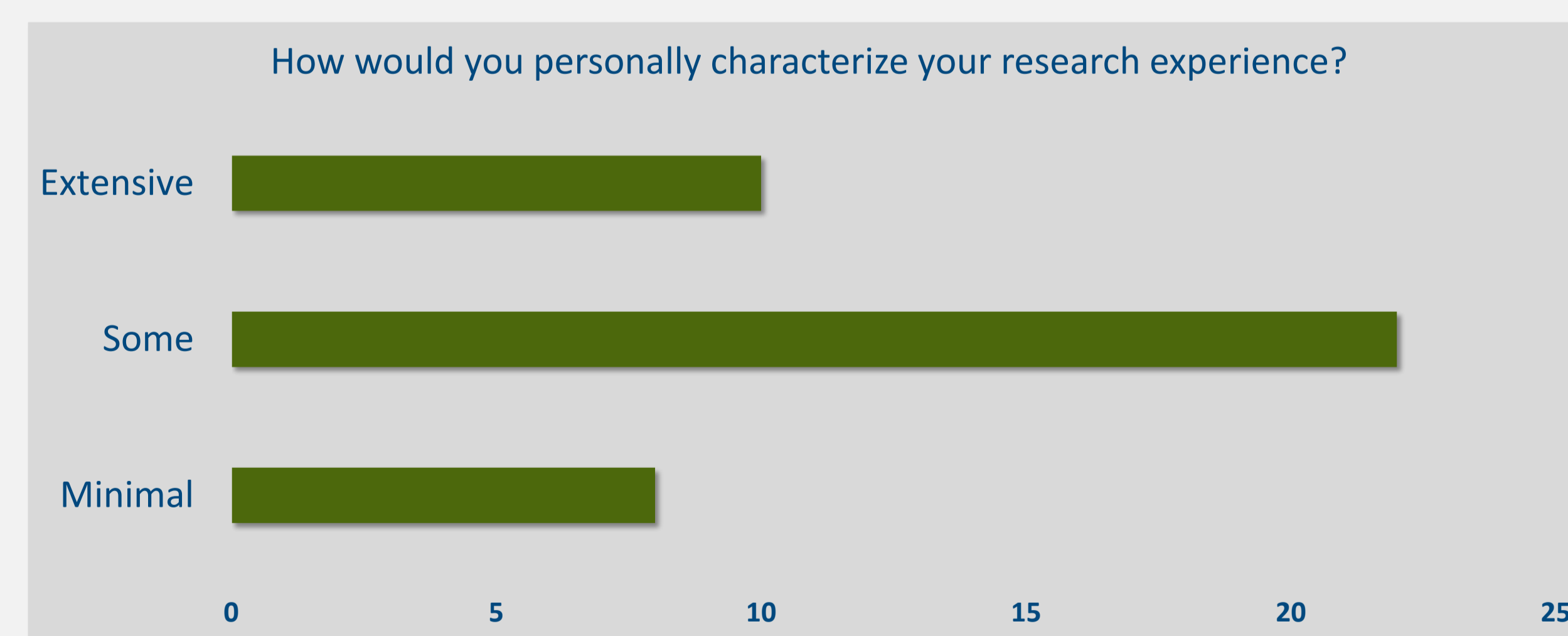
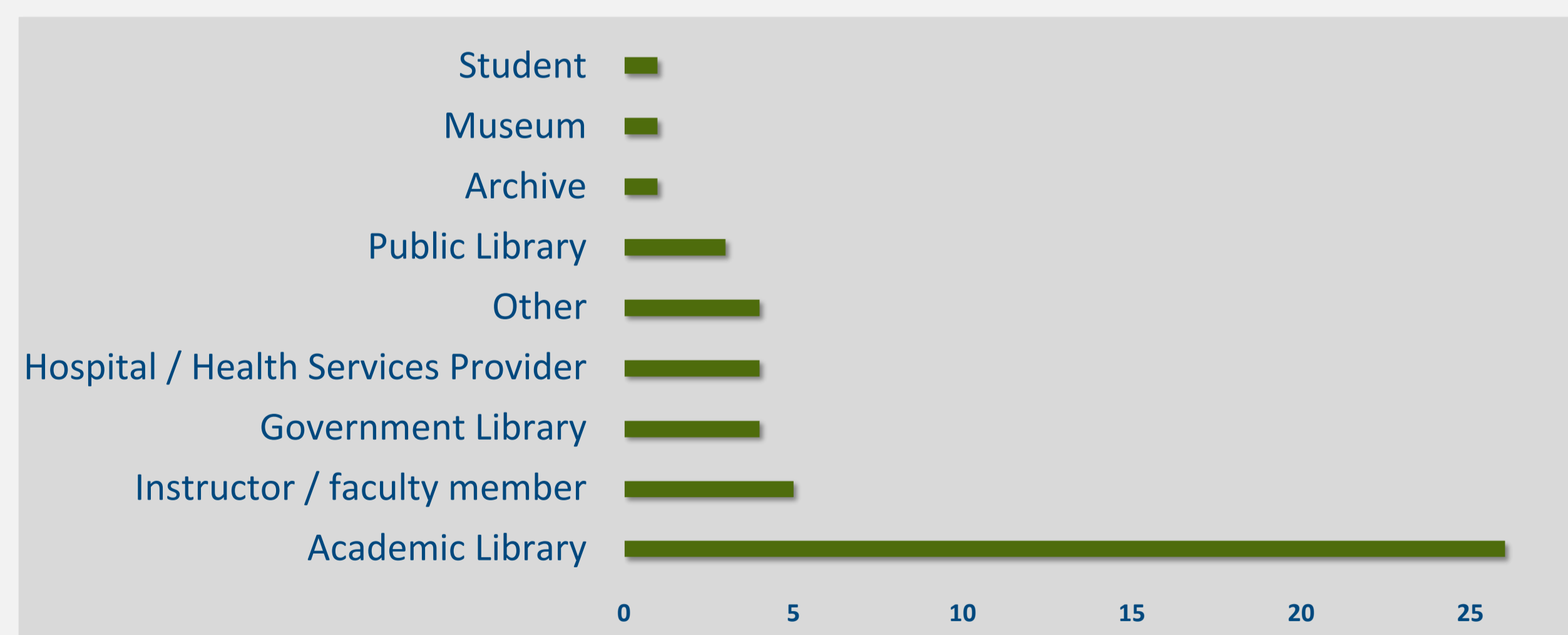
Support throughout the Research Cycle



What do our members research?

Research type	Definition	Count
Programs and Services	Evaluation or development of programs and services in libraries, archives, museums, etc.	19
Assessment	Assessment of programs, services, collections, or anything else.	16
Administration	Management issues such as human resources, organizational behaviour, strategic planning, etc.	9
User Behaviour	Investigation of user behaviour.	7
Support for EBP in other professions	Research that helps support evidence-based practice for other professionals, such as medical professionals.	5
Technology	Emerging technologies or new applications of existing technologies.	5
Archives / Museums	Related primarily to archives, museums, or other cultural heritage service institutions.	4
Collections	Evaluation or development of collections management issues such as ebooks purchasing and management, licensing, circulation usage, weeding, etc.	3
Cultural heritage / History	The study of historical events or peoples.	3
Information Literacy	Methods of teaching library and information related skills.	3
Professional Development	Staff professional development, planning.	3
Evidence-based Librarianship	Research in support of evidence-based practice for internal management.	2
Other subject	Study of a subject outside of library and information field.	2

Who are our members?



What group activities do our members want?

Activity	Definition	Count
Meetings	The group should have regular face-to-face meetings to discuss research and help each other with feedback, mentoring, etc.	14
Presentations	Group members should be encouraged to present work in progress and seek feedback.	11
Professional Development	Use this group to plan, conduct, advertise professional development sessions.	10
Collaborate	Want to use the group to collaborate with others, and find potential collaborators	8
Virtual Supports	The group should have an online presence to discuss research and help each other with feedback, mentoring, etc. This online presence should also include sharing information on grants, publishing, etc.	6
Networking events	Meetings should include networking opportunities in addition to business or PD. Some understand these as separate from socializing.	4
Create grants	Raise funds for further research grants of our own.	2
Motivate	The group should be conscious of its role as a cheerleader to motivate members.	2
Social Meetings	Meetings should include social activities in addition to business or PD. Some understand these as separate from networking.	1