



What is INSTAR?

Infrastructure for Innovative and Agile Science & Technology Applications (INSTAR)

Instar is a stage in insect development where dynamic change occurs that optimizes adaptive behavior and ecological success. This adaptive growth strategy represents a strong paradigm for considering changes that will optimize and sustain research infrastructure for our world-class research organization. Recent changes in federal guidance and rules regarding research administration create a unique opportunity to evaluate many aspects of research administration and infrastructure

Goals: INSTAR's goals include establishing new innovative practices that create agility in research activities, providing effective and efficient infrastructure for enhancing sponsored grant and contract activity, decreasing regulatory burden on PIs and creating robust mechanisms for supporting foundational and emerging research facilities that are aligned with research across campus and enhance the HARP initiatives.

Measures of Success: INSTAR seeks to increase faculty satisfaction with research infrastructure from facilities to service-oriented sponsored programs oversight. Ongoing analyses include seeking new practices that afford agility and efficiency and providing clarity on requirements to meet compliance, while supporting the education mission of the university by enhancing the research culture at CSU.