Natural Sciences & Mathematics
Frequently Asked Questions

x Where does this information come from? This
information is compiled from T&P evaluation
narratives on file in the CAS Dean’s
Office.

x Why these categories? All of the categories are taken
from the USF Tenure and Promotion application.
With the exception of student advising, all categories
are listed in the Research section.

x What “counts”? Only work completed (or in press) in
the probationary period is included in this chart. The
probationary period is usually 6 and ½ years,
although some candidates bring year(s) of tenure
credit from other institutions; some apply early;
others are granted extensions for medical or personal
reasons.

x How should this chart be used? Use this information

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 to generate discussion among faculty about
research expectations;

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 to assist in creating and calibrating departmental
criteria for tenure;

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 to provide information to tenure
-track faculty
about expectations in CAS Schools; and

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 to discern patterns across successful research
records that may serve as exemplars and
guidance.

x How not to use this chart? Do not use this chart to
determine whether or not a research record merits
tenure. Aspects not represented on this chart are
very important in final determinations, including
quality of the scholarship, prestige and visibility of the
scholarly outlets, and
 significance and impact of the
work. These facets must be evaluated in conjunction
with levels of productivity.

“Reference number” is for ease of discussion. Colors delineate cases each year.

Successful Research Records at Tenure and Promotion