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# Financial Reporting Research Scorecard

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**R**esearch is a primary mission of the Financial Reporting Section and is the largest use of section dues. The section spent \$141,000 in 2011 and anticipates spending \$80,000 in 2012 on research. This scorecard will keep section members informed about research projects sponsored or cosponsored by the section.

Research initiatives in process (updated as of Sept. 21, 2012):

Project Name	Description
Monograph on Discount Rates	An IAA-sponsored monograph on the concepts and practical methods used in discounting across actuarial practice areas
Monograph on Risk Adjustment	A monograph addressing the of risk and uncertainty in the measurement of insurance liabilities
Comparative Failure Experience in the Insurance and Banking Industries	Identification of the factors that have been effective for the insurance and banking industries to reduce failure rates
Behavioral Economics Applications to Life and Health Insurance Policyholder and Annuitant Behavior	A call for papers to expand actuarial understanding of the theory of behavioral economics and its to insurance customer behavior
International Foreign Reporting Standards	Examines the impact to life insurance financial reporting of the upcoming IASB exposure draft on accounting of insurance contract liabilities

Recently published research of interest to Financial Reporting Section members:

Project Name
Premium Persistency Study of Flexible Premium Products
Credit Risk Modeling Techniques for Life Insurers
Volatility of Fair Value Accounting
Actuarial Modeling Controls
Research projects out for proposal:

Project Name	Proposal Due Date
PBA Practitioners' Guide	Q4 2012
Dynamic Policyholder Behavior	Q4 2012

Have an idea for a research project? Send it to Mark Alberts at [mark@albertsactuary.com](mailto:mark@albertsactuary.com). ■

Targeted Completion	Status	Project Oversight Group (POG) Contact
TBD	Exposure draft issued with comments due by Nov. 8, 2012	Frank Grossman
TBD	An outline of proposed content has been delivered to the POG with further outreach to member groups planned to finalize content	Mark Yu
Q4 2012	The preliminary report is being reviewed by a range of subject-matter experts to include their feedback with the report	Larry Rubin
Q4 2012	Call for papers issued; papers are due Oct. 1, 2012	Ronora Stryker
TBD	Researchers are working with actuarial task forces to assemble financial statements under U.S. and IFRS bases	Tom Herget

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<http://www.soa.org/Research/Research-Projects/Life-Insurance/research-premium-persist-assumptions.aspx>

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