Research track at Carnegie Mellon

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History of research track

- Key in early history of CS Dept
- Gradually fell into disuse in CS Dept
- Key in entire history of Robotics Inst
- Recent improvement in titles
Appointment and Promotion

- Appointment process is the same
- Promotion criteria the same except that teaching is not expected
Duties and privileges

• PI on proposals
• Advise grad students
• Vote
• Be department head (RI)
• Be dean (CMU Qatar)
• Smooth path from research track to tenure track? It’s a bit bumpy.

• How are research track and tenure track cultures different? Not.

• Equal but different? Yes.
Difference from tenure track:

- Nominally 100% soft money.
- Some negotiate salary support for teaching or service.
- No tenure, but there is a clock. Promotion and reappointment is parallel to teaching track, in the same committee.