

Insights for Investigators Series

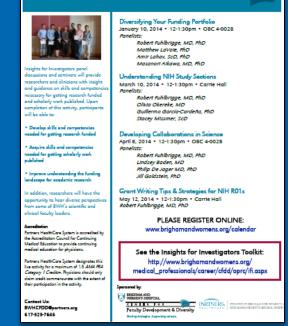
Developing Collaborations in Science April 8, 2014



The Insights for Investigators Series consists of four panels/seminars and an online Toolkit. Insights for Investigators

SPRING 2014 SCHEDULE:

- Diversifying Your Funding Portfolio 1/10
- Understanding NIH Study Sections 3/10
- Developing Collaborations in Science 4/8
- Grant Writing Tips & Strategies for NIH 5/12



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http://www.brighamandwomens.org/medical professionals/career/cfdd/oprc/ifi.aspx



Collaborations are essential in today's team science environment. Panelists will share their experiences of developing various types of collaborations, provide insight on how and why one develops new collaborations, discuss the pros and cons of collaborating, and give advice on other considerations involved with collaborating.

Additional resources:

http://www.hhmi.org/sites/default/files/Educational%20Mate rials/Lab%20Management/Making%20the%20Right%20Moves /moves2_ch12.pdf



Today's Faculty Panelists:

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Lindsey Baden, MD
Philip De Jager MD, PhD
Jill Goldstein, PhD



Agenda

- Overview of common issues
- Panel discussion
- Open question period



What is a Collaboration?

- Cooperation in pursuit of shared interests/ common goals
- Implies participation in research plan development or execution
 - This may include provision of technical expertise or resources

What is NOT a Collaboration?

- Purchased services
- Core services
- Sharing of reagents or materials alone



Benefits of Collaboration

- Synergy in pursuit of common goals
- Access to technology or resources
- Enhanced opportunities for publication and funding
- Enriched professional relationships
 - Increased visibility
 - Speaking opportunities
 - Support for promotion



Ingredients of a successful collaboration

- Mutual interest in the outcome
 - Incentives aligned, win-win opportunities
- No barriers to communication / accessibility
 - Time, distance, language, legal
- Details clearly defined (informal or formal agreement)
 - Purpose- what is the specific goal
 - Scope of work/ expected contributions
 - Financial responsibilities
 - Milestones and reporting obligations
 - Authorship & IP issues



Challenges/ Pitfalls of Collaboration

- Time
- Resources
 - Personnel
 - Materials
 - Money
- Conflicts of interest/ Hidden agendas



What to do when a collaboration is not working

- Identify the problem and if it can be solved
 - Change in interests
 - Loss of key personnel
 - Lack of progress or results not as expected
 - Disagreement on details
- Communicate concerns
- Consider impact of dissolving the collaboration
 - Financial
 - Professional



Panel Discussion

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