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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.

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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Insights for Investigators

Diversifying Your Funding Portfolio
January 10, 2014 • 12-1:30pm • OBC 4-002B
Panelists:
Robert Fuhlbrigge, MD, PhD
Matthew LaVie, PhD
Amin Lahav, ScD, PhD
Masanori Aikawa, MD, PhD

Understanding NIH Study Sections
March 10, 2014 • 12-1:30pm • Carrie Hall
Panelists:
Robert Fuhlbrigge, MD, PhD
Clivia Okereke, MD
Guillermo Garcia-Cardeña, PhD
Stacey Mitzner, ScD

Developing Collaborations in Science
April 8, 2014 • 12-1:30pm • OBC 4-002B
Panelists:
Robert Fuhlbrigge, MD, PhD
Lindsey Baden, MD
Philip De Jager, MD, PhD
Jill Goldstein, PhD

Grant Writing Tips & Strategies for NIH R01s
May 12, 2014 • 12-1:30pm • Carrie Hall
Robert Fuhlbrigge, MD, PhD

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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%20Materials/Lab%20Management/Making%20the%20Right%20Moves/moves2_ch12.pdf



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Today's Faculty Panelists:

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Agenda

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



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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



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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



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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



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Challenges/ Pitfalls of Collaboration

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



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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



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Panel Discussion

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