

Effective Collaborative Research Project Plan for Community Organizations

Identify the Communities You Are Serving and Your Research Interest



- ✓ Provide clear information defining your research priorities. Put these priorities in a general context and make them as clear as possible.
- ✓ Depending on your research priority, community can be defined in many ways: by geography, by identity, by profession or by experience.
- ✓ Remember that the people who fall within your community of interest ‘have fluid, multiple, and interconnected identities.
- ✓ Clarify your priorities to researchers and how you can collaborate with them.
- ✓ Prepare research guidelines that will provide academics and students with a clear plan, including your expectations and how you want to be involved in research projects.
- ✓ Have a clear description of your resources and capacity for participating in research projects.
- ✓ Be mindful of your busy time and research project timelines.
- ✓ Be aware that researchers may not involve you during the analysis or writing phase due to time constraints, the research method itself, and so on.



Provide A Sound and Thoughtful Community/Peer Researcher Engagement Plan

Develop and Share A Well-Defined Partnership and Engagement Plan



- ✓ Research projects involving communities tend to take longer than the project timeline.
- ✓ It is important to have a well-defined partnership development plan.
- ✓ Have a clear collaboration plan keeping in mind busy times for academics, students and your community organization's research or partnership projects to avoid overcommitment.



COLLABORATING WITH ACADEMICS WHO ARE INVOLVED WITH MULTIPLE OTHER PROJECTS IS TIME CONSUMING!



- ✓ How many community members will be involved? How will they will be recruited?
- ✓ In what capacities and roles will they be involved?
- ✓ What kinds of trainings and supports will you offer to volunteers and staff?
- ✓ What potential challenges may be faced and how will they be addressed?

- ✓ What is the purpose of the research?
- ✓ Who is the potential funder of your research?
- ✓ What is the benefit of your study to our own practice and the community we are serving?
- ✓ What is your timeline to complete this study?
- ✓ Are you looking for community collaborators and if so what is your plan for administrative costs and research costs?



Question to ask Researchers (Academics and Students)

- ✓ What is the process for ethical guidelines at your university and do you have your ethical clearance certificate? Are there other documentations to support your application?

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