

HOW TO FIND COLLABORATORS

With Resources at U-M

Introduction

How often do you see single author publications? Effective collaboration is essential for a successful scientific career. The following tips and resources will help you connect with collaborators at U-M and beyond.

Tips

Tip 1: Utilize free consultation services such as Fast Forward Medical Innovation (FFMI) Office Hours and Idea Consultations (commercialization); Michigan Institute for Clinical & Health Research (MICHR) Community Engagement consultations (community-based research); or MICHR Research Development Core consultations (RDC - health and clinical research). These are examples of one-on-one consultations where you can get personalized feedback on your project including ideas for potential collaborators.

What free consultation(s) could you take advantage of?

Tip 2: Attend open meetings in departments where you are interested in finding collaborators. Some examples are grand rounds, seminars, and free conferences held at U of M. Don't forget to check out events from umbrella groups such as the Institute for Healthcare Policy and Innovation (IHPI) or the University of Michigan Office of Research (UMOR) to meet a wider variety of people.

What open meetings could you attend to meet the kinds of collaborators you are looking for?

Tips

Tip 3: Sign up for newsletters outside of your department to learn about people you might want to collaborate with and events occurring in other departments. Some examples of these include MICHR's Breakthrough and Study Team newsletters.

What newsletter(s) would have information about the kinds of people you would like to collaborate with?

Resources

Toolkits and Guides:

[Translational Science Toolkit](#): The Translational Science Toolkit provides an overview of the necessary knowledge, resources and connections needed to guide exploration of the translational impact of basic science research findings to clinical practice.

[Finding Collaborators Research Guide](#): This guide is developed by the Taubman Health Sciences Library as part of a larger tool on funding.

Consultations:

[MICHR Research Development Core \(RDC\)](#): The Michigan Institute for Clinical & Health Research (MICHR) provides free one-hour in-person consultations that can help improve research and funding success. These consultations are available to any investigator at the University of Michigan.

[MICHR Community Engagement \(CE\)](#): The Michigan Institute for Clinical & Health Research (MICHR) provides guidance to individual partners and research teams who are exploring community-engaged approaches, looking for potential collaborators, and developing grant applications for community-engaged research projects.

[Multisite Clinical Research Support Consultation](#): Through MICHR, the University of Michigan belongs to two clinical trial networks that provide an infrastructure that can help U-M investigators interested in conducting or collaborating in multisite clinical research in larger, more diverse patient populations.

Resources

Databases and Online Communities:

[Michigan Research Experts](#): Michigan Research Experts is a searchable, web-based database of research expertise designed for the University of Michigan. It goes beyond journal publications, monitoring hundreds of different channels that provide the latest information from sources like books, conferences, grants, patents, and even clinical trials.

[ResearchGate](#): This is a global scientific community for presenting yourself and your work and connecting with collaborators.

[Direct2Experts](#): The goal of this pilot CTSA project is a network that enables easy access to expertise and related resources across institutions, regardless of local platforms and tools, and in collaboration with participating institutions to ensure access to approved and verified data.

Networking Opportunities:

[Office of Faculty Affairs and Faculty Development](#): This office holds training workshops throughout the year with faculty from across the campus. These workshops provide a great opportunity to network with colleagues outside of your department.

[Fast Forward Medical Innovation](#): FFMI provides education and connection events for people interested in commercialization of their research.

Resources

Newsletters:

[Study Team Newsletter](#): The Study Team Home page includes information about upcoming education and training events, services available to research study teams, the opportunity to sign up for the Study Team newsletter, and much more.

[Breakthrough Newsletter](#): Sign up here for the Breakthrough monthly newsletter that outlines news and updates from the Michigan Institute for Clinical & Health Research (MICHHR).