

Research Innovation Office



Impact Through Innovation





COLLABORATIVE RESEARCH PROPOSALS

Definition:

Research projects that bring together :

- Researchers from more than one University department
- Researchers from more than one University
- Researchers with Companies

To develop new lines of study or to advance significantly existing areas of expertise.



- Find expertise you need to enhance your project
- Training in new research areas
- Access specialized equipment
- Increase your publication profile (as co-author)
- Increase your funding profile (as co-investigator)
- Increase your research network

Risks and other issues to consider

- Time to prepare proposal (< applicants, < time to prepare)
- Time to prepare proposal Collaboration Agreement
- Resource and data sharing
- Authorship of any publications
- Disclosure of any conflicts of interest
- Are your partners reputable
- Financial management
- Intellectual Property
- Ground rules for the collaboration
- Do you require a project manager?



How to find collaborative partners

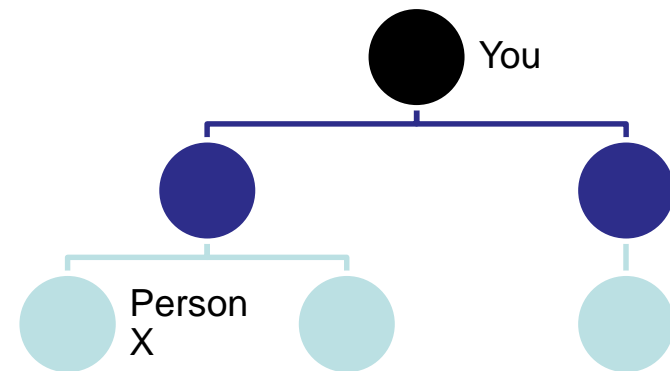
- Conferences (national and international)
- Network in your formal and informal academic groups
- Get to know visiting Professors
- Local seminars
- Research online
- Social networks

Can you actually work with potential collaborators??
Try to get to know them before working on a proposal



What if there is a gap in your network?

- There can be ways to find new collaborators through your current network
 - Circulate a concept document
 - 1-2 page document outlining what the project might be about
 - the expertise needed
 - what a collaborator would be helping with
 - Key deadlines for project deadline
 - How to get involved
 - posting question to online networks
 - Using specific online tools



Tools for finding partners

- <https://cordis.europa.eu/partners/web/guest/home>

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Linked in



ACADEMIA

Funders of collaborative schemes

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Collaborative Awards



Collaborative projects with the EC



Industry Fellowships
Newton Mobility grants – to provide
travel to establish collaborations



Collaborative Research Grants



International Partnership
and Mobility Scheme



Various calls for collaboration
with overseas partners



Innovation Vouchers



How to develop collaborative bids

- Have clear leadership – who is doing what?
- Set ground rules for the collaboration
- Create regular times to talk about the research
 - away days / ‘sandpits’ to generate ideas
- Build trust with open communication
- How will you plan the bid writing?

During the bid development consider having a project plan to keep everyone on track



Activity: one-one-four



- Find someone you haven't met before
 - Spend 5 minutes getting to know what both your research interests are
 - Topic, methods, audience



- Now in your pair find another pair and introduce each other to your new collaborators!



Summary – building collaborations

- It takes time to build a collaboration
- Use your current networks
- Need to put effort in to reap the rewards
- Strong networks and collaborations can lead to unanticipated opportunities
- Keep talking with people about your research!