

6 QUESTIONS FOR RESEARCHERS TO CONSIDER WHEN APPROACHING COMMUNITY PARTNERS



1. HOW ARE YOU CHOOSING YOUR PARTNER ORGANIZATION(S)?

Does your project help to address the community partner needs and priorities? Will the research be conducted with awareness of the rights, culture and values of the people involved? Will the type and amount of information collected meet the needs of your partner organization? Is the timeline of the project and the production of results in line with your partners timeline?

2. HOW DOES YOUR RESEARCH ALIGN WITH THE ORGANIZATIONS MISSION?

Does your research benefit or align with the partnering organization's mission? What products/resources does your partner organization get from the research to help achieve their mission? (Ex: research reports, grant application, medical equipment) What is the plan for using the data from the research once the project is over? (Ex: data ownership, results dissemination)



3. HOW DO YOU INCORPORATE COMMUNITY BASED PARTICIPATORY RESEARCH?

Where are you in your process? Have you already designed your research question(s)? Do you know your outcomes? How open are you to receiving input about your research idea or your intervention? Is there a sustainability component of your work with this organization? Who will own the data? How will you share the data with the organization for use outside the research?



4. WHAT RESOURCES WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE?

What is the compensation plan for staff time and for the partner organization? Have you considered the cost of space? Participant incentives? Will you be asking for protected health information? (Ex: HIPAA) Will you provide additional training and funding for these needs? Have you considered the cost of translating instruments?



5. HOW DOES YOUR RESEARCH PROJECT SUPPORT PARTNER STAFF AND HOW LONG IS YOUR COMMITMENT?

How will the project be supporting staff and is there a long-term commitment to that? Are you confident there will be no sudden cuts in funding? Is there a sustainability component of your work with this organization? Or put another way, what will be left in the community when the research is over?



6. HOW WILL YOU EXERCISE AND FACILITATE A COLLABORATIVE DECISION MAKING PROCESS?

Recruitment numbers, equipment, trainings and outcomes are all important topics to discuss openly. Have you thought about ways to include your community partner in these decisions? How do you plan to navigate communication between all parties? Are you receptive to constructive criticism? Have you assessed the expertise of the organization and considered its insights?



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