

# Enhancing Research Collaboration Working Group

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# Agenda

- Introduction to the Working Group
- Use of Basecamp
- Current Project – Center Resources Document
- Ideas for the WG to consider
- Discussion of scheduling conference calls

# Purpose of Working Groups

Working Groups were established in 2010 to help NORDP members organize their collective efforts, develop resources, and discuss activities relevant to research development professionals. Initially 5 working groups were formed and over time, these were consolidated and reduced to 3: Enhancing Research Collaboration, Effective Practices and Professional Development, and External Engagement. Information on each of the working groups, including activity summaries, agendas, and meeting minutes are available online at:  
<http://www.nordp.org/working-groups>.

# How to Join a Working Group

- Although the working groups operate differently, if you are interested in joining a working group, contact its chair/co-chair to express your interest. Because working groups members are expected to be active participants in their working groups, we ask that NORDP members associate with only one working group at a time.
- In 2012, the Enhancing Research Collaboration Working Group sent a broad invitation to the NORDP membership to join the working group. We added nearly 20 new members. Our current workload suggests that we may not need to add to the working group membership for a while. However, if current working group members leave the group, then we may invite new members.

# Mission of the *Enhancing Research Collaboration* Working Group

- The mission of the Enhancing Research Collaboration Working Group is to build resources and share effective practices that foster and enhance intra- and inter-institutional research collaboration.
- Goals and Objectives
  - Provide a basis and means for working within and across institutions to build resources and mechanisms that benefit research collaboration
  - Develop and promote mechanisms and effective practices to enhance intra- and inter-institutional collaboration on new research incentives
  - Develop opportunities for NORDP members to facilitate collaborations across their institutions
  - Summarize the strengths and weaknesses for tools that support collaboration
  - Organize resources and information regarding collaboration, team science, and cross-disciplinary (inter/multi/trans) research

# Expectations for *Enhancing Research Collaboration* Working Group Members

- As a working group, we rely on our members to actively contribute to monthly teleconferences as well as actively work on various projects in the time between meetings.
- Because we want to encourage engagement of our members, we need to hear from you in terms of suggestions for activities within the working group, ideas you think would be of interest to the group as well as any questions you might have.
- When we ask for volunteers, we encourage you to step up and volunteer even if you haven't been engaged in research development that long. Your membership in NORDP and the working group should be a source for professional development, from which you learn and to which you contribute.
- If you feel out of the loop or aren't sure how to more fully engage and volunteer within this Working Group, contact Alicia Knoedler ([aknoedler@ou.edu](mailto:aknoedler@ou.edu)) or Dave Stone ([dastone@niu.edu](mailto:dastone@niu.edu))

# How to Participate within the *Enhancing Research Collaboration* Working Group

- Determine what you want to get out of being a working group member
- Be realistic in determining how much time you have to dedicate to the work of the working group
- Our teleconference meetings are the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of every month (at this time)
- We have an agenda and minutes for each meeting
- We use Basecamp to organize our information exchange

# *Enhancing Research Collaboration* Working Group Accomplishments

- Research Development Conference 2011 Collaboration Panel
- Creation of the *Comprehensive List of Collaborative Funding Mechanisms list* - [http://www.nordp.org/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=37](http://www.nordp.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=37)
- Team Science to Inform RD Professionals
  - Help inform the SCITS research agenda
  - Team Science Study Group Expansion
  - Compile Team Science Reference for NORDP Resource Page



# Current *Enhancing Research Collaboration* Working Group Projects

- The primary project for the Enhancing Research Collaboration Working Group is the development of a **Research Centers Resources** document/database. The purpose of the **Research Center Resources** document is to create a repository of information regarding research centers and to provide a mechanism to share resources, insights, and advice for externally-funded large center initiatives. Each section will consist of a collection of hyperlinks pointing to existing documents or relevant resources, each prefaced by a short description of the information to be found at said link.
- **Research Center Resources** will ultimately become a shared resource for NORDP members, a fluid document/database that will continue to serve the NORDP community. At the outset, the document will be confined to a MS Word or PDF file. Ideally, however, a database of information would be formed so that sharing, adding, and searching for information will become easier and more efficient.

# Basecamp



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WEDNESDAY, 16 MAY 2012

**Writeboard** [Research Centers Resources](#) Updated by **Alicia K.**

**Writeboard** [Re: WG Conference Call Schedule](#) Comment by **Alicia K.**

TUESDAY, 15 MAY 2012

**Message** [Minutes of April 17 Reserach Collaboration working group](#) Posted by **Jorja K.**

**Comment** [Re: Enhancing Collaboration Working Group Conference Calls – Basecamp Writeboard](#) Posted by **Jorja K.**

**Comment** [Re: Enhancing Collaboration Working Group Conference Calls – Basecamp Writeboard](#) Posted by **Meredith M.**

**Message** [Enhancing Collaboration Working Group Conference Calls – Basecamp Writeboard](#) Posted by **Alicia K.**

FRIDAY, 11 MAY 2012

**File** [Research Center Resources add to this file pec May 8 2012.docx](#) Uploaded by **Penny C.**

FRIDAY, 27 APRIL 2012

**Comment** [Re: test message](#) Posted by **Alicia K.**

**Message** [test message](#) Posted by **Alicia K.**

THURSDAY, 19 APRIL 2012

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WEDNESDAY, 18 APRIL 2012

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TUESDAY, 17 APRIL 2012

**Message** [sections](#) Posted by **Jorja K.**

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**Penny Cook**  
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**Elizabeth Constantine**  
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# Ideas for WG to Consider

- Networking and collaboration among NORDP members
- Facilitating collaboration (pre-pre award, planning and proposal development stages) among faculty - NORDP members setting the tone
- Fear factors in pursuing collaboration
- Collaboration tools
- Setting expectations in collaborations
- Working with Primarily Undergraduate Institutions (PUIs)
- Collaborations among institutions in EPSCoR states
- Pros and cons of establishing a database of successful sample proposals available to all NORDP members
- Participation in the NORDP mentoring program

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