24th NSF EPSCoR National Conference

Collaboration: Advancing the Role of Science in the Service of Society

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Conference Objectives

- Showcase EPSCoR’s broad societal contributions: focus on collaboration
- Share knowledge and build collaboration;
- Enhance effective collaboration within and across EPSCoR jurisdictions and beyond;
- Advance EPSCoR programs’ ability to engage in effective interdisciplinary and transdisciplinary collaboration;
- Promote collaboration across the workforce continuum; and
- Build capacity among faculty, staff, students and Statewide Committees to communicate the value of research and its broader impacts to a range of audiences, including legislators.
Conference Design Highlights

• 2 Days
• Engaged dialog and collaborative problem solving
• Contract / agreement: plans for continued collaboration across jurisdictions
• Communication training
• Pre-conference workshop
• Afternoon breakout sessions by research topic
• Evening activities continue theme of communication, collaboration
Sunday, Nov. 1

• Preconference Workshop: Building Collaborative Capacity
  • 1-5 p.m.
    • Learn how to measure collaboration within your own project
    • Track development of collaborations over time
    • Increase capacity to develop more effective collaborative practices
    • Develop a contract tailored for the needs of your jurisdiction

• Poster set up
• Reception, 5-7 p.m.
• Dinner on your own
Monday, Nov. 2

- Plenary session at the Portsmouth Music Hall
  - Keynote speaker: The Impact of Collaborative Science
  - Panel discussion: Societal engagement by EPSCoR Institutions
  - Communicating science interactive session (Alan Alda Center)
- Distilling your message training (limited)
- Facilitated breakout sessions by topic (solicited during registration)
- Poster session
- Applied theatre on collaborative processes in higher education
- Dinner on your own (by theme)
Tuesday, Nov. 3

- Plenary session at the Portsmouth Music Hall
  - Speaker and panel: Science of Team Science
- State Committee Chairs Address the EPSCoR Trifecta: Research, Science & Technology, and Economic Development
- Track 3 Panel Session: National Models for Broadening Participation
- Facilitated breakout sessions by research topic
- Distilling your Message: Legislators and State Committees
- Alda Improv-based Training
- Conference evaluation discussion
- Dinner on your own (by theme)
- Science Café (optional)
Wednesday, Nov. 4

- PD/PA/EOD meeting
- Need input from the councils for developing the agenda
- Adjourn at 11:30
Communication: Essential Element of Collaboration

• Alan Alda Center for Communicating Science
  • Plenary session and workshops (limited seats)
  • **Improvisation for Scientists**: Theater exercises that help you connect more directly with listeners. It’s not about acting or comedy – it’s about paying dynamic attention to the people you’re talking with.
  • **Distilling Your Message**: How to talk clearly and conversationally about complex science without “dumbing it down.”

• Applied theatre on collaborative processes in higher education
Facilitated Breakout Sessions

• Advance plans for NSF workshops, data sharing, incubation of new research ideas and proposals.

• Monday:
  • Brief presentation from each jurisdiction (or video).
  • Group discussion to identify best practices and challenges in communication and collaboration

• Tuesday:
  • Focus on cross-jurisdictional opportunities for advancing communication and collaboration such as:
    • Recruitment of graduate students and post-docs
    • Research collaborations
    • Site visits to support leadership development of junior faculty, post-docs, graduate students
    • NSF workshop planning
    • Reporting out to whole group
Registration

- Opens March 15, closes September 15
  - Sign up early! No late registrations possible
  - Registrations should be coordinated by jurisdiction
  - Begin with registration open to jurisdictions before publicly open
- Limit: 12 attendees per jurisdiction
  - Legislator(s), State committee member(s)
  - State director(s)
  - PDs/PAs/ EODs
  - Early career faculty, post-docs, graduate students
Expenses

- Registration fee: Estimated $225
  - Waived for students (2)
- Additional costs:
  - Wed. a.m. PD/PA/EOD meeting: $35 (optional)
  - Dinners on your own
  - Parking
Reimbursements

• Travel reimbursements of up to $1500 (3)

• State committee chairs who serve as panelists:
  • Reimbursement for travel up to $1500
  • $500 stipend
  • Registration is NOT waived.

• Faculty who serve as panelists or facilitators:
  • Reimbursement for travel up to $1500
  • Waived registration fee

• Travel reimbursements and stipend requests must be submitted by the jurisdiction's EPSCoR office.
Downtown Portsmouth

• Lodging at 5 hotels: Block rates $160-165
• Restaurants
• Shops
• Music Hall
• Waterfront
• Historic sites
Conference information

• Website: www.nsfepscor2015.org

• Contact information

• Registration, lodging, travel tips
  • Link to Guidebook

• Sign up for Guidebook: phone, tablet, laptop
  • Conference program and schedule
  • Schedule changes: email alert
  • Program evaluation, comments
  • Downtown businesses, attractions
Provide an up-to-date agenda
Attendees can browse around or search for sessions by keyword. Personal to-do lists and schedules keep them on track, and last-minute changes are a snap!

Send instant push messages
Your team can send important updates to users’ phones—even if the app isn’t open.

Gather real-time feedback
Request feedback while your attendees are onsite, thinking about the event or a specific session. See results in real-time.

Interact with the audience
Speaker presentations are a two-way street. With live polling, attendees answer polls right from their mobile guide.
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LOCATION

Sheraton

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Tips for planning your trip

- Bring comfortable shoes! Lots of walking
  - Trolley to and from the Music Hall events
- November weather: Cool (40s-50s) and possibly wet
- Transportation info will be on website
  - No hotel shuttles from airports.
  - Manchester NH, Boston MA, Portland ME airports
  - Bus transportation available, taxi from station
  - Parking fees and availability vary: check with hotel

- Extending your stay? Coming early?
  - Hotels have limited “shoulder” room blocks
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