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Self-Prep Checklist Handout

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Description**Initiating & Sustaining Community-Academic Partnerships**

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This workshop presents “5 Simple Steps” for initiating and sustaining community-academic partnerships. Participants will move through the 5 steps to consider the unique aspects of community-academic partnerships, the importance of deliberate and intentional conversations to find mutual benefit, and knowing when/if to terminate the partnership.

Disciplines

Civic and Community Engagement | Community-Based Learning | Community-Based Research | Higher Education | Service Learning

Self-Preparation Checklist

In thinking about Community-Academic Partnerships, ...

	Yes/This is easy for me to do	No/This is hard for me to do	I have no idea, I should think about this more
Do I possess the patience needed to work with a diverse team?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do I possess the patience needed to learn things I may not know?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do I possess the patience needed to teach others about my skills and experience?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do I have a genuine curiosity about how others live and/or what their jobs entail?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do I possess or am willing to learn the interpersonal skills needed to build long-term partnerships?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Am I willing and able to respect and inspire others?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do I have the ability to lead?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do I have the ability to share control?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do I have the ability to be led?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do I want to make others' concerns the focus of my work?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
As an academic, am I able to supplement my scientific skills with humility?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
As a community partner, am I able to support academic needs?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Am I committed to self-evaluation, equal power distribution, and the development of mutually beneficial partnerships?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>