

To collaborate or not to collaborate, that is the question.

Instructions: A research organization approaches you about joining them as a community partner for one of their approved research projects. Complete this checklist by answering the "Guiding Questions." Each guiding question has an explanation preceding it to help guide what to think about or consider when responding to the questions.

Use the corresponding worksheets to conduct internal conversations and guide conversations with the research organization.

	NO	SOMEWHAT	YES
<p>RELATIONSHIP CONSIDERATIONS Mutual respect, shared interests, and partner reputation are vital to a good research partnership. Take time to assess if this organization is a good fit for your culture, community, reputation, and mission.</p>			
<p>GUIDING QUESTION: Have you or other groups had negative experiences working with this research partner?</p>			
<p>GUIDING QUESTION: Do you believe the project aligns with your community's interests and values or could be adapted to do so?</p>			
<p>When deciding whether to participate in a project, trust your instincts. Consider the questions below to help you decide:</p>			
<p>Do you understand why the research partner chose to approach your organization and/or community for this project?</p>			
<p>Do you have any reasons to think the risks of being associated with this research partner or participating in this project might outweigh the benefits?</p>			
<p>Do you think the research partner would be willing to hear your concerns about this project and modify it accordingly?</p>			
<p>Do you think the communities you serve would embrace this project?</p>			
<p>Do you think this is the right research partner to work with?</p>			

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