

# TOP 10

## Tips For Demystifying Scientific Collaborations

Impactful researchers know scientific breakthroughs are team projects, built from strong partnerships. Start using these tips today to optimize your collaborations in and out of the lab.

### 1 Look for a potential collaborator

Find a potential collaborator through in-person or digital activities by attending conferences and participate in online discussion groups.



### 2 Evaluate the potential collaboration

Determine if you and your collaborator are a good fit — consider your goals, communication styles and research approaches.



### 3 Try cold calling

Reach out through a cold email or another form of communication — Start a relationship professionally and kindly.



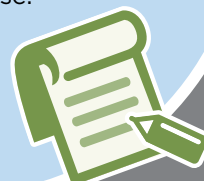
### 6 Create an inclusive and collegial environment

Put guidelines in place that promote trust and respect.



### 5 Formalize your partnership

Establish a collaboration agreement and work through potential pitfalls before they arise.



### 4 Have patience

It can take a long time to launch a collaboration.



### 7 Follow best practices

Ensure everyone takes responsibility for research integrity. Each collaborator must follow best practices.



### 8 Publish

Publish — or complete your project in another way.



### 9 Celebrate

Celebrate the conclusion of your project.



### 10 Stay in touch

Stay in touch with your partners — future opportunities might arise.



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