

Cultivating Collaboration in Graduate Programs

This small-group session aims to result in a list of suggestions to cultivate collaboration at the university, departmental, advisor/professor levels. This is a session to propose solutions, however big or small, to prevent/ combat problematic attitudes, policies, and practices that have been experienced by graduate students.

1. Activity Introduction (12:30-12:35) — 5 Minutes

2. Group Introductions (12:35-12:40pm) — 5 Minutes

⇒ *The facilitator will lead the table in a round of introductions (name, department, year in program, what about this topic interests you or would you like to learn)*

3. Review of Barriers (12:40-12:50pm) — 10 Minutes

⇒ *The facilitator will read through the list of barriers suggested by grad student during the previous session.*

4. Select Level/Category (12:50-12:51) — 1 Minute

⇒ *The facilitator will guide discussion where the group selects which **level/category** of barriers (university, departmental, advisor/professor, or other) they would like to work on during this session.*

5. Brainstorm Solutions (12:51-1:11) — 20 Minutes

⇒ *Focusing specifically on the category chosen by the group,*

5. Wrap Up (1:11-1:15) — 4 Minutes

⇒ *Review possible solutions and rank them in terms of feasibility/ease of implementation*

⇒ *Facilitators should turn in the completed team worksheet to the conference planning team.*