

Working with others – 8 Considerations

What should you take in to account when thinking about engaging with other organizations? Here are 8 considerations (in somewhat formal language) related to being an unbiased source of science that informs policy and innovation.

1. Open Dissemination of Research Results and Information

Agreements with external parties shall not abridge the ability of University researchers to disseminate their research methods and results in a timely manner. The most fundamental tenet of the University is the freedom to interpret and publish or otherwise disseminate research results in order to support the transfer of knowledge to others and maintain an open academic environment that fosters intellectual creativity.

2. Commitment to Students

Agreements for research relationships with external parties shall respect the University's primary commitment to the education of its students.

3. Accessibility for Research Purposes

Agreements with external parties shall ensure the ability of University researchers to utilize the results of their research to perform future research.

4. Public Benefit

Agreements with external parties shall support the ability of the University to make available for the public benefit in a diligent and timely manner any resulting innovations and works of authorship.

5. Informed Participation

All individuals involved in research governed by a University agreement with an external party shall have the right and responsibility to understand the rights and obligations related to future research results embodied within the agreement.

6. Legal Integrity and Consistency

Commitments concerning future research results made in agreements with external parties shall be consistent with all applicable laws and regulations and the University's contractual obligations to others.

7. Fair Consideration for University Research Results

Agreements with external parties shall provide fair consideration to the University and the general public for granting commercial access to future University research results.

8. Objective Decision-Making

When establishing or conducting University relationships with external parties, decisions made about rights to future research results shall be based upon legitimate institutional academic and business considerations and not upon matters related to the personal financial gain of any individual.



*Weighing the science to
provide unbiased input*