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The Teaching- Research Nexus

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Definition



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Nexus

- 1. a means of connection; tie; link.**
- 2. a connected series or group.**
- 3. the core or center, as of a matter or situation.**



1. Regional Collaboration—Ark-La-Miss
2. Barriers to Collaboration—Teaching-Research-Within Institutions
3. Barriers to Collaboration—Teaching-Research-Across Institutions

Regional Collaboration Ark-La-Miss



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Regional Collaboration

Ark-La-Miss



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1. Genesis
2. Participants
3. Define areas that we can work together
4. Define models of collaboration
5. Identify & assign specific task

Regional Collaboration

Ark-La-Miss



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1. Models of Collaboration
 - a. Shared specialists/scientists
 - b. Strategic investments/cluster hires.
 - c. Collaboration on multistate projects.
 - d. Shared research/extension outcomes/products

Regional Collaboration

Ark-La-Miss



1. Identify & Assign Specific Task for Team Members.
 - a. Develop MOU on resource sharing for: Sweet Potatoes, Pecans, Poultry, Catfish.
 - b. Develop a “Water Team” of scientists & Extension Specialists.
 - c. Work with each Ag. Communication unit in each institution to share applicable publications & news stories.

Barriers to Collaboration Teaching-Research Within Institutions



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1. Funding
2. Facilities
3. Support Personnel & Graduate Students
4. Faculty Attitude
5. Administrative Models
6. Goals
 - a. Shared faculty
 - b. Shared facilities
 - c. Shared students

Barriers to Collaboration Teaching-Research Across Institutions



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1. Funding
2. Administrative Bureaucracy
3. Travel Barriers
4. Faculty Credit
5. Priorities across institutions but within research areas
6. Probability of success—much higher when you have established shared priorities

Keys To Successful Collaboration



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Coming together is a beginning;
keeping together is progress; working
together is success.

Henry Ford