

TIGER TIPS
RESOURCES FOR AUBURN RESEARCHERS

Collaboration Corner: The Idea Incubator

Idea - mental concept considered important or elaborate.

Incubator – an environment that provides support for new ideas.

Do you have an idea about research or creative scholarship? Do you need a space in which it can be incubated, discussed, collaborated? Do you need funding for your idea?

Then Join Us at the Collaboration Corner!

The Office of Proposal Services and Faculty Support (PSFS) and the university community have recently celebrated the opening of a new resource for faculty engagement titled the Collaboration Corner. The Collaboration Corner is a welcoming environment that promotes synergy where faculty can exchange ideas, develop proposals, and engage in collaborative endeavors. This venue will provide a “forum” for workshops, presentations and participatory events leading to a better understanding of the various facets of research administration, particularly as they apply to the success of faculty in seeking funding for their research and creative works. The room offers a space where ideas can be incubated and brought to fruition. The Collaboration Corner is a unique gathering place for interdisciplinary discussions and partnerships within Auburn University.

Located in Foy room 205, the Corner has open hours on Tuesdays from 8am – 4pm where faculty are welcome and invited to come in (without an appointment) and use the space as needed, whether for a quiet respite or for a team meeting. In addition the room is available throughout the week for faculty to reserve and use as needed.

The goal of the Collaboration Corner is to provide a place where silos and barriers will be broken. It is a space where faculty from all Departments are welcome to come together to connect with each other, incubate their ideas and share their research to learn from each other. To help facilitate this process, PSFS will host monthly workshops and opportunities for faculty to come together to continually learn from their peers and keep abreast of the current policies and procedures of Proposal Development in an ever changing funding climate.

We invite you to attend the workshops, as well as use this collaborative space. To reserve the room to develop your research and creative scholarship ideas, please visit: <https://cws.auburn.edu/OVPR/pm/psfs/cc>.

PSFS offers assistance to faculty and staff in the broad aspects of idea nurturing; proposal development for their research, scholarly, and creative programs. The multifaceted mission of PSFS includes:

- Finding targeted funding opportunities for faculty to promote research and creative scholarship across campus

- Proposal development services for large, interdisciplinary projects
- Encouraging faculty engagement and collaboration so that we are better prepared to respond to the changing funding climate
- Supporting AU's administrators and staff through our COMPASS program to better serve the research goals of Auburn University

Sound interesting? Proposal Services and Faculty Support can help! The following is a list of the people you can contact depending on specific areas of need:

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Tony Ventimiglia: Requests for assistance of Hanover Research for proposal review
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