

Dear Colleagues,

As you know, Rutgers University is composed of many organizational units that possess complementary interests and expertise in a broad range of priority areas, many of which fall under the umbrella of the global strategic plan of the institution. This communication is meant to identify and, as needed, programmatically coordinate/enhance those initiatives that intersect/engage RBHS with the broad intellectual landscape of Rutgers University, with its rich strengths across numerous disciplines, many of which can impact and/or shape RBHS missions.

To optimize university-wide programmatic development and national branding in this space, as defined by shared intellectual pursuits rather than administrative affiliations, we will host a retreat for all members of the Rutgers community who judge their scholarship to impact and/or define this inter-unit programmatic interface. We envision this retreat as providing an opportunity for existing cooperative ventures to be described and perhaps enhanced via new affiliations, as well as an opportunity for the nucleation of new collaborations that consolidate currently balkanized strengths in strategic areas of development.

To help plan for and structure such a retreat, we would value proposals for presentations of existing collaborations and/or new initiatives that seek partnerships across disciplines. To this end, please submit to Felicia LeSure felicia.lesure@rutgers.edu by June 10 a 1 page document listing interested faculty and their schools and departments, additional faculty/skills you would like to add but have not yet, specify whether it is an existing or a potential partnership, and provide a 1 paragraph description of the current or proposed research/educational/administrative collaboration.

We look forward to your input so the planning of the retreat can progress.

Best,

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