

NSF/NIH QuBBD Program

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Agenda:

- Introductions
- Overview of NIH-NSF partnership
- Discussion:
 - How to nurture new collaborations
 - Experience in the program so far

Meeting outcomes:

QuBBD program awardees met to discuss their experience in the program so far and how to nurture new collaborations between biomedical and quantitative researchers. Awardees demonstrated enthusiasm about the program and its impact on their career so far. Those who participated in the Innovation Lab mentioned that this was a unique opportunity that was extremely important for the successful development of the collaborative teams they are now a part of since it provided time and mentoring to work through the initial challenges of setting up an interdisciplinary collaboration. Several awardees mentioned that they actually brought the Innovation Lab model forth to the leadership of their respective academic institutions, which suggests that the model itself is being replicated by those who participated. Most participants liked the broad scientific focus on precision medicine of the first lab and Dear Colleague Letter. Several awardees also mentioned how this program had been beneficial in developing institutional support especially since the program involved funding from both the NSF and NIH. Most awardees mentioned that one year of funding was the minimum necessary to establish a new interdisciplinary collaboration and more funding would be helpful to sustain new programs to the point where teams or individual researchers could apply for more sustained funding like an R or K award. Most of the awardees (especially those new to NIH funding) expressed some uncertainty about how this program would connect them to the wider BD2K community and what the next steps would be in terms of applying for subsequent funding at NIH.