How to Establish Successful Physiology Education Research Collaborations

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1. Read current physiology education research literature. Determine who is publishing work that is related to your research interests.

2. Attend community events, symposia, workshops and conferences focused on physiology education research. Collect contact information of potential collaborators for virtual and in-person events.

3. Consider what type of collaboration works for you based on how much of your research effort you can commit to a collaboration and the time frame of the project. Determine what outcomes are important for your own professional development.

4. Email potential collaborators. Introduce yourself, state what interests you about their research and ask them if you can arrange a brief meeting to discuss their work.

5. Describe your education research aspirations to your mentors, advisors and contacts. Ask them to provide an email introduction to possible collaborators.

6. Reach out to colleagues at your own institution as potential collaborators. Colleagues in the teaching and learning center and social sciences and education departments may have expertise in education research.

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