

Networking & Collaboration Skills for Research Success.

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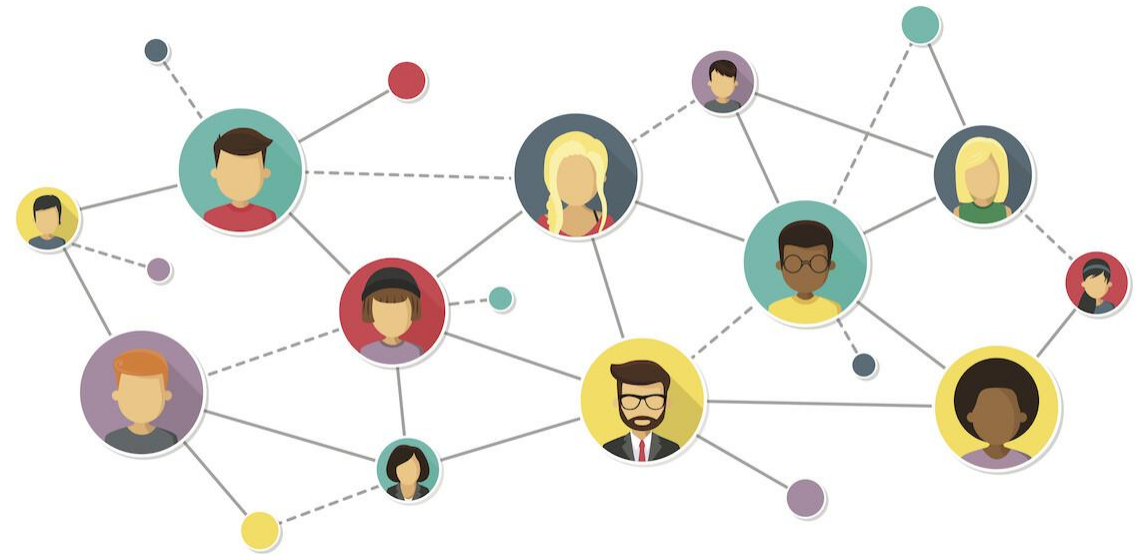
Agenda

Objective: Building Connections Accelerates Your Research Career.

- 01.** Networking.
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- 05.** The Use of Online Platforms.
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Networking.

- Networking **opens doors** to collaborations and funding opportunities.
- Builds support systems for **advice and mentorship**.
- Helps stay **updated** on advancements and job openings.
- **Enhances** visibility and impact of your work.



Collaboration.

- Collaboration **multiplies** expertise and resources.
- Encourages **diversity of ideas and innovation**.
- Requires mutual respect, clear roles, and shared goals.
- **Strengthens** research quality and reach.



Preparing to Network?

- **Define** your research and career goals.
 - You don't need it all figured out!
- Identify **relevant** conferences, seminars, and online forums.
- Prepare a brief, clear personal introduction (“**elevator pitch**”).
- **Research** potential contacts to tailor conversations.



Approaching & Connecting.

- Start with **common** interests or recent papers.
- **Be** genuine, listen actively, and ask thoughtful questions.
- Exchange contact information **professionally**.
- Follow up **promptly** after initial contact.



Online Platforms.

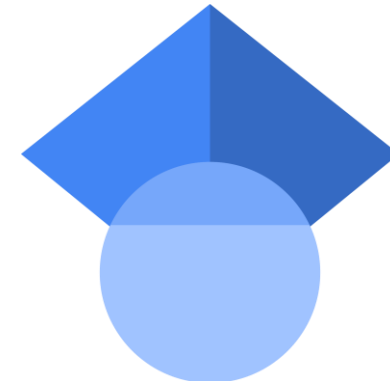
- Maintain a professional LinkedIn and/or ResearchGate profile.
- Share your work and engage with others' research posts.
- Join relevant groups and participate in discussions.
- Use online seminars and webinars to broaden your network.



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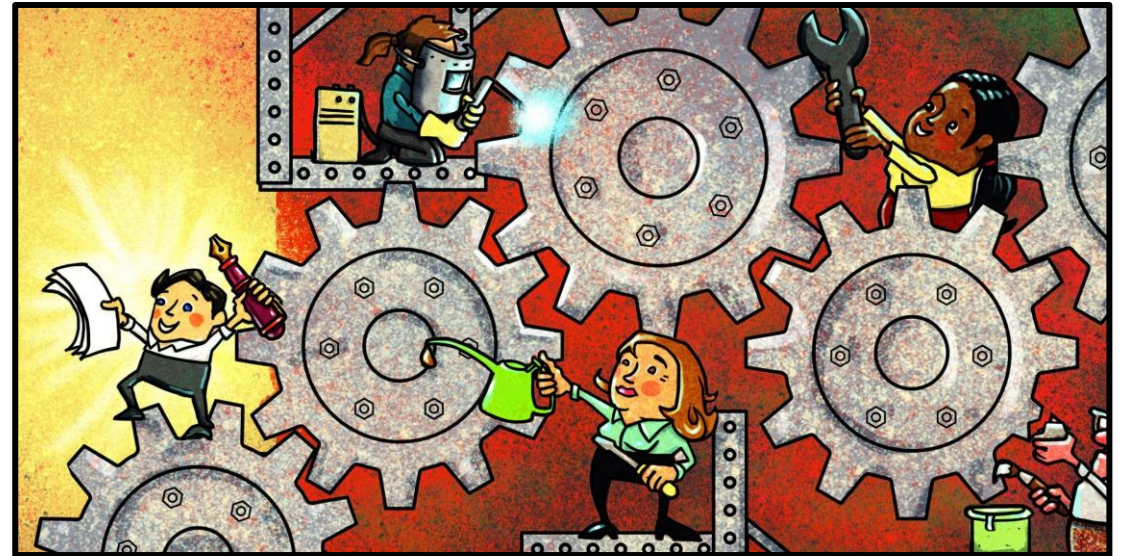


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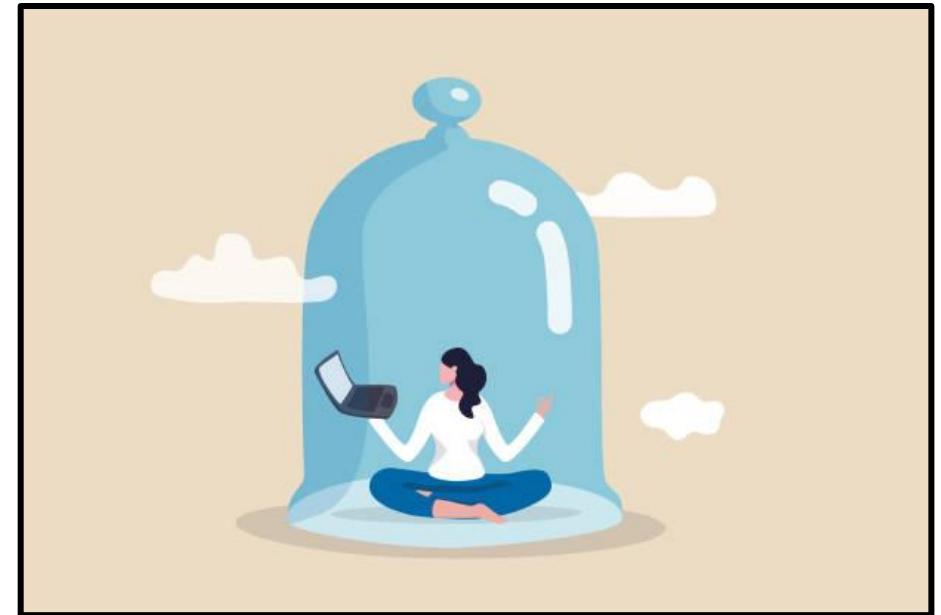
Maintaining Networks.

- Keep in touch with collaborators **regularly**.
- Share **relevant** opportunities, papers, or news.
- **Offer** help and support without immediate expectation.
- **Be** reliable and communicate clearly about contributions and credit.



Challenges.

- **Manage** introversion by practicing and setting achievable goals.
- Address cultural and disciplinary differences with openness.
 - **Do not overstep bounds, be open minded, and respectful!**
- **Set boundaries** to avoid overcommitment.
- **Learn** from setbacks and refine your approach.



Leveraging Networks for Career Growth.

- Collaborations can lead to co-authorship and grants.
- Networks provide mentorship and job referrals.
- Diverse perspectives improve problem-solving skills.
- Broaden your impact beyond your immediate field.



Q&A.

- What are your biggest networking challenges?
- How can collaboration drive your research goals?

