**Collaboration with Research Institutions Decision Making Framework**

This decision making framework is a guide to assist with determining opportunities for engaging external research/university support in a barter relationship style. These relationships are project based (time limited with a discrete scope of work) and generally are not designed to support the agency's day to day business. Three guiding questions to get started:

* Is this a project with sufficient merit worthy of a partnership, i.e. does it have value for the organization and the research institute?
* Does this project require knowledge of day to day business practices that may require an intensive level of staff involvement?
* Would this project require substantial internal capacity to continue?

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| **What is something you want to improve, know or change?** | **Narrow the idea to a few specific questions or elements to identify the role for the researcher.** | **Who are your local research groups, universities and colleges that can help answer the questions?** | **What are the skills you are seeking (qualitative evaluation, quantitative evaluation, literature reviewing, writing, subject matter experts)** | **What are the likely academic departments that would be able to answer this question?** | **Is this a one- time special project or does it require a longer term investment; what is the time involved estimate?** | **What is benefit to student, professor, department or institution?** |
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