

Group Discussion 2, Thursday afternoon, June 10. ITR Project Organization

Table assignments are organized by directorate and division, and by ITR theme. Each table has an assigned discussion leader. The discussion leader will integrate the results of your table's discussion with the results of other tables' discussions on the same ITR theme. One of the theme discussion leaders, or a volunteer, will report to the larger group in the afternoon. Your discussion leader will lead your discussion, take notes, and be the reporter for your group.

Instructions for Discussion

1. Each PI and co-PI at the table should spend a few minutes filling out the next worksheet to prepare for the group discussion. The worksheet is on the next page.
2. Using a round robin approach, start the discussion on the questions that follow. The discussion leader should record the information and ideas generated by each person in the group. You may use a flip chart or laptop to take notes.
3. The group should decide on three key ideas from the discussion.

ITR Project Organization Discussion Questions

- ◆ How did PIs and Co-PIs organize their ITR projects? How did they coordinate across departments or institutions?
- ◆ How did projects achieve, manifest, and sustain synthesis and integration of knowledge across disciplines?
- ◆ Can we identify some "best practices" for multidisciplinary research? (What tools, approaches, or types of personnel fostered coordination of joint work?)