Purpose of the research: You are being asked to participate in a research study conducted by the UNM Science of Team Science (SciTS) Team (PI: Hannah Torres). The purpose of this research is to collect metrics that align with SciTS literature about the process, development, and outcomes of teams; and to explore the knowledge convergence process. You are being asked to participate because of your involvement with the UNM Grand Challenges program.

This consent form contains important information about this project and what to expect if you decide to participate. Please consider the information carefully. Feel free to ask questions before making your decision on whether or not to participate.

Your participation in this research is voluntary. There will be no negative repercussions for withdrawing during or after the collection of data is complete. Participants will simply need to communicate their preferences to the researchers. You may be asked to participate in one or more of the data collection strategies, and you may choose to participate in one but not another, all, or none. You have the right to refuse to answer any question(s) for any reason.

What you will do in the project: We will be researching the collaboration and development of scientific research teams by collecting the following data:

- Surveys about your team’s development and social network. We will be collecting your name, in order to properly utilize the network analysis software. However, once the information from each of the surveys is entered into the software program, names and all identifying information will be removed from the data file and replaced with a fake ID.

- Qualitative data which may include: observations during team meetings, informal interviews, and focus groups. With your permission, this interview will be digitally recorded to ensure that your comments are accurately recorded. The audio files will be kept on a secure server and will only be shared among members of the research team. You also have the right to refuse to be audio recorded or to ask that a particular comment be stricken from the record.

Data from this study will be shared in three ways:

1. Feedback to your scientific team for future collaborations, grants, peer-reviewed articles, and conference presentations
2. In peer-reviewed, academic publications and conference proceedings on interdisciplinary team science.
3. Data aggregated by team and by program will be shared to demonstrate program effectiveness.
Risks: You do not face any risks for participating nor are there any costs to participate. It is not possible to identify all potential risks in research procedures, but we have taken reasonable safeguards to minimize any known and potential, but unknown, risks.

Benefits: Data will be provided to your team to understand the team development and research convergence process.

Confidentiality of your Information: We will take measures to protect the security of all your personal information, but we cannot guarantee the confidentiality of all research data. The University of New Mexico Institutional Review Board (IRB) that oversees human research may be permitted to access your records. Your name will not be used in any published reports about this project.

Use of your information for future research: All identifiable information (e.g., your name) will be removed from the information. After we remove all identifiers, the information or samples may be used for future research or shared with other researchers without your additional informed consent.

Payment: You will not be paid for participating in this project.

Right to withdraw from the research: Your participation in this research is completely voluntary. You have the right to choose not to participate or to withdraw your participation at any time without penalty.

If you have questions about the study, you can contact any member of the research team at the contact information listed below. If you have any questions about your rights as a volunteer in this research, contact the UNM Institutional Review Board at: IRBMainCampus@unm.edu; (505) 277-2644, Website: http://irb.unm.edu/.

Thank you again for your time and participation in our study.

Sincerely,

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