CREATE A BETTER ENVIRONMENT IN YOUR RESEARCH GROUP

Working in a research group might not always be easy! Having a strategy and some tips from past Grad Cohort speakers will help you create a better environment for your research group. Don’t forget to be prepared, for any issues you might encounter!

RESEARCH IS COLLABORATIVE

❖ Research is often collaborative, it is a social process.
❖ Identify your roles in the Research Group.
   ○ Identify both Primary and Secondary Roles.
   ○ Be Flexible! Understand that your roles within your Research Group may evolve as you progress.
❖ Communication is key to effective collaboration of ideas.
   ○ You will learn to communicate ideas by working in a Research Group.
❖ Give credit where credit is due!
   ○ Stand up for your accomplishments, but also be generous with giving credit to others.
❖ Your Research Group is the opportunity to apart of an environment that is supportive and advantageous for your research.
   ○ It is an opportunity to help yourself and others.
KEYS TO SUCCESSFUL COMMUNICATION

- Have something to say and believe in it.
- Figure out how to organize your idea and proposal.
- Listen carefully to comments.
  - Remember you don’t need to incorporate comments if you don’t like them, but another viewpoint is helpful.
- Make sure to listen and understand a question before answering.

STEPS TO THE SOLUTION

If there is any conflict in your Research Group, identify the potential issue.

- All issues should be brought to the team leader sooner rather than later.
- Have a backup plan; just in case the Research Group falls apart.