

Science & Innovation

Panel

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This Panel investigates the unique approach of the RII Track-2 program through a focus on five different Track-2 projects. The goals of this session are to (1) clarify the value of multi-jurisdictional partnerships, (2) consider the role of the Track 2 within the NSF EPSCoR program, and (3) assess its impact on early career faculty.

Summary of panel:

Multi-jurisdictional projects allow collaboration with a broader perspective, more resources, and greater outreach. The University of New Hampshire, Main, Southern Maine, and Rhode Island are working on a project involving the scientific basis of dams, providing a rich example of eco, social, hydropower, and ecosystem damage. They ask the question, how do we make conclusions based on science *and* society? Multi-jurisdictional collaboration helps bring new insight to such issues. Another project partners Puerto Rico and South Carolina and aims to help three areas: energy security, food safety, and water safety. Opportunities provided by multi-jurisdictional collaboration includes contribution from different areas of expertise, career advancement and training, broader resources, and boundary-crossing. Let's collaborate, not separate. Integration can be challenging, but regular meetings and use of collaborative/communication technology strategies helps bridge the physical gap of contributors.