



Getting Started in Collaborative Science:

A professional learning opportunity for NERRS staff who are new to collaborative science.

Common Questions & Answers for the 2026 Opportunity

Q: How will the \$1500 be made available to participants?

A: Funds will be dispersed via reimbursement.

Q: Is it possible for a reserve to register a second staff member to join the opportunity if that person's costs were covered by the Reserve?

A: At this time, we are planning for just one participant per reserve to join either the 2026 or 2027 cohort. There seems to be quite a bit of interest from the NERRS, and we are factoring our resources and team's capacity into our approach. For now, we are asking reserves to please identify just one staff member to complete the registration. Should anything change, we will reach out to all reserves.

Q: Will there be additional cohort activities that will take place after the cohort wrap-up?

A: "Getting started in Collaborative Science" is designed to be completed on a 1-year timeline. The workshops and planned activities will wrap up by the end of the year, 2026. However, we hope that the cohort activities support relationships that carry on after the opportunity wraps up.

Q: Will this opportunity be offered in 2027?

A: Yes, this opportunity will be offered again in 2027.

Q: Our reserve plans to register a staff person for the 2026 cohort. Can we register another staff member in the 2027 cohort?

No, not at this time. Due to the program's budget, we can only support one staff member's participation in *either* the 2026 *or* 2027 cohort.



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Q: When will registration open for the 2027 cohort?

A: We anticipate registration for the 2027 cohort will open sometime in late 2026 or early 2027.

Q: Is the schedule for the 2027 cohort available?

A: The schedule for the 2027 cohort is not yet available, however we anticipate it to be similar to the schedule for the 2026 cohort.