FREE Workshop by Dr. L. Michelle Bennett, Director of the National Cancer Institute (NCI) Center for Research Strategy. Space is limited to 15 UMass Amherst participants, so register now to reserve your spot! Details below.

Monday, December 12th – 12:00-3:30pm
UMass Medical School, Worcester, MA

**Strategies for Success in Collaboration and Team Science**
Dr. L. Michelle Bennett, Director of the National Cancer Institute (NCI) Center for Research Strategy
Are you interested in learning strategies for facilitating communication with collaborators? Are you interested in a career where working as part of a team will be critical? Do you hope to lead your own team one day? Whether collaborating or working within a team now, or interested in doing so in the future, this workshop will raise your awareness of factors important for success (for you and for the team), and strategies you can use as a team leader or as junior member to maximize the experience.

**Workshop agenda:**

12:00 - 12:15 p.m.  
Lunch (provided)

12:15 – 2:00 p.m.  
Factors that influence the success of collaborations and team science
- How to develop trust and a shared vision
- Setting clear expectations
- The progressive steps of forming a team

2:00 - 2:10 p.m.  
Break

2:10 – 3:30 p.m.  
Working across disciplines
- Understanding power dynamics within teams
- “Managing up” as a junior member of a team
- “Selling” your individual accomplishments in a job search or promotion.

**About the speaker:**

L. Michelle Bennett, Ph.D., did her postdoctoral fellowship in the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS) intramural research program, where she was part of the team that characterized and localized the human BRACA1 gene to the long arm of chromosome 17. She became passionate about understanding the characteristics of successful research team functioning and collaboration when she worked in one of the NCI’s intramural research programs, the Center for Cancer Research (CCR). She is co-author of “Collaboration and Team Science: a Field Guide,” a research based handbook that provides strategies for developing effective teams. She has had leadership positions in intramural research divisions of the NCI and NHLBI. Dr. Bennett is currently director of the Center for Research Strategy at NCI, an office she founded to work with scientists from across the organization to identify research gap areas and new research opportunities. For more, see tips for collaboration and teamwork, an interview with Dr. Bennett.

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