Definitions and Goals of Partnerships

**Metrics 24 and 25 focus on academic institutional partnerships.**

An academic institutional partnership has the following characteristics:

- Involves a collaboration that can reasonably be expected to have mutual (though not necessarily identical) benefits
- Contributes to the development of capacities at both institutions
- Respects the value and autonomy of both institutions
- May include exchange of academic credit, student inflow, and billing.

These partnerships typically aim to:

- Build pipelines to and from the institutions
- Construct curriculum or other educational programs of mutual interest
- Develop joint degrees, dual enrollment courses, or other academic opportunities.

**Metric 29 focuses on partnerships with educational as well as corporations, government, non-profit agencies and other entities.**

These partnerships foster the creation and transfer of knowledge for the good of society through mutually-rewarding synergy. Goals of these partnerships include:

- Collaborating on a project or initiative
- Designing curriculum or other educational programs of mutual interest
- Supporting faculty, students, or facilities to gain exposure to Miami’s intellectual talent or introducing their agency to future users, citizens or consumers;
- Licensing specific technology (e.g., patents, biological materials, software, copyrightable materials)
- Sponsoring research or clinical trials
- Supporting a specific research project
- Supporting a capstone or student project

**For more information on partnerships:**

The [Office of Enrollment Management](#) will coordinate the process leading to the approval and signing of any agreement related to undergraduate level partnership activities.

The [Graduate School](#) will coordinate the process leading to the approval and signing of any agreement related to graduate-level partnership activities.
The Office for the Advancement of Research and Scholarship (OARS) will coordinate the process leading to the approval and signing of any agreement related to faculty/staff/student research or assessment, clinical trial or intellectual property partnership activities.

The Office of Global Initiatives is the contact office for information on international partnership activities.

The Office of University Advancement will coordinate the process leading to the approval and signing of any agreement related to private, foundation, or corporate philanthropic partnerships activities.

Other units at Miami University may already have established partnerships with the same institution with which you are anticipating working. Frequently, partnership agreements will also cross several of the above categories. The Academic Partnerships Committee can provide information and assistance about existing partnership activities at the University and direct you to the appropriate coordinating office for newly proposed partnership agreements.