

Tips for Communicating across Disciplines on Research Teams

- Understand the differences in disciplines that can lead to difficulties communicating effectively (e.g. differences in education, language, methodologies, belief systems, etc.)
- Think about the mental models of others on your team and how it may differ from yours
- Choose your language carefully - avoid jargon and acronyms
- Learn key language and terminology from other disciplines of team members
- Balance advocacy and inquiry: balance how much you advocate your ideas with how much you ask about the ideas of others