

FACTORS Checklist

Sample questions to help researchers identify functions for action with communities.

Teaching	Overseeing	Reciprocating	Sustaining
What are the community's norms for research?	What bright-lines does this community have?	How will this research demonstrate its value to the community?	Does this community have the resources to support this work?
What are the community's core values? What types of community engagement and research methods are appropriate in this context? What are the community's expectations for privacy irrespective of the publicity of community content? Who in the community has provided feedback on the proposed work? What is the research team's positionality within the community?	What rules for research does this community have? And what rules do similar contexts have that may also apply? How does the community oversee its bright lines? Who has the ability and knowledge to share community concerns about this research? Who on the research team is accountable for bright-line violations? How will this research affect trust within the community? Trust in research? What contingencies are in place if this work encounters community bright-lines post-hoc?	How does this research benefit the community? What aspects of this work are most relevant to the community? How will they be communicated to community stakeholders? Where is it appropriate to share our research results intended for the community? Are they true? Necessary? Kind? <i>Useful</i>? Who in the community has the ability and interest to apply the intended contribution to the community? How can the research team increase the visibility of this work without impeding on the community's primary purpose?	Can the community support the required sample size? How often have the subjects and subgroups of this work been the target of prior research? How does this work build on or differentiate itself from previously studied research questions? What community resources are being extracted vs. retained? What community resources are most important to sustaining its goals? How does the proposed work offset its footprint on the community? How will research activity be documented within the community for future researchers?