MICHR RESEARCH JAMS ARE DESIGNED TO HELP GROUPS:

- Surface cutting-edge research ideas
- Build collaborations
- Create shared research agendas
- Help initiatives establish their direction
- Develop strategic action plans

FOUR COMMON TYPES OF RESEARCH JAMS THAT WE OFFER ARE:

**IDEATION JAM**
Bringing together new teams to identify complex problems & collaborative solutions

**STRATEGY JAM**
Guiding small, cohered teams in creating research opportunities and pilot projects

**VISIONING JAM**
Helping identify audiences, value propositions, & key activities

**PROPOSAL JAM**
Mobilizing teams to respond to specific funding opportunity announcements

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Duration: Research Jams are typically 2-3 hours in duration.

Champions: The requester of the Research Jam, and any other designees, will serve as the ‘champion(s)’ for the effort and will be the point(s) of contact during the design process.

Planning: The design of our Research Jams is an iterative process that involves the MICHR team and the champion(s). Depending on capacity, we may need up to three months to implement a Research Jam.

Formats: All of our Research Jams can be hosted in person or virtually.

Post Research Jam: MICHR will provide you with a report documenting the Research Jam & next steps identified by your group. We ask that all participants complete a satisfaction survey, so we can keep improving what we do. We like to debrief with the champion, & we can provide project management consultation to get your efforts up & running. Depending on your next steps and our capacity, additional support from MICHR may be possible.

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RESEARCH JAMS: IN-PERSON OR VIRTUAL

Research Jams can be implemented either in-person or virtually (using Zoom and an Online Whiteboard). We will work with you to determine the best format for your group. Some of the advantages of in-person and virtual sessions are highlighted below.

Advantages of In-Person Sessions:
- Interpersonal connections easily made through ad hoc conversations
- Trust and camaraderie develop quickly
- Facial expressions and body language easy to read
- Lack of distractions allow for deep engagement and focus
- Energy and enthusiasm easily transferred
- No technology to navigate
- Sessions are often shorter in duration compared to virtual events
- Participants receive a formal report of all ideas generated

Advantages of Virtual Sessions:
- Allows all participants to collaborate in the same space, regardless of location
- Participants do not need to incorporate travel time into schedules
- Participants receive a formal report and a digital archive of all ideas generated
RESEARCH JAMS: ENGAGING PARTICIPANTS BEYOND THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Research Jams may include various stakeholders, such as community partners, non-profit representatives, members of industry, and funders. We make sure that such participants are prepared for the Research Jam by:

- Helping you convey the purpose, format, and expectations of a Research Jam to participants
- Ensuring participants receive all relevant pre-session materials
- If virtual, understanding participants’ experiences with technology and providing a personalized introduction to the collaboration platform prior to the Research Jam
- If in-person, providing directions and parking options
POST RESEARCH JAM SUPPORT: MANAGING YOUR PROJECT

Participating in a Research Jam is a great start for your initiative. Following the Research Jam, MICHR can provide project management support to keep the momentum going.

Project Management Support Includes:

- Organizing the communication and planning/tracking infrastructure for the initiative
- Identifying and prioritizing a list of projects
- Outlining project plans, prioritizing tasks, and generating timelines
- Identifying tools that may assist the team
- Ongoing consultation meetings with the MICHR Project Management group