Building an interdisciplinary team of UF faculty
(in pursuit of training grants)

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Goals

- Do the activities you want to get funded
- Document your collaborations for NSF
Existing collaborations (pre-IGERT)
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Questions? Comments?

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