

When considering a public-private partnership (PPP) with NIH, what initial steps should be taken before contacting NIH?

At a minimum, the following questions can be useful to consider during the PPP planning phase:

1. Identify the unique purpose for a PPP between your organization and NIH. How would it further both NIH's mission and your own?
2. Which NIH Institute or Center is likely to be the most appropriate partner for the potential PPP?
3. What do you envision as your organization's role in the partnership? What activities do you expect to conduct, and what do you anticipate as NIH's role in the PPP?
4. What resources and expertise are necessary from each partner?

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Who should be contacted to discuss potential partnership?

Since PPPs are commonly established with specific NIH Institutes and Centers (ICs), a useful first step is to determine which IC or ICs would be most appropriate for a given partnership. Such a determination is usually made by evaluating the alignment between an IC's mission and the proposed PPP. A list of NIH ICs and their missions can be found [here](#).

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