

OUTCOMES OF PLEX ENGAGEMENT IN RESEARCH LABS

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INTRODUCTION

Nancy Nicholas

- ▶ BS ChE - Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
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- ▶ Aerospace Career
- ▶ SCI
- ▶ Lab Community Liaison

- ▶ Role definition/background
- ▶ Grant writing and feedback
- ▶ Refining outcome measures
- ▶ Participation in lab meetings
- ▶ Assigned tasks
- ▶ Paid or volunteer

SPECTRUM OF ENGAGEMENT



- ▶ Perspective(s) on priorities
 - ▶ Input on experimental design nuances
 - ▶ Feedback on risk reward
 - ▶ Connection to the community
 - ▶ Encourage students to join SCI research
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- ▶ Specific knowledge of research area
 - ▶ Awareness of academic research cycle
 - ▶ Better understanding of complexity of challenge

OUTCOMES/BENEFITS/CHALLENGES





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— Consortium —

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Lab or research projects

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as an SCI consultant.



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Blackmore Lab *Marquette University*

Gensel Lab *University of Kentucky*

Dulin Lab *Texas A&M University*

Gaudet Lab *University of Texas, Austin*

Ferguson Lab *University of California,
San Francisco (Track SCI)*

Schwab Lab *Ohio State University*

McTigue Lab *Ohio State University*

DeBerry Lab *University of Alabama, Birmingham*

Floyd Lab *Emory University*

Lepore Lab *Jefferson University*

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Poplawski Lab *Cleveland Clinic*