

Community Engagement Studio (CE Studio)

A CE Studio is an efficient, cost-effective tool to engage community partners, enhance research practices, and improve study analysis communication. On average, a CE Studio event is a one-time, ninety-minute meeting to collect feedback from community members for research project improvement and provides a window into the value of community-engaged research. **CE Studios** at Penn State **are supported by t**he university's **Clinical & Translational Science Institute (CTSI) Community Engaged Research (CEnR).**

PLANNING

- CE Studio events are held via a web-based meeting platform or in-person.
- From initial consultation to event date, CEnR **requires six to ten weeks to plan** a CE Studio with researchers.
- Timelines fluctuate based on availability, event format, target population, etc.
- Shorter turn-around times are considered depending on circumstance.
- Typically, researchers spend no more than a total of four hours preparing a CE Studio with CEnR.

GET STARTED! Submit a CE Studio Request:
https://redcap.link/CTSIResearchRequest

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CE Studio for Research Quality Assurance

CE Studios inform the development, conduct or dissemination of research. Perspectives shared and information collected during a CE Studio:

+ **May be used to support a grant proposal.**
+ **Help to refine existing research plans including protocols and dissemination.**

A CE Studio is not considered research and, therefore, **does not require prior Institutional Review Board (IRB) approval**. The Community Engagement team will involve community members to participate in this feedback session.

Participant Compensation

The **recommended compensation is $75 per community participant** for the average, ninety-minute CE Studio. The research team's department finance office is responsible for distributing compensation in compliance with their internal compensation guidelines.

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Additional Expenses

Research teams are responsible for additional expenses

Research teams are responsible for budgeting expenses, such as meals, snacks, and room rental charges for in-person events. The recommended budget is $15 per participant for meals and $150 per event room rental. CEnR strives to help research teams reserve free or low-cost event locations.

Budget-friendly options are available

Cost should not be a barrier to investing in a CE Studio. CEnR works to secure budget-friendly options such as the use of web-based meeting platforms, limiting the number of participants, and free community meeting spaces. Email ctsi@psu.edu for details.



What is Community-Engaged Research (CEnR)?

Community-engaged research (CEnR) harnesses community expertise and lived experience to:

- inform and improve research processes,
- ensure patient-centeredness, and
- expedite translation of study findings.

Working to build trust between community members and researchers, the CEnR process should be fair and lasting, with the goal of enhancing programs and practices for everyone involved.

Engagement can vary, starting from getting input from community members about a research project to letting them take the lead in choosing research topics.

For more information, visit:
https://ctsi.psu.edu/community/

