

Research Clusters, IPPP Universiti Malaya

Useful Guide for IIRG Implementation

Interactions among sub-programmes

- Please have effective and fruitful interactions among different sub-programmes and coordinate the efforts of each sub-programme towards achieving the overall goal of the programme.
- Organize regular meetings and activities among members of all sub-programmes.
- Record meeting minutes, decisions taken and follow up activities.
- All impact related activities should be planned and coordinated at the programme level.
- Please do not leave impact activities to individual sub-programmes without any central (programme) level planning. Once an overall plan for impact activities (e.g., stakeholder engagement, research communication etc.) is made, then share workload among the sub-programmes.
- Interact with other groups in UM working in similar areas (if applicable). You may be complementary to each other and may benefit from such interactions.

Stakeholder engagement

- Stakeholders are persons, organizations **outside academia**.
- National or international academic staff and students are not your stakeholders.
- Collaboration with academics nationally or internationally is not an impact activity. It is academic collaboration.
- Please identify stakeholders relevant to your research. Maintain regular contacts with them. Visit them. Invite them to your lab. Organize mini symposium to update them your research activities. Involve your graduate students in stakeholder activities.
- Understand from stakeholders the real needs on the ground to steer your research in the right direction. Get regular feedback from stakeholders.

Research Communications

- Research communication is meant for **audience outside academia**.
- Publishing in academic journals, attending academic conferences and seminars are not considered as research communication as far as impact is concerned.
- Please communicate your research theme, periodic progress etc. to stakeholders and potential research users through meetings, newsletters, social media etc.
- Please plan for research communication activities throughout the year. Do not wait till the end.

Impact activity schedule

- Please spread impact activities throughout the year, instead of waiting till the end.
- It is important to get the feedback from stakeholders as research progresses.

Impact Pathway

- Please write impact activities with specific dates and specific details of stakeholders as much as possible.
- Only impact beyond academia should be considered.
- Please plan for detailed impact activities and research communications beyond academia with specifics such as dates, name of stakeholders etc.
- Please define “success” in Impact Pathway (last column) in specific terms. It should be measurable.
- Mention specifically how you want to share your research activities with stakeholders (this is not journal or conference paper publication). Such communication should use broad range of formal and informal means such as workshops, bi-lateral meetings, public events, policy dialogues, field visits, conventional media, social media etc.