

# 15 Key Questions for a Successful Collaboration

As with any kind of relationship, not all collaborations are effective. How can we intentionally work to build thoughtful, functional, and creative collaborations?

*If you're currently considering a collaboration, or you're already involved in a collaboration, you can refer to these prompts to help inform your work and guide your collaboration to its most successful and effective outcome:*

1. What are our shared goals?
2. What are our individual strengths and weaknesses?
3. How can we support one another?
4. What skills and resources do each of us bring to the table?
5. Where do our audiences overlap and where do they diverge?
6. How will we communicate?
7. What are our individual roles?
8. Who will be responsible for which tasks?
9. How will we handle challenges and disagreements?
10. How will we address concerns?
11. How will we manage money and compensation?
12. Are we sharing credit for the work?
13. What are our expectations of time and commitment to this project or venture?
14. Why do we want to work together?
15. What does success look like for each of us? What do we each hope to gain?



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