Collaboration is challenging. Creating psychological safety for teams, identifying problems that prevent effective collaboration, and "unlearning" old assumptions and behaviors all are necessary elements.

Fortunately, the skills and behaviors that facilitate collaboration can be learned and practiced. We offer a day filled with experiences that will help participants strengthen their abilities to listen deeply, express themselves effectively, interact personally, directly, spontaneously, and responsively, and bridge the divides that can prevent us from communicating and collaborating. Participants will have opportunities to deepen human interaction and strengthen their empathy and awareness of others, keys to successful collaborative team development.

Facilitated by faculty at the Center for Communicating Science at Virginia Tech, the Collaboration Incubator will engage participants in the basic principles of collaboration, allow them to put the principles into action, and send them home with the tools they need to help their teams learn to connect, communicate, and collaborate effectively.

WHO: Faculty and postdocs interested in strengthening their collaborative skills. Groups and teams may apply together; individuals looking for collaborators or just wanting to develop their skills also are welcome to apply.

*Participation is capped at 20 faculty and postdocs

WHERE: NCB 170

COST: Free, but we ask that you apply only if you are committed to full engagement for the entire day

REGISTER: by April 1, 2019
virginiatech.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_3qG0DcGMKdh6W4B

NIL CREDIT: Attendees can get credit for attending the workshop. The direct link for registration can be found here.

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