

## Day 2 Breakout Session—

### 1. *Sustainability*

- What are likely to be the key characteristics of sustainable partnerships?
  - Demonstrated success is necessary but not sufficient.
  - Promotion of success is also crucial.
  - Operational support is essential.
  - A passionate and visionary leader is needed.

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- What means are available for developing these characteristics?
  - Money must be available to attract a dynamic and effective leader.
  - Continually engage key stakeholders.
  - Support ongoing public relations.

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- What are the key challenges or barriers to their emergence, and how can they be overcome?
  - Passionate leaders are rare and expensive.
  - Key stakeholders have severe time constraints.
  - Many PIs lack expertise in effective public relations.

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- What roles can NSF play in reducing or eliminating these challenges and barriers?
  - Develop and disseminate best practices, both among PIs and among broader constituencies.
  - Sponsor rotating regional conferences of PIs.