

IRA for Sustainability in Food and Fiber Systems

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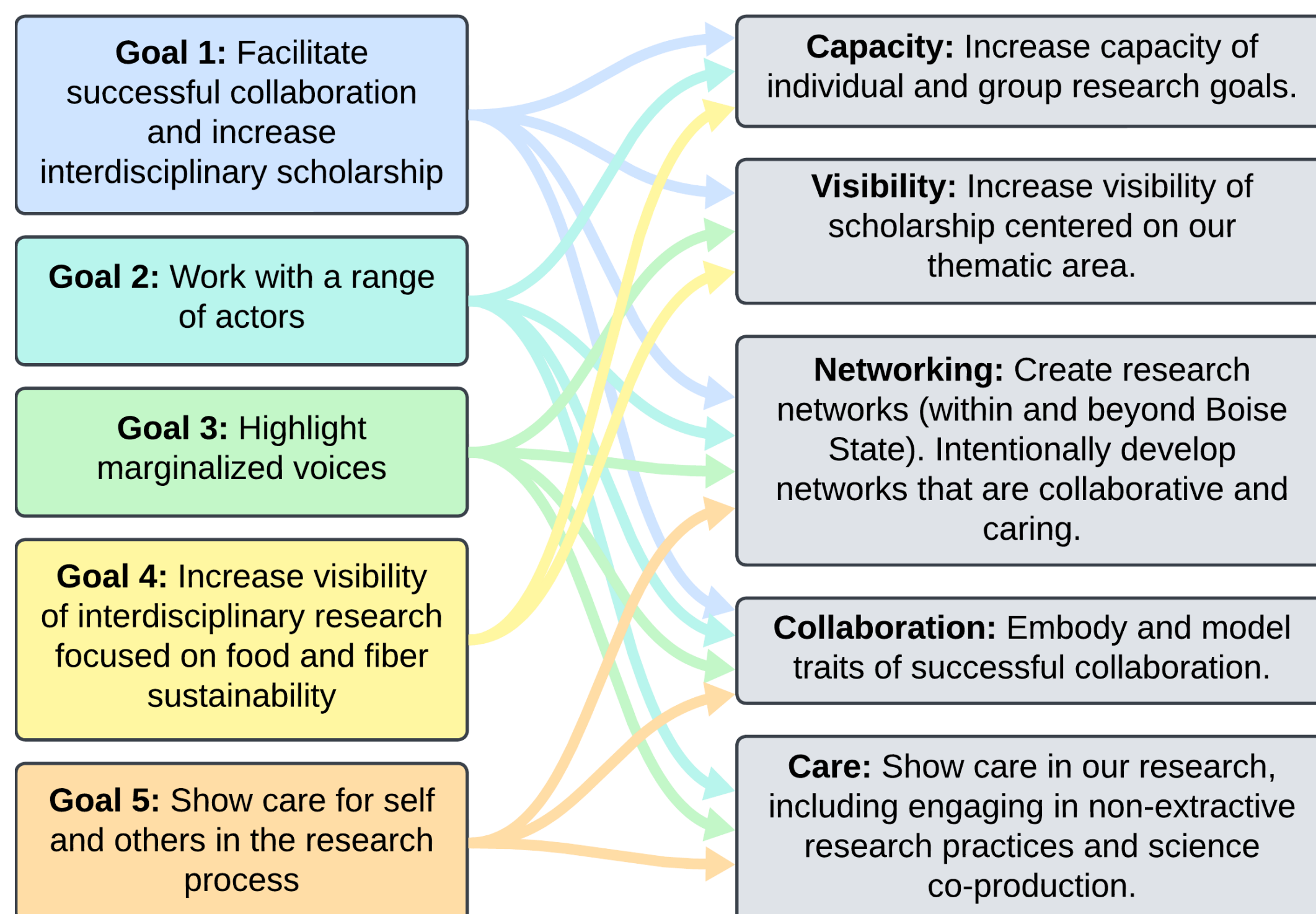
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OVERVIEW

We are a team of faculty working to improve sustainability in food and fiber systems in Idaho and beyond by providing theoretically informed, actionable, interdisciplinary research. Utilizing a feminist team science approach, we have focused our efforts on collaborative team building and co-creation of activities and outcomes.

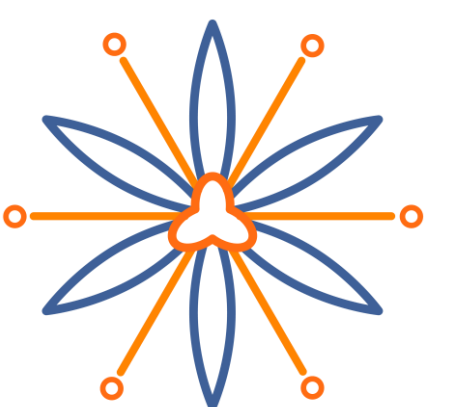


GOALS AND OBJECTIVES



ACTIVITIES AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- **Regular meetings to build community and work towards our goals and objectives:**
 - 3-day writing retreat + bi-weekly writing sessions
 - Group decision making
- **Accelerated research through mutual support of creative activity:**
 - \$2,540,000 awarded in funding as PIs, Co-PIs, or advisors to student fellowships
 - 5 publications, 2 reports, and 15 presentations
 - Community-engaged research project co-developed with Global Gardens and the City of Boise on challenges to sustainability for farmers from refugee backgrounds
- **SAFRoN (Sustainable AgriFood Research Network):** launching spring 2024
 - Connect people at BSU interested in sustainable agrifood systems work



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