

## **Subject: BU Faculty, Searching for Internal Collaborators: Information and Helpful Links**

The Office of Research hosted a webinar (March 24), “**Find a Collaborator: Making Research Connections at Boston University**”, presented by Joseph Farmer, Program Manager and Data Analyst, Research Administration and Finance ([jpfarmer@bu.edu](mailto:jpfarmer@bu.edu))

*[A brief summary of the tools highlighted to identify collaborators within BU \(minutes taken by Robin MacDonald-Admin, Evans Center IBR, IBRO and CTSI\):](#)*

- **BU Profiles** – an internal database managed by BU CTSI; uses NIH taxonomy; mainly MED campus faculty using MeSH keyword system; addition of CRC faculty is in progress [ <https://www.bu.edu/ctsi/support-for-research/networking/bu-profiles/> ]
- **Centers and Institutes** – a searchable web site hosted by BU Office of Research [ <https://www.bu.edu/research/our-research/institutes-centers/> ]
- **SciVal** – this database offers two ways to identify potential collaborators: filtering by Topics/Topic centers or by using Custom Searches; SciVal allows using your own sets of keywords and filters; large searches have a maximum of 100,000 results and any searches with more than 5,000 results require additional computing time [ <https://www.bu.edu/researchsupport/tools-services/scival/> ]
- **Dimensions** – a larger record than SciVal with different capabilities; Dimensions uses set keywords and filters; if searching for citations within the last 30 years, a better search can be done using SciVal as it is not as expansive; Dimensions can expand results within BU by combining keywords and a discipline/topic filters; it is possible to identify citation networks using Dimensions [ <https://www.bu.edu/researchsupport/tools-services/dimensions/> ]
- **BU Experts database** – this is a public relations tool and is publicly available, such as to media; only about 600-700 faculty have been included in this searchable database so far, others may request to be added using an online form [ <https://forms.office.com/r/Nnb4ScZenF> ]

*The BU Office of Research will make the webinar and accompanying slides available on their website. Tutorials have been offered and are available through the BU Office of Research.*