

## SCHOLARLY INTERACTIONS IN TECHNET

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Dept: \_\_\_\_\_

Univ/Institution: \_\_\_\_\_

1. Since when have you been affiliated with TechNet ?

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2. How did you become affiliated with TechNet?

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3. What are your reasons for affiliation with this group?

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4.1 What are some of **the benefits** to you of being a member of TechNet?

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4.2 What are some of **the costs** to you of being a member of TechNet?

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4.3 Do the benefits outweigh the costs of being a member?

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4.4 Have your expectations matched the benefits?

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4.5. What about interdisciplinary groups in general. Would you say the same benefits and costs apply to them?

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5. As a result of your affiliation with TechNet, how have the following changed for you?

- i) awareness of scholars/professionals in other research institutes  
\_\_large decrease \_\_ some decrease \_\_no change \_\_some increase \_\_large increase
- ii) contact with scholars/professionals in other research institutes  
\_\_large decrease \_\_ some decrease \_\_no change \_\_some increase \_\_large increase
- iii) ability to get grants  
\_\_large decrease \_\_ some decrease \_\_no change \_\_some increase \_\_large increase
- iv) your academic prestige  
\_\_large decrease \_\_ some decrease \_\_no change \_\_some increase \_\_large increase
- v) breadth of your research interests  
\_\_large decrease \_\_ some decrease \_\_no change \_\_some increase \_\_large increase
- vi) productive research collaborations  
\_\_large decrease \_\_ some decrease \_\_no change \_\_some increase \_\_large increase
- vii) graduate student involvement in your research  
\_\_large decrease \_\_ some decrease \_\_no change \_\_some increase \_\_large increase
- viii) distractions from your research  
\_\_large decrease \_\_ some decrease \_\_no change \_\_some increase \_\_large increase

6. What does the term “interdisciplinary research” mean to *you* ?

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7. Will interdisciplinary research help answer questions of interest to *you* ? Why?

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8. To what extent do you think your interpretation of the term “interdisciplinary” is shared

- i) by others in your department: \_\_\_no one shares \_\_\_some share \_\_\_everyone shares
- ii) by others at TechNet: \_\_\_no one shares \_\_\_some share \_\_\_everyone shares

9. What journals do you consult on a regular basis? (*Which ones are important to you?*)

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10. The following are statements TechNet members might make about their areas of research. For each statement, please indicate whether you strongly disagree, disagree, uncertain, agree, or strongly agree.

Statements	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Uncertain	Agree	Strongly Agree
1. The research problem I am working on is in an interdisciplinary area					
2. I work in a new discipline that is emerging from older disciplines					
3. Scholars in my area of research come from different disciplines and have developed similar views about theory and methods					
4. My area of research requires peer review by experts in more than one discipline					
5. Interdisciplinary research in my area is poorly focused					
6. My new research ideas often come from talking with or listening to scholars from different disciplines					
7. My research is better when I cross boundaries into other disciplines and become expert in parts of them					
8. I do my best research when I stay within my discipline without attempting an interdisciplinary approach					
9. The cutting edge of my research area is best addressed by bringing together experts from different disciplines					
10. I work mainly in one discipline but keep up with what scholars in related disciplines are doing					
11. I hope I am contributing to the creation of a new discipline or area of research					

11 . List up to **20** academics/professionals you contact for research related problems or issues. Please indicate your level of awareness with each person. (Please, check all that apply).

Name	Collaborator	Discuss research with him/her	Met at conference	Read his / her work

12. Is this person your very close friend, friend, colleague, acquaintance or not related to you in any way?

Very close

Friend

Colleague

Acquaintance

	Very close	Friend	Colleague	Acquaintance

Type of issues discussed.	13 In a typical month, how often do you communicate with each person	14. Which of the following have you used in discussing scholarly and non-scholarly issues with each listed person in the past month ? Please, rate relative use in percentages (%)						
		% Face-to-Face	% Phone	% Papers, Snail Mail	% Fax	% Email	% Lotus Notes	
Scholarly								
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Scholarly								
Non-Scholarly								

15 . Listed below are scholars within TechNet . Please indicate your level of awareness with each person. (Please, check all that apply).

Name	Collaborator	Discuss research issues with him/her	Met at conference	Read his or her work	Heard of
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	16. Is this person your very close friend, friend, colleague, acquaintance or not related to you in any way?				
	Very close	Friend	Colleague	Acquaintance	No direct relation
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	Type of issues discussed.	17 In a typical month, how often do you communicate with each member.	18. Which of the following have you used in discussing scholarly and non-scholarly issues with your TechNet colleagues in the past month: Please, rate relative use in percentages (%)					
			% Face-to-Face	% Phone	% Papers, Snail Mail	% Fax	% Email	% Lotus Notes
S1	Scholarly Non-Scholarly							
S2	Scholarly Non-Scholarly							
S3	Scholarly Non-Scholarly							
S4	Scholarly Non-Scholarly							
S5	Scholarly Non-Scholarly							
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S7	Scholarly Non-Scholarly							
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S9	Scholarly Non-Scholarly							
S10	Scholarly Non-Scholarly							
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S30	Scholarly Non-Scholarly							
S31	Scholarly Non-Scholarly							
S32	Scholarly Non-Scholarly							

19. In a typical day, how much time (in hours) do you spend using the following media:

Media	Number of hours / minutes per day
i. Face-To-Face	
ii. Telephone	
iii. Writing memos. Letters, reports, papers	
iv. E-mail	
v. Lotus Notes	
vi. Web Browsing	
vii. Audio, Desktop, Video Conference	
viii. Other Communication Channels (Please, Specify)	

20. Using the scale below, please rate how effective the indicated communication medium is in accomplishing the specified tasks (not only within TechNet):								
Activities/Tasks	Face-To-Face	Phone	Letter by post	Fax	E-mail	Video / Audio Conferencing	Lotus Notes	The Web
1. Scholarly discussions								
2. Conference Info.								
3. Comments on paper drafts								
4. Advice on research								
5. Share information - books, innovations.								
6. Link scholars								
<b>Rating Scale:</b>	<b>0=Not Effective</b>	<b>1=Slightly Effective</b>	<b>2=Moderately Effective</b>	<b>3=Effective</b>	<b>4=Very Effective</b>	<b>9=Not Applicable</b>		

21.1 How has the use of computer-mediated communication technologies affected your interaction with scholars in TechNet?

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21.2 What about with other scholars?

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22. In what ways has the use of computer-mediated communications affected your use of other means of communication:

i) other meetings - scheduled; \_\_\_\_\_

ii) telephone use; \_\_\_\_\_

iii) letters and papers sent by mail \_\_\_\_\_

iv) fax. \_\_\_\_\_

23. How would you describe the goals of TechNet?

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24. In what ways does your scholarly activities fit in or reflect these goals?

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25. What suggestions do you have for improvement of TechNet?

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***Thank you for your time and cooperation. We will be happy to share our findings with you and to discuss the research project further with you at your convenience.***

