2018 Academies Collaborative: Quick Shots!

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Academy Background

- AHEAD Membership – 733 members
- An interprofessional academy created in 2014. Faculty and staff interested in HPE.
- Levels of membership – general, fellow, distinguished (upper two levels faculty only)
- Three tiered mission focusing on faculty development, recognition and promotion and research & innovation

Innovation Description

The Duke AHEAD Digital Repository captures the scholarship of Duke AHEAD. The repository contains:

- presentations from Education Grand Rounds and other sponsored activities
- citations to articles about projects funded by or related to Duke AHEAD
- work created as part of the Certificate Program
- posters presented at Education Day
- awarded grant applications for the Duke AHEAD grants

The repository was created by Duke AHEAD and the Medical Center Library & Archives at a cost of $5,000.

Why'd You Do It?

Through research and other forms of scholarship, health professions educators make contributions to the evidence that guides educational practices. Scholarship in health professions education can take many forms: it can include discovery of new knowledge about learning and teaching, translating and using research findings to guide teaching, and developing new teaching approaches, among others. Scholarship, though, needs to be disseminated for review and critique, and to allow others to build on that work.

Was it Worth It?

- Earlier implementation may have helped capture the importance of an academy to the health professions schools.
- Too early to say if members will help populate the repository, or if this should become the responsibility of Academy staff.
- Would like to use the repository as a resource when requesting additional operating funds.

Quick Tips for Application

- Have academy staff pre-load entries before launch; a full repository is more appealing to those being asked to upload work.
- Require repository upload by PI or author with acceptance of grants or posters.
- Implement a solid marketing plan before launch. The repository success is dependent upon member use. The easier the process, the more likely the members will utilize the repository.