

August 15, 2023

DC Education Research Collaborative



Message from the Chair

Agenda

- Message from the Chair
- Updates from the Executive Director
- New Member Launch Overview
- Research Update
- Closing
 - Next Meeting – September 28, 2023 5-7 pm

Updates from the Executive Director

Updates

- Infrastructure Building and Operations Management
 - Funding and Relationship Management
 - Community Building
 - Website
- New Member Launch Overview



DC Education Research Collaborative Website



Feedback Questions:

1. What information would you like to see on the homepage?
2. What are the most important things for visitors to see as soon as they come to the site?

A new website centered on our mission

An education research practice partnership that produces actionable, independent research to support decisions that advance equity in the District's public education system.

Providing robust, meaningful information to all members of DC's public education community to improve public education outcomes.

Focused on audience

- Practitioners - School Leaders, Teachers, Other Administrators
- Policymakers and Decisionmakers
- Students and Families
- DC Education Community Organizations, Partners and Advocates
- Researchers

Website content point of view

- Centered on DC education landscape
- Informed by those who experience and use DC education system
- Partnered with community reflecting back what we hear
- Research done in service to the Advisory Committee's approved research agenda

Website voice and tone



Credible, trustworthy and accessible.

Images representing our community

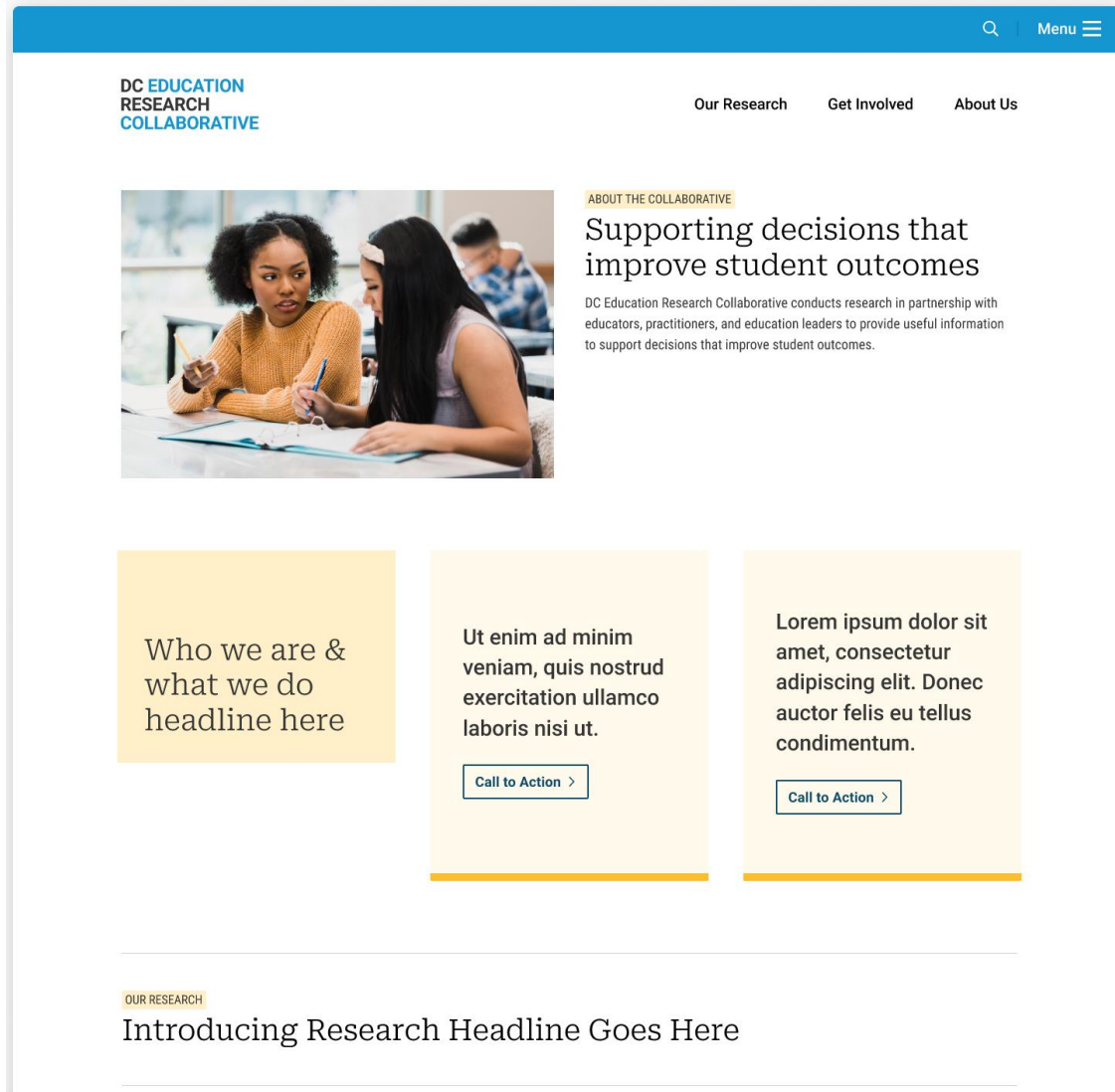


- Photos should speak to diversity in race, age, gender
- Representing teachers, students, parents, and community members
- Truly local landmarks, DC neighborhoods, parks, and murals
- Prefer to limit visuals of Federal landmarks like White House, Capitol, etc.

Rich and informative content

- About pages
- Topics and topic pages
- Research projects
- Briefs
- Editorials
- Blog posts
- Events
- Public meeting notices

Design Elements



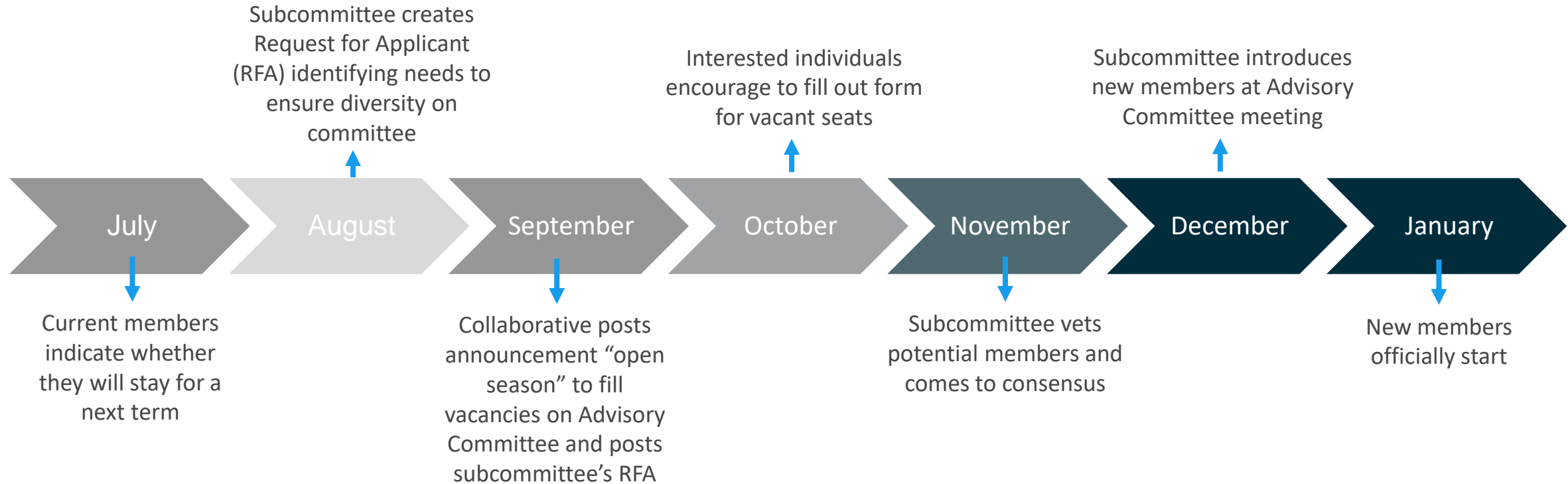
- Modular homepage design
- Consistent design system with several unique elements
- Flexibility in content layout and messaging
- Research and article formats that allow for rich content

Discussion

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Advisory Committee Membership

Timeline



Membership Next Steps

The Collaborative will publicly share:

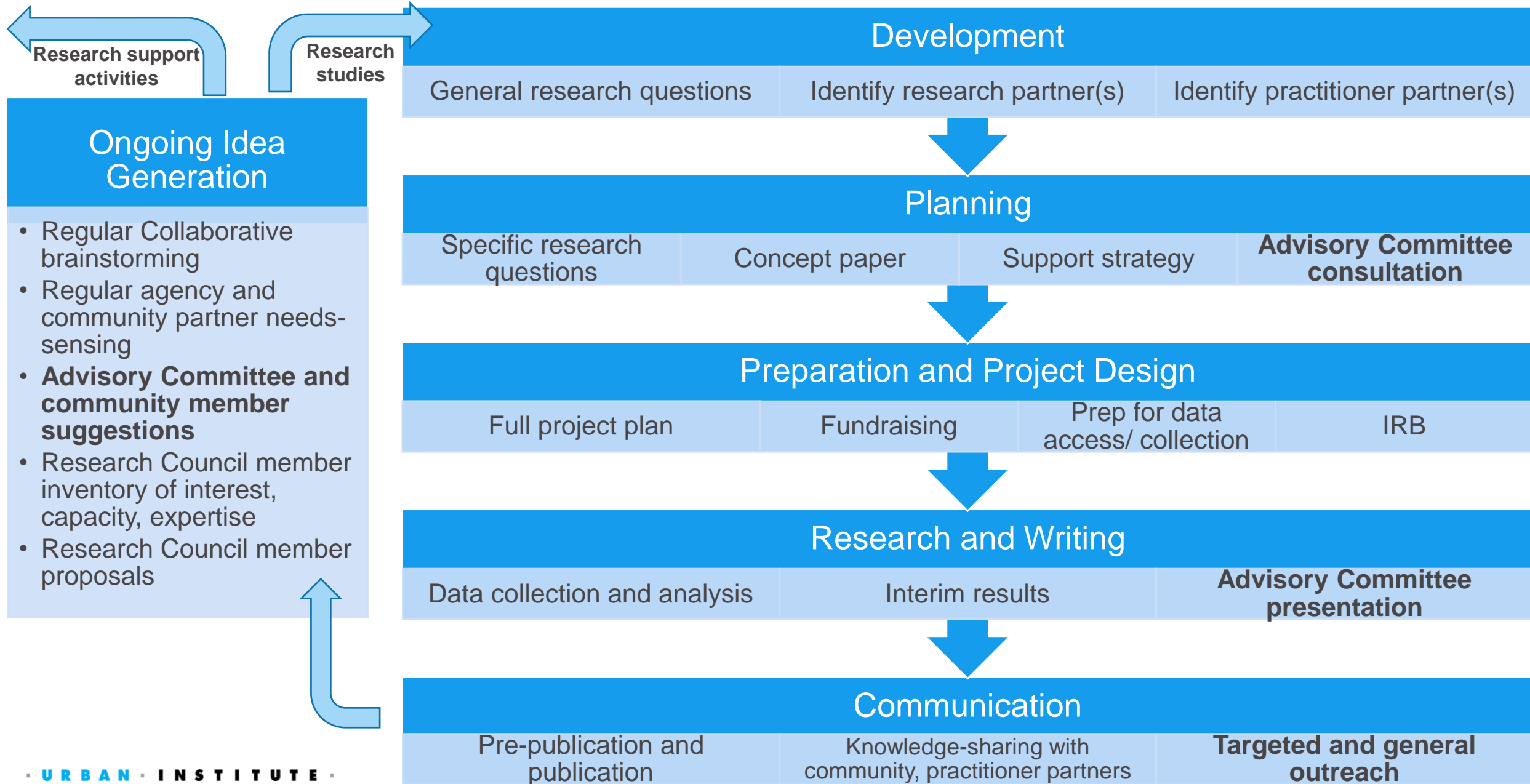
1. A Request for Applicant document intended to clarify vacancies and Advisory Committee membership needs. This document will identify:
 - Number of expected vacancies for upcoming cycle
 - Priority perspectives (e.g., family, school leader, researcher, or high school student or recent alumni)
 - Priority wards of residence
 - Priority sector of school
2. A simple online form for interested individuals to submit

Research Update

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- Recap: Research cycle
- Recap: Research support activities
- Status: Ongoing activities
 - Student voice at Columbia Heights Educational Campus
 - Data access platform and secure computing environment
 - Supporting DC Students' Success in Algebra I
 - DC Education Data Inventory
- New activities
 - Research briefs and blog posts
 - Climate Survey Coalition
 - DC Attendance Research Coalition

From ideas to projects



The DC Education Research Collaborative's work also includes research support activities:

- Supporting practitioner- and community-lead research across the DC education community:
 - Working with a school or community organization to design and conduct a participant-research project
 - Providing training or technical assistance for practitioners on how to ask and answer research questions
 - Giving practitioners and others a platform for communicating about their research (policy briefs, blog posts, networking, convenings, etc.)
- Supporting new or existing programs, coalitions, task forces, etc. with data analysis and research
- Exploring the implementation and outcomes of education programs throughout the city
- Building data access and computing infrastructure
- Creating and sharing data analyses, data visualizations, or dashboards
- Planning, managing, and/or participating in Research Coalitions
- Communicating Research Council members' relevant work via policy briefs, blog posts, presentations/spotlights at Collaborative meetings, convenings, etc.

Ideas must meet the following criteria as they are fully developed into research projects or support activities:

- Address a guiding question in at least one focus area of the Collaborative's research agenda
- Address the anti-racism and equity focus areas of the research agenda
- Arise from a demonstrated or articulated need of the DC education community
- Can directly inform practice or decision-making
- Does not duplicate past or current work
- Have a clear, reasonable, and practical high-level project plan
- Have a practitioner as a member of the research team
- Align with Research Council member(s)' interest, expertise, ability, capacity, time, and procedures
- Have the potential to be supported using new or existing resources
- Uphold the Collaborative's core values of collaboration, equity, independence, quality, relevance, and transparency

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Next Steps and Closing

Future Public Collaborative Meetings

- September 28
- November 15