

Get RACD to help with your idea

So you've got a great idea for something that researchers ought to be able to do with XSEDE. Terrific! Now how to put it into practice?

Did you know that XSEDE has paid project staff members who are specifically here to help with ideas like yours? These people can help you explain why your idea is important, why others should care about your idea, how your idea should work with the current XSEDE system, and help you enlist others to help make it a reality. In some cases, RACD staff can help you obtain additional funding to implement your idea or to integrate it with XSEDE.

So how do you get RACD involved? This guide will walk you through the process of communicating your idea, enlisting the help of paid XSEDE project staff members, and seeing your idea become part of the XSEDE system.

Step-by-step guide

1. Contact the RACD staff.
 - a. If your idea is about Science Gateways or "powering" a research application with XSEDE services, contact David Lifka, Director of XSEDE Community Infrastructure.
 - b. If your idea is about making it easier for people on university and college campuses to work with XSEDE, contact Janet Brown.
 - c. If your idea is about ways to help XSEDE service providers (people who operate and contribute XSEDE resources) or better ways to integrate resources with XSEDE, contact David Lifka, Director of XSEDE Community Infrastructure.
 - d. If your idea is about using new software or services with XSEDE, contact Shava Smullen.
 - e. If your idea is about new ways that researchers could use XSEDE, contact John-Paul Navarro.
2. Your RACD contact person will help you explain why your idea is important and why others should care about your idea. This will result in new or modified XSEDE "use cases."
3. Your RACD contact person will identify the pieces of the current XSEDE system that may need to be changed or adjusted to support your new idea. This will result in a Capability Delivery Plan for your idea.
4. Your RACD contact person will put the XSEDE engineering process to work on your idea and give you status links and updates so you can follow progress, participate in the work, and provide feedback.



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