All academic units submitting a request to the Provost to sign a new agreement must also submit a rationale supporting the proposed new partnership. The rationale should consider and respond to the following seven questions.

1. What will be the reputational benefits of the proposed partnership? Please include proposed partner university rankings, if possible; and convey your sense of the value of that institution to ASU.

2. What specific programs, activities or opportunities for students and faculty are expected to emanate from this institutional-level partnership?

3. What are the specific anticipated research outcomes, in both the short and long term, and how will these outcomes be assessed?

4. Who will be the primary representative and contact for this partnership at your academic unit?

5. Is there research funding (internal or external) currently available to support this partnership?

6. How will this partnership contribute to the overall research goals at ASU?

Written answers to these questions, along with any other supporting documents, are requested at the time that the proposed agreement is submitted.

Written evidence of the support of the relevant dean or vice president is also required as part of this submission.