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## COLLABORATIVE RESEARCH IN HIGHER EDUCATION: BENEFITS FOR SCHOLARS

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Higher Education plays a key role in disseminating knowledge to the research community and society at large. Past scholars have highlighted that collaboration in terms of co-authorship is needed to increase the research output. To expand literature on collaboration among scholars from different disciplines, this paper is motivated to explore higher education with the main objective of exploring collaborative research in higher education focusing on the benefits for scholars. Specifically, this paper explores multidisciplinary collaborative research in HE with a focus on the benefits for scholars. The methodology adopted is a Scholarly Personal Narrative approach which avails the scholar's experiences of collaborative research from the perspective of an African scholar. Content analysis was used to provide relevant themes that address the objective of this paper. Findings reveal that multidisciplinary collaborative research in higher education has benefits. Some of the benefits include "networking", "sharing workload", "integrating research skills" and "supporting team". The outcome implies that higher education institutions in Africa should encourage multidisciplinary collaborative research as a way of increasing knowledge production to benefit the academic community and non-academic community for the development of Africa.

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