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## **ABRF: Your Professional Community for Support and Solutions**

As a member of the growing ABRF membership community, you have access to a global network of more than 1300 core facilities professionals from a diverse range of disciplines and institutions.

ABRF members help one another every day, by providing answers to current questions, sharing resources, and making connections to colleagues.

ABRF Discussion Forums are online exchanges where you can post a question, ask for advice, or share an idea that has worked for you. **ABRF Discussion Forums** are currently in place on these topics:

- General ABRF Discussion Forum
- Antibody Discussion Forum
- Core Administrators' Network Forum
- Core Rigor and Reproducibility (CoRRRe) Forum
- COVID 19 Efforts Forum
- IT Discussion Forum

In addition to these collaborative conversations, ABRF members can access the [Core Marketplace](#) to find specific instruments at institutions around the world, as well as share their own facilities' resources and capabilities with other members and web site visitors. The Core Marketplace provides a central repository to allow researchers and Core Facilities to find each other more easily. Researchers can quickly locate facilities that provide the services they need. Core Facilities can locate other such facilities to collaborate with and gain more users. This may help achieve sustainability.

The Core Marketplace:

- Allows researchers to locate resources needed for their research

- Provides a channel for facilities to collaborate
- Facilitates cores to get the traffic needed to reach sustainability

The Vermont Genetics Network, in partnership with ABRF, established the Core Marketplace database to track and explore research services and technologies that are regionally accessible. This will allow researchers to find established facilities and avoid duplicating resources that are not cost effective at their own site.

These resources offer a variety of ways for you to leverage the value and opportunity available through the ABRF Community. The next time you have a question or need input from one of your peers, turn to the ABRF Discussion Forums and Core Marketplace for answers and new ideas.

Thank you for your continued participation in ABRF

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