ADVANCING THE FIELD OF INTEGRATED **KNOWLEDGE TRANSLATION (IKT)**

IKT RESEARCH PRIORITIES

WHERE THE WORK NEEDS TO BE DONE

IKT theory

- Identify, develop, validate IKT **frameworks**
- Improve theoretical clarity



IKT methods

- Develop **search filters** for IKT concepts in literature
- Develop data collection approaches to assess IKT impact
- Identify IKT outcomes
- Identify, develop, and validate IKT evaluation tools
- Develop reporting guidelines for IKT studies



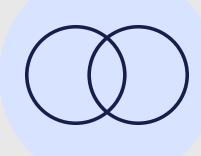
IKT processes

- Identify strategies for initiating knowledge-user engagement
- Describe knowledge users who are using IKT processes
- Identify accountability for IKT processes
- Identify indicators of success
- Identify the governance and leadership needed for IKT



Role of funders

- Examine how funders should account for the cost of IKT
- Determine if and how funders should participate as knowledge users
- Explore the impact of **peer-review** on IKT grant success
- Change the funding **structures** to support IKT



Definitions & distinctions

Distinguish IKT from similar concepts and approaches



Capacity building

- Create a **repository** of IKT resources
- Develop a **vision** for building IKT capacity



Promoting partnership



- Ensure that **engagement is genuine** (not tokenism)
- Account for the **diversity** of perspectives in IKT
- Report on the research experiences of different types of knowledge users
- Identify and support knowledge user needs
- Ensure **safe spaces** for participation
- Identify ways to meet the needs of vulnerable groups
- **Reimburse** knowledge users for costs of collaboration



Improve IKT theories and

frameworks

Describe the process for engaging knowledge users



Identify IKT outcomes and methods for evaluation



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