



Community-Based vs Community-Led Research

Community-based

Community-led

Research development	Researchers and students develop research ideas and seek community partners to carry out research activities.	Community agencies and members identify research needs and priorities and then students and scholars help facilitate the process.
Community's role	Community members participate in interviews, focus groups, and surveys	Community members help to frame research questions, develop surveys, and conduct research itself
Research outputs	Researchers publish on research findings in academic journals	Community partners identify needed outputs from research and help to develop usable, accessible tools and resources (infographics, policy reviews, community reports, etc.)
Data ownership	Researchers and universities own the data	Communities owns the data—or shared ownership is negotiated

Ultimately, engaging in community-led research means decentering the researcher (**asymmetrical reciprocity**), sharing responsibilities, resources, and needs (**collaboration**), and accepting responsibility for the community throughout and beyond generating research outputs (**social and ethical accountability**).