



The Research Hub



The “**Research Hub**” is a channel on the Thrive application that is designed for both students and faculty to advertise their need for assistance with a research project or to request involvement in research. It is intended to be a professional, open forum (or "marketplace") to connect all students and faculty across both campuses for the purpose of engaging in research and establishing collaborations.

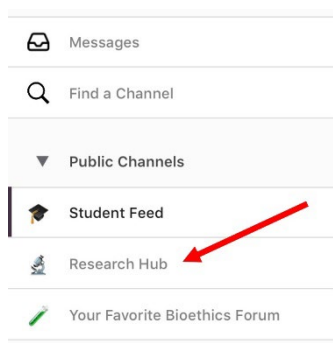
Please read the following instructions and best practices for guidance on using the channel properly.

Registration

Users must register with the Thrive application. All KCU students and faculty are able to create an account using their KCU email address. If you encounter any issues registering an account or logging into Thrive, please contact Felicia Vaught (FVaught@kansascity.edu).

Locating the “Research Hub” Channel

1. Once logged into the Thrive application, click on the thought bubble/dialogue icon  in the center of the bottom row of icons. This will take you to the “Student Feed” page.
2. In the upper-left corner of the “Student Feed” page, click the three horizontal bars icon.  Then, expand the “Public Channels” drop-down menu.
3. In the drop-down menu, click on “Research Hub.”



Posting, Responding to a Post and Searching the Channel

1. **If you would like to post**, you may do so by clicking the “What’s on Your Mind?” text near the top of the screen. Please provide a description of your request (eg, asking for two students to assist with a project, requesting to get involved with a particular kind of research project, etc.), your contact information, and any other relevant details you believe others should know about your request. If desired, hyperlinks and photos can be included in your post. However, we encourage posts to be concise and present only necessary information (so as to avoid clutter in the thread). Once done, click the “Post” button in the upper-right corner to submit. If you would like to edit your post after submitting it, click the three vertical dots on the bottom right of the post and then select “Edit Post.”
2. **If you would like to respond to a post** to indicate your interest, click on the “Comment” button on the bottom of that specific post. Input your response in the “Add a Comment…” text box at the bottom of the screen, and then click the adjacent arrow button to submit. In addition to submitting this, we recommend that you reach out via email (or other requested method of contact) directly to the original user who posted the request to continue your discussion.
3. **To search for specific posts or content**, go to the “Search” bar (with the magnifying glass icon) near the top of the channel. Type in any key words, name of a specific user, etc that you are searching for, and hit “Enter” or “Search” on your keyboard (or simply wait a few seconds after typing). A list of all relevant posts will then appear.

Delete Your Post Once It Has Been Addressed

Once the request in your post has been addressed (e.g., you have secured students for your research project, you have found a research project to participate in, etc), find your original post (you may wish to use the “Search” feature to find the post) and click the three vertical dots on the bottom right of your post. Then, click “Delete.” This will ensure that the channel thread contains only currently-available open requests.

Additional Best Practices

1. Please maintain appropriate and professional conduct at all times. If any post is inappropriate, click on the three vertical dots of that specific post. Then, click “Report as Inappropriate.” This will send a notification for further investigation.
2. This channel is not intended to serve as a forum to discuss or critique research. It is only intended to connect students and faculty for collaborations.
3. Please be patient once you have posted a request or responded to a post. As previously noted, after posting or commenting on a post, we recommend that you reach out via email (or other requested method of contact) directly to the original user who posted the request to continue your discussion.

Technical Concerns

If you encounter any issues with the Thrive application or the “Research Hub” channel itself, please contact Felicia Vaught (FVaught@kansascity.edu).