

Bruno Sobral

ABOUT

Bruno Sobral, PhD, is in his third year as an Academic-based PACT Council Member, as well as a Professor in the Department of Microbiology, Immunology, and Pathology at Colorado State University and Biostatistics and Informatics at the Colorado School of Public Health.

CCTSI ENGAGEMENT

Academic-based PACT Council Member
Membership: 2018-Current

- Colorado Immersion Training Director
- Research Readiness Workgroup
- Education and Training Committee

PROJECT INVOLVEMENT

He is a Co-collaborator for the sociotechnical hub project in Longmont, as well as participates in some systems practice work in Fort Morgan. Additionally, Bruno is involved internationally, working in Paraguay, helping communities that are under a large amount of stress due to mining and farming. In all of his community roles, Bruno is looking to work with organizations to identify individuals that may want to step into leadership roles for each of the projects. Bruno serves as the academic director for CCTSI's Colorado Immersion Training (CIT) in Community Engagement.

“Leadership is a willingness to learn and do more, push boundaries, look at things systematically, and being able to create opportunity to look at the system in action.”



OUTLOOK

Bruno believes his role as a PACT Council member supplements his work, as his network has been expanded, and he now has an experiential knowledge base he can tap into with other members. The PACT Council has helped to reinforce his mission to place values at the forefront of decision making. It has allowed him to dive further into his interest in community-based participatory research as well as allowed him to have a place to integrate his systems thinking and informatics knowledge into his work. Through his numerous projects, Bruno has been exposed to many communities, all with varying levels of privilege, capacity, quality of life, etc., which motivates him to ensure that research and communities meet in the middle to address relevant issues and create relationships. Looking forward, Bruno hopes to see his work continue to make progress in community ownership, in relationships, and in infrastructure improvement. He also hopes that communities will see themselves as capable and take ownership of the projects in order to build and sustain the change being brought about. He hopes his work and the success he has found will inspire others.