The IBSR Director has as a primary role the outreach to community/regional partners/entities, and the linkage of their regional needs to faculty resources within UA. This involves the Director having intimate knowledge of the expertise/interests of the faculty working in the relevant areas and working with all of our regional partners to explore their needs and link them with our expertise. This approach helps to develop a unique set of activities within the Institute and BCAS that make us distinctive in the region.