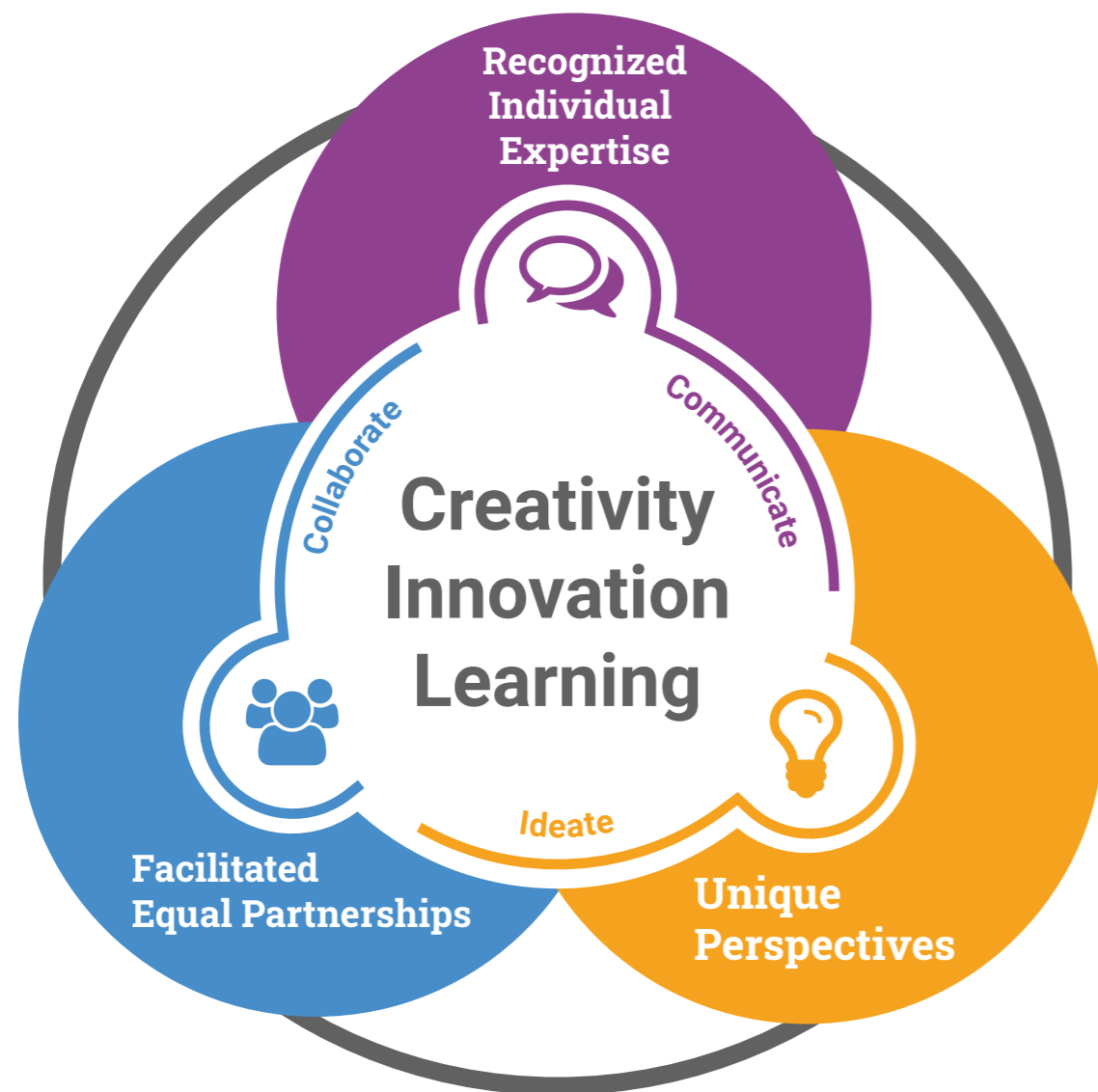


# Action Partnership Research Design (APRD): A new research methodology

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## Partnership Design in ARPD

non-hierarchical design teams ensure synergy through diversity



Despite assertions within LIS literature that users are active stakeholders in research, examination of the findings indicates that this is not always the case. Likely some methodologies do not include participants as true equals—creating hidden hierarchies.

To address this challenge, a new methodology, **Action Partnership Research Design (APRD)**, inspired by indigenous and decolonial methodologies and building upon the participatory design model, Bonded Design, is proposed. Within the shared experience of the design team and using specific design techniques to facilitate meaningful communication and collaboration, APRD brings researchers and members of various communities together in **equal partnership**. Each team member's **unique expertise** and **perspectives** are recognized and emphasized through processes of **communicating**, **contributing**, and working **cooperatively** and **collaboratively** to **ideate** and **iterate**. APRD, therefore, builds relationships that seek to overcome researcher-researched hierarchies and remove hidden hierarchies.

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