# Decisions about Authorship for a Sharing Product

[project logo or short title]

**Title of thing your team will share:**

**What we are making** (for example, a video, presentation, or paper)**:**

**To be an author, I need to do all 3 of these things:**

* Help plan or do the research;
* Be responsible for the research;
  + Answer questions about the research;
  + Take responsibility for research ethics;
* Help make the thing we are sharing.

If I did or am doing all 3 of these things, I can be an author.

## My to-do list to be an author for this product is:

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| **To-do**  **A checklist with all items checked off.** | **Support I will get**  **Two people talking.** | **Due date/Timeline**  **A calendar and a clock.** |
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## Authors:

Write the names of the authors in order they will be listed [add more rows if needed].

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## Acknowledgements:

**Write the names of who we will thank for their help in the acknowledgements.** People we thank in the acknowledgements are not authors. We acknowledge or thank them for helping with the research.

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| **Name** | **What we are acknowledging them for** |
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Remember to ask these people if it is ok for them to be named in the acknowledgements section.

## Changes to the Product:

If we need to change this plan about authorship, we will talk about it. Reasons we might change this plan include:

* Someone new joins the team
* Someone doesn’t do the work they planned to do
* Someone does a lot of extra work
* A conference or journal has different rules for authorship

## Signature Page

If you agree, please sign below:

 Signature Date

If you don’t want to sign, but still agree, let someone know and they will write down the date you agreed.

 Project leader signature Date

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