

These talking points are intended to support you in championing the Equitable Evaluation Framework™ (EEF) within your organization and your community.

What is the Equitable Evaluation Initiative (EEI) and Why Does it Exist?

- EEI explores, co-creates, and advances a new frame for evaluative thinking in the philanthropic sector called the Equitable Evaluation Framework™ (EEF).
- EEI, in partnership with multiple foundations across the U.S., embraces new pathways for and concepts of validity, rigor, objectivity and complexity.
- EEI's commitment is to grow a field of EEF practitioners.

What is the Equitable Evaluation Framework™ (EEF)?

- The Equitable Evaluation Framework™ (EEF) is a set of Principles, Orthodoxies, Mindsets, Tensions, and Sticking Points situated in the U.S. philanthropic ecosystem.
- The EEF invites and expands three things:
 1. Alignment of purpose, practices, processes, and policies with stated values and intentions.
 2. New and different ways of being (reflecting), thinking (reflexing), and doing (realigning).
 3. Ways of knowing and, through practice, makes space for unlearning and learning.
- While evaluation has been the entry point for the EEF, the framework applies to: strategy, investment, operations, grantmaking, programs, human resources, and more.

What does it mean to be in practice of the EEF?

- The EEF Practice Partner Pathway is a multi-year, multimodal approach, rooted in the adoption and application of the EEF.
- We intentionally call this a practice because unlearning and learning takes time, and muscle memory evolves. This means, varying aspects of the EEF elements may be applicable and useful at different times and moments.
- The invitation is to practice the EEF with intention and attention—to consider where there may be an opportunity to explore the EEF in your work.

Helpful Links:

- equitableeval.org/about-EEI—for more information on Equitable Evaluation Initiative (EEI)
- equitableeval.org/framework—for the full EEF online
- equitableeval.org/practice—for more information on the Practice Partner Pathway
- equitableeval.org/acknowledgment—for acknowledgement and citation information