

Call for Panelists

AC21 International Forum 2022

“International Higher Education for a Sustainable Society”

Call for Panelists for the upcoming AC21 International Forum 2022,
Nagoya University, Japan, December 7-9, 2022

Name: Call for Panelists for AC21 International Forum 2022

Deadline: **August 10, 2022**

Eligibility: **Scholars and administrators of AC21 member institutions**

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University of Adelaide, Jilin University, Nanjing University, Northeastern University, Shanghai Jiao Tong University, Tongji University, University of Strasbourg, University of Freiburg, Universitas Gadjah Mada, University of Canterbury, Stellenbosch University, Kasetsart University, North Carolina State University, Nagoya University

Materials to be submitted: Abstract (200 words) and Short Bio (100-150 words)

Please email your materials to AC21 General Secretariat at Nagoya University (office@ac21.org)

- **Travel to and from Japan as well as accommodations will be covered by AC21**
- **Priority will be given to in-person presentations**, but we can also accommodate online presentations if need be

We are pleased to call for participants for two of our Panel Sessions, “Academia and Industry in a Global Society” and “Higher Education in the Post-COVID era.” Each of these panels will consist of four panelists and a moderator, and each panelist will be asked to speak for about 15 minutes on a topic relevant to the theme of the panel that they participate in.

Panel Discussion 1 – “Academia and Industry in a Global Society” (Day 1 – December 7)

Moderator – University of Adelaide

We would like to have an opportunity to discuss the role of higher education institutions in line with the SDG 9 theme "Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure." Mutual understanding between academia and industry is important for smooth transfer of results from academia to industry, and the exchange of human and financial resources between organizations is one of the keys to this. The above is related to the acquisition of new revenue for universities. Although industry-government-academia collaboration is being promoted as part of science and technology policy and human resource exchange, there are still several issues to be addressed in order to make it more active. And furthermore, we would like to discuss how to link research seeds in academia to entrepreneurship, and how the support relationship between venture companies originating from academia and universities should be.

Panel Discussion 2 – “Higher Education in the Post-COVID Era” (Day 2 – December 8)

Moderator – Dr. Bailian Li, North Carolina State University

It has hardly been business as usual during the pandemic for universities worldwide. From the onset, top level management struggled to adopt BCP's (Business Continuity Plan) that would optimize the safety of their campus community, while assuring the quality of education promised to their students. Many faculty had to acquire complex and unfamiliar ICT skills within a matter of days, and students working to pay their way through school lost their jobs, depleting the university's financial aid reserves. While much of what COVID-19 brought to universities have been negative, the challenges that we faced have only made us stronger and more resilient. This panel approaches the pandemic from a constructive point of view, looking in retrospect of how we evolved, discussing the engagement and creativity that it has

brought about, and thinking about what opportunities lie ahead in post-COVID higher education. This panel will cover re-envisioning and re-designing future curriculum, best practices and guidelines for asynchronous/synchronous virtual education for student success, global learning for all at home and abroad in addressing global challenges, UN Sustainable Development Goals, etc.

We invite academics and administrators of AC21 member institutions to submit abstracts of about 200 words that outline topics, ideas, and questions that you wish to raise in your presentation. Please email your abstract, together with a short biography of 100-150 words, to AC21 General Secretariat (office@ac21.org) by August 10, 2022. When you submit your materials, please make sure to specify which of the two panels you wish to join, and include the title of your presentation.

You will be notified of the status of your submission no later than September 15, 2022.