



# Confronting Challenges in Academic Units: Strategizing for Healthy Units in a Changing World

Annual Consortium Conference • March 3, 4, 8, and 9, 2021 • Held online

## Conference Goals

1. Support participants in assessing and formulating action plans for units of concern
2. Identify and develop strategies for creating and supporting community, building consensus in challenging landscapes, and evaluating potential new directions
3. Share wisdom on existing challenges under the added burdens of uncertainties, resource scarcities, social distancing, and ongoing change

## Agenda

### In advance

### Preparation (independent work)

Please submit:

- 1) an abstract of the issue(s) your team wishes to discuss
- 2) signed confidentiality agreements respecting conversations at conference

### Session 1

90 minutes

March 3, 2021, 11:00 Pacific, 2:00 Eastern (synchronous)

A short introduction and reminder of the working process, followed by an overview of CCAU and the presentation of a case study

### Session 2

90 minutes

March 4, 2021, 1:00 Pacific, 4:00 Eastern (synchronous)

Panel discussion: Meeting the Challenges of Virtual Environments—Building and maintaining community

- Difficult conversations in an online environment
- Changed manifestations of unit challenges and opportunities
- Framing your approach in light of challenges in the operating environment

### Session 3

45 minutes

45 minutes

March 8, 2021, 11:00 Pacific, 2:00 Eastern (small groups)

Work in institutional groups within problem areas with first designated expert

Work in institutional groups within problem areas with second designated expert

- Problem statements
- Methods
- Developing a strategy
- Reviewing resources, setting work plans, deadlines, goals

### Session 4

45 minutes

45 minutes

March 9, 2021, 1:00 Pacific, 4:00 Eastern (synchronous)

Final session in institutional groups with a third designated expert

Concluding remarks: Themes and Directions; Participant questions

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