



**Universitas 21 AGM 2019 at the University of Maryland, 2 May 2019:
“Globalization, Isolationism and the Civic Response in Higher Education”
Expression of Interest in Presenting a Case Study**

I. Call for Case Studies

U21 and the University of Maryland are seeking case studies from U21 universities to present at the U21 AGM Presidential Symposium on 2 May 2019. These presentations will showcase outstanding examples of institutional efforts to promote the global common good. The overall conference theme for April 30-May 3, 2019 AGM is “Globalization, Isolationism and the Civic Response in Higher Education.”

II. Symposium and Conference Theme

Nationalist politics are on the rise across the world. There is significant fear globally that these trends threaten higher education’s fundamental tenets of open inquiry, evidence-based argument, and civic discourse.

Ironically, as countries retreat from the world stage, the challenges facing the planet are becoming increasingly urgent, requiring all of us to redouble our cooperation across borders. The UN [Sustainable Development Goals](#) (SDGs) emphasize the need for multifaceted, multisectoral approaches to solve the world’s biggest issues. As champions for science and education, universities have a civic duty to contribute.

Global networks such as U21 offer a unique opportunity to do good works globally by exchanging knowledge and researching collaboratively across national borders. By putting ideas ahead of borders, universities can do significantly more to improve our world together than alone.

How can the U21 network translate this unique opportunity into action? What innovations are needed to address the global challenges outlined by the SDGs, and how can universities take advantage of international partnerships to translate idealism into impact?

III. Case Study Expression of Interest Form

U21 and the University of Maryland will feature four case studies that demonstrate impactful, multidisciplinary and international engagement that address a global challenge in line with the [SDGs](#).

Case studies will be chosen to reflect a broad geographical spread and a wide range of themes and activities.

If you would like to propose a case study for consideration, please complete the Expression of Interest Form (Appendix 1) and submit it by Friday, 25 January 2019. Please also note the following dates and instructions.

IV. Submission Timeline

- *Friday, 25 January 2019* - Deadline for submission of Expressions of Interest (EoI)
- *Early February 2019* (date TBA) - Executive Committee Meeting will consider and confirm outcome of consideration of Expressions of Interest
- *Mid February 2019* - Outcomes of EoI will be communicated
- *February-March 2019* - U21 and UMD will liaise with U21 Universities that will provide selected case studies to finalize details.
- *Mid April 2019* - final case study presentation materials submitted to U21 and UMD.

V. Selection Criteria

Case study proposals will be reviewed by a panel using the following selection criteria. Projects should include and evidence:

- institutional support;
- multidisciplinary;
- potential for other U21 institutions to participate / engage;
- transnational engagement;
- actual or potential impact related to the SDGs;
- geographic diversity.

The selection panel will also attempt to select cases studies that represent a spread of projects across U21 partners.

APPENDIX 1

2019 U21 Presidents Symposium - Expression of Interest

U21 University	
Title of Project	
Contact Person (Name, email, Telephone)	

Please provide an outline of the proposed project case study, including key themes and issues that relate to transnational partnerships and address a global challenge (max. 1 page).

Please include the following:

- Project Aim and Overview
- Project Approach and Methodology
- Project Outcomes and Implications

Submission of Expressions of Interest:

Please submit your completed Expression of Interest to U21@universitas21.com by
Friday, 25 January 2019