



Guide to Opportunities 2021/2022

This short booklet contains an overview of the meetings, activities and opportunities offered by Universitas 21 from May 2021 - May 2022.

U21 Activities and Opportunities

JULY 21	AUG 21	SEPT 21	OCT 21	NOV 21	DEC 21
EDUCATIONAL INNOVATION SYMPOSIUM	EUROPEAN MOBILITY MEETING	STUDENT EXPERIENCE SYMPOSIUM	EDUCATIONAL INNOVATION SYMPOSIUM	EARLY CAREER RESEARCHER WORKSHOP	STUDENT PARTNERSHIPS INCUBATOR
CROSS CLUSTER MENTAL HEALTH SYMPOSIUM		U21/PWC INNOVATION CHALLENGE WINNERS ANNOUNCED	3 MINUTE THESIS COMPETITION WINNERS ANNOUNCED	RISE 2021/2022	
STUDENT PARTNERSHIPS INCUBATOR		GRADUATE COLLABORATIVE RESEARCH AWARDS AWARDEES ANNOUNCED	STUDENT VIRTUAL EXCHANGE PROGRAMME		

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STUDENT PARTNERSHIPS INCUBATOR

GLOBAL EDUCATION ENHANCEMENT FUND (GEEF)

STUDENT VIRTUAL EXCHANGE PROGRAMME

RISE SHOWCASE AND AWARDS

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

3 MINUTE THESIS COMPETITION OPENS

EDUCATIONAL INNOVATION SYMPOSIUM

GLOBAL LEADERSHIP PROGRAMME

GRADUATE COLLABORATIVE RESEARCH AWARDS OPENS

U21/PWC INNOVATION CHALLENGE OPENS

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OPPORTUNITY

OVERVIEW

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Global Education
Enhancement Fund (GEEF)

A fund launched in 2020 to enable projects which support members in delivering and enhancing Higher Education for a rapidly changing and uncertain future.

Educational
Innovation

U21 Real Impact on Society and
Environment (RISE)

An international showcase of student achievement in sustainability and social innovation, connecting student-led projects with a global network of experts. Prizes awarded for the winning projects.

Students

Student Partnerships Incubator

A new programme that bring students together in small, cross institutional groups to complete a micro-internship with an SDG related employer. Students develop skills to work together across borders and timezones to present a solution to a real life sustainability challenge faced by the employer.

Students

European Mobility Meeting

An opportunity for Mobility colleagues in Europe to meet and discuss relevant topics such as the new Erasmus programme and Uk/ Europe exchange post-Brexit.

Mobility
Group

Student Virtual Exchange
Programme

A opportunity for students for all 27 members to come together at scale to learn and take action on the Sustainable Development Goals.

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Early Career Researcher Workshop	A workshop for Early Career Researchers themed around a United Nations Sustainable Development Goal	Early Career Researchers
U21/PwC Challenge	A partnership venture between PwC and U21, two globally focussed organisations. Students are required to submit a 3 minute video in response to a challenge set by PwC based on a real work of work scenario.	Students
Graduate Collaborative Research Awards (GCRA)	Seed funding of up to US\$5,000 for collaborative projects that aid the development of transferable skills for doctoral candidates, and facilitate cross-cultural working practices. At least 3 U21 member institutions, from at least 2 countries, should be involved.	Students
Three Minute Thesis (3MT®)	The 3MT® competition challenges PhD students to communicate the significance of their projects to a non-specialist audience in just 3 minutes. Student benefits from developing their academic, presentation and research communication skills, as well as opening doors to new collaborations and networks for both researchers and supervisors.	Students
Global Leadership Programme	A programme that brings together emerging university leaders from across the world to develop their leadership skills, tools and connections needed to adapt and thrive in their respective universities in the future.	Staff
U21 Online Symposia (Educational Innovation Symposium, Mental Health Symposium, Student Experience Symposium)	Interactive symposia run throughout the year on topics that are currently high priority for member institutions. These symposia are open to all those who feel it is of relevance to them and are formatted to encourage collaboration and problem solving between colleagues.	Mixed

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PRESIDENTS' PEER TO PEER	EDUCATIONAL LEADERS' OPEN HOUSE	DEANS AND DIRECTORS' OF GRADUATE STUDIES MEETING	PRESIDENTS' PEER TO PEER	MOBILITY GROUP MEETING	DEANS AND DIRECTORS' OF GRADUATE STUDIES MEETING
SENIOR LEADERS' MEETING	CLUSTER STEERING GROUP MEETINGS	RESEARCH COLLABORATION GROUP MEETING	CLUSTER STEERING GROUP MEETINGS		RESEARCH COLLABORATION GROUP MEETING
DEANS AND DIRECTORS OF GRADUATE STUDIES MEETING	RESEARCH LEADERS' MEETING	SENIOR ACADEMIC DEVELOPERS' OPEN HOUSE	RESEARCH LEADERS' MEETING		U21 OFFICERS' OPEN HOUSE
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U21 Peer Group meetings facilitate the sharing of ideas, experience, strategic initiatives and resources. They enable U21 colleagues, working in similar roles across the globe, to collaborate on solutions for shared challenges for the benefit of all member institutions. Established and active peer groups include:

- **Research Leaders:** A representative group of the most senior university leaders in the research domain such as Pro Vice-Chancellors Research, Vice-Principals Research, Deputy Vice-Chancellors Research and Executive Directors Research.
 - **Deans and Directors of Graduate Studies:** This group provides opportunities for the Deans and Directors to share ideas and experiences, enhance knowledge and develop contacts with the U21 network.
 - **Research Collaboration Group:** Focused on sharing knowledge between U21 members on international funding streams to facilitate researcher mobility and collaboration. Group representatives include professional staff with responsibility for research funding, development, and international collaboration.
- **Educational Leaders:** Those with senior-level responsibility for the design and delivery of educational excellence in their universities including Pro Vice-Chancellors – Education, Vice-Principals Education and Deputy Vice-Chancellors Education.
 - **Senior Academic Developers Group:** A group for leaders working in Teaching and Learning Development at U21 institutions.
 - **Deans of Education:** Representing Deans and Heads of Schools/Departments of Education across the network.
 - **Educational Innovation Steering Group:** This group is made up of representatives from all the EI groups and meets quarterly and oversees the activity of the Educational Innovation Cluster.
- **Student Mobility Group:** A group for student mobility/exchange professionals across the U21 network, generally the Director of Student Mobility/Study Abroad or equivalent. The group works to increase the quality and scale of global education and study abroad programmes across U21.
 - **Employability Group:** A group of Directors/Academic leads for Careers or Employability Services (or equivalent). The group aims to share best practice to support students throughout their time at university, maximising their employability and starting their journey of lifelong learning.