



URI Academic Summit

Big Innovative Ideas for the University's Future

Innovations in Teaching & Learning, Research, Scholarship, & Creative work

*New engaging and **innovative** pedagogies, research, and academic programs that foster learning and success in matters of critical importance in the world*

*Exciting and relevant collaborations deeply rooted in **innovation** that push the frontiers of learning, discovery, and problem solving*

These facilitated conversations are an opportunity to connect and collaborate with faculty and share your ideas and/or hear other ideas. The conversations are meant to provide an opportunity to discuss with colleagues across disciplines new, compelling, and innovative ideas that will advance the University in a key area and to connect interested collaborators.

In addition, each conversation group will select ONE Innovative idea that best serves to advance the University in new ways. This idea should be brought forward to the afternoon session, where one representative will have the opportunity to convey the idea to all attendees. Four voted best ideas overall will receive \$2500 funding to be used immediately to advance and plan and be eligible for additional Phase II funding.

Choose one to attend:

Topic 1	Advancing Sustainability Facilitator: David Fastovsky, Professor, Geology	Room 360
Topic 2	Incubation, Innovation, & Enterprise Facilitator: Ruby Dholakia, Professor, Business	Room 354
Topic 3	Opportunities with Design Thinking Facilitator: Austin Becker, Assistant Professor, Marine Affairs	Room 318
Topic 4	Building Bridges through the Humanities Facilitator: Eve Sterne, Associate Professor, History	Room 314
Topic 5	Living and Learning at URI & beyond Facilitator: Kim Stack, Director Center for Career & Experiential Education	Room 313
Topic 6	Big and Small Data Facilitator: Jeremiah Dyehouse, Associate Professor, Writing & Rhetoric	Room 308
Topic 7	Civic Engagement and Social Justice Facilitator: Annie Russell, Director, Gender & Sexuality Center	Room Ballroom (front tables)
Topic 8	Globalizing and Internationalization Facilitator: Nancy Stricklin, Special Assistant to Provost for Global Strategies and Partnerships	Room 300
Topic 9	Collaborations in Teaching Facilitators: Josh Caulkins & Eric Kaldor, Assistant Directors, Instructional Development Program	Room 301
Topic 10	Freelance (<i>any</i>) Ideas & Opportunities Facilitator: Holly Dunsworth, Associate Professor, Sociology & Anthropology	Room Student Senate Chambers

12:15pm

Buffet Lunch

Ballroom

During lunch, take a look at the posters (posted on ballroom wall) from the earlier faculty breakout conversations. Sign on to any topics that interest you!

1:00 pm Plenary Presentation: Big Bold Idea for URI

The Ocean University

Robert Ballard, Graduate School Oceanography

Introduction

Bruce Corliss, Dean

Dr. Robert D. Ballard is Director of the Center for Ocean Exploration at the Graduate School of Oceanography and a graduate of its Ph.D. Program in Oceanography in 1974. After receiving his Ph.D., he joined the Department of Applied Ocean Physics at the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution (WHOI) where he first pioneered the use of the submersible ALVIN during the first manned exploration of the Mid-Ocean Ridge, the discovery of hydrothermal vents and their unique chemosynthetic eco-systems, and the discovery of high temperature “Black Smokers” and their valuable deposits of minerals as well as the role they play in the chemistry of the world’s oceans. He then founded the Deep Submergence Laboratory that developed the ARGO/JASON remotely operated vehicle system for the oceanographic community, which he used to discover the RMS TITANIC, the German Battleship BISMARCK as well as over 70 other maritime and ancient shipwrecks.

1:30 pm Sharing your group’s idea for the best biggest most innovative ideas for the future

Each group will pitch their best idea (in 2 minutes) to Summit attendees

Attendees will vote on the best idea and the top four ideas will be awarded \$2500 immediately to begin planning in **Phase I of the *Innovation with Impact Fund***.

The top four ideas, other ideas that emerged from the morning conversations, and any additional “big innovative ideas” that support the new Strategic Plan: ***Innovation with Impact*** that are proposed in the future through collaborations will have the opportunity to compete for additional funding in **Phase II of the *Innovation with Impact Fund***

2:15 pm Summit Closing

2:30pm Orientation to the new *Faculty Guides Program

Open to all faculty who may be interested! Please attend. See enclosed flyer. This session offered by the Academic Affairs Diversity Task Force

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