



You Are Invited to URI's
8th Annual Academic Summit
**Big Innovative Ideas for the
University's Future**
Friday, January 22, 2016

Ballroom, Memorial Union

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

the rollout of a new "innovation fund" to support "Big Ideas" to be selected at the Summit

TO ATTEND: EMAIL officeofprovost@etal.uri.edu

*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*

Program Overview

- 8:30 am** **Continental Breakfast & Welcome**
Launch of New Academic Strategic Plan 2016-21 &
***New URI Innovation Fund** (see below) Donald H. DeHayes, Provost
- 9:30 am** **Presentations: Big Bold Visions**
for the Future
- *Opportunities in Integrated Health: Importance of "Co"*
 - *makerspaces@URI*
 - *All Grand Challenges are Social Challenges*
 - *Neuroscience Frontiers for URI*
- Bryan Blissmer, Professor Kinesiology
 Karim Boughida, Dean, University Libraries
 Ric McIntyre, Professor Economics
 Paula Grammas, Director, George & Anne Ryan Institute for Neuroscience
- 11:00 am** **Conversations: BIG Innovative Ideas!**
Bring your BIG innovative idea to the conversations! *What new courses, program, major, or minor would you like to explore developing with others? What new research or scholarship idea do you have that will impact student learning or the region? What new learning technique, pedagogy, or collaboration would you want to explore implementing? What innovative cross-collaborative experiential learning would you like to develop with colleagues?*

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. 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 from the new URI Innovation with Impact Fund**, to be used immediately to advance and plan **and be eligible for additional Phase II funding**. Choose one to attend:

- Topic 1 Advancing Sustainability
- Topic 2 Incubation, Innovation, & Enterprise
- Topic 3 Opportunities with Design Thinking
- Topic 4 Building Bridges through the Humanities
- Topic 5 Living and Learning at URI
 & beyond
- Topic 6 Big and Small Data
- Topic 7 Civic Engagement and Social
 Justice
- Topic 8 Globalizing and Internationalization
- Topic 9 High Impact Teaching, Practices, Spaces, and Collaborations
- Topic 10 Freelance (*any*) Ideas & Opportunities

12:15pm Buffet Lunch

1:00 pm Plenary Presentation: Big Bold Idea for URI with Robert Ballard, GSO

1:30 pm Innovative ideas for the future: from group conversations

Each group will pitch their best idea (in 3 minutes) to Summit attendees

Attendees will vote on the best idea and the top 4 ideas will be awarded \$2500 immediately to begin planning in Phase I of the Innovation with Impact Fund Projects. Future opportunities will be available to compete for additional funding in Phase II of the Innovation with Impact Fund.

2:15 pm Summit Closing