

Council of University Executives



The Council of University Executives (formerly the Quality Network for Universities) provides an opportunity for senior leaders to network with peers and exchange ideas about the strategic leadership of the university, research and innovation, and international partnership development.



A unique forum for member universities, the Council of University executives meets twice a year – once in Canada at a member institution and a second time internationally as part of an experiential study tour to explore and discuss the implications of national and international trends with university and business leaders, entrepreneurs, policy-makers, and leading thinkers.

Through the Council, members can:

- network informally and engage in candid discussion about common challenges with peers;
- identify new partnerships, both within Canada and abroad, as well as new strategies around topics critical to the university mission, drawing on research and best practices from across sectors;
- discuss and debate the implications of national and international trends, meeting with policy-makers and leading thinkers shaping the public policy framework influencing universities' choices;
- access the expertise of The Conference Board of Canada in support of internal initiatives.

Who should join

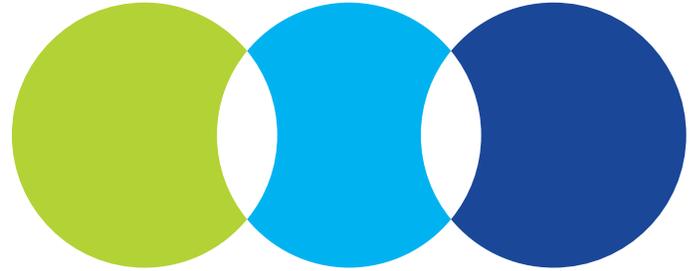
Universities committed to innovation and change. Our members are interested in meeting and spending time with colleagues who are keen to expand the national and global networks, partnerships, reputations, and overall effectiveness of their home institutions.

Members include university provosts, vice-presidents, and other executive-level leaders.

Benefits of membership

- a week-long international experiential study tour
- a 1–2 day meeting on a North American university campus, usually hosted by a member
- complimentary access to exclusive Conference Board events
- related services: access to Conference Board research and convening expertise as well as agenda development, partnership and collaboration opportunities, and knowledge mobilization and communications capacity.

Annual fee: \$8,995



Member organizations

Brock University

Carleton University

Concordia University

Kwantlen Polytechnic University

McMaster University

Mount Royal University

Queen's University

Royal Roads University

Ryerson University

Saint Mary's University

Simon Fraser University

University of Alberta

University of Calgary

University of Northern
British Columbia

University of Ottawa

University of Saskatchewan

York University

Provinces represented



Past themes and destinations

COVID-19: The short- and long-term implications for universities

Infrastructure: How can universities think creatively about using or reinventing campus infrastructure? How will universities decide what changes are permanent?

Online learning: How have universities handled the shift to online learning? What decisions have universities made in terms of cost, technology, accessibility, and professor supports to facilitate online and remote learning?

Graduate education: How has the virtual environment impacted teaching and learning for graduate students? How can universities increase cross-disciplinary and cross-cultural pollination for graduate students in online settings?

Faculty: How can universities facilitate a sustainable culture of faculty care? Have women and people of colour in academics been disproportionately impacted by the pandemic?

Internationalization: How do universities provide a holistic, immersive experience for international students during and after COVID-19? How can international students and the internationalization of university campuses strengthen Canada's diversity?

In-person meetings

Advancing Canada's talent development ecosystem: Toronto, York University (2020)

Innovation Study tours: Switzerland (2018) and India (2019)

Upcoming meetings and destinations

Fall 2021 (virtual): A virtual meeting on critical issues facing post-secondary education

Winter 2022 (hybrid): Domestic/hybrid meeting hosted by a member institution, based on travel and pandemic considerations

Spring 2022 (in-person): Experiential study tour: A target city will be selected based on travel and pandemic considerations

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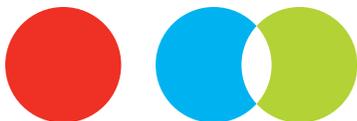
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