

Call for Nominations to Planning Committee for UK Strategic Plan  
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Dear Colleagues,

We are beginning the process of developing UK's Strategic Plan for 2014-2020. This plan will guide our actions -- and how we measure our progress -- in maintaining and enhancing our role as the Commonwealth's indispensable institution in a changing and challenging world. Now, we need your help and leadership in the development of this critical plan.

A successful Strategic Plan must describe how we leverage our strengths in ways that are compelling and distinctive. It must define how we lead by identifying and focusing on areas in which we can excel. And it must offer a vision for the future through purposeful and thoughtful planning for the years ahead.

Your efforts over the last two years to determine what our priorities should be, as well as how we should strategically move forward, have fostered a sense of momentum for UK. The Strategic Plan and its development afford us the opportunity to take the next step forward. To that end, we have identified six broad, but critical, initiatives as the basis for guiding development of the Strategic Plan:

1. Creating a Vibrant Undergraduate Learning Community
2. Advancing a High Quality Graduate and Professional Education Portfolio
3. Cultivating a Robust Environment for Research and Creative Work
4. Developing a Strong and Sustainable UK Infrastructure
5. Creating a Positive Work Environment for Faculty and Staff
6. Having a Meaningful Impact on the Community

With these six broad areas in mind, we are accepting nominations for members of a Planning Committee, a group that will be comprised of faculty, staff, and students to serve from 2014-2020. The Planning Committee will be subdivided into Working Groups to study each of the six strategic plan areas and to generate corresponding reports and recommendations.

The charge of this committee will include:

- Reviewing the research and benchmarking work that has already been conducted in the six strategic plan areas. Identifying and conducting additional research that may be needed for each assigned area
- Using the guiding questions to identify the strategic priorities and key action items for each area

- Using the guiding questions to identify key metrics and create scorecards for each initiative
- Developing implementation plans and timeline
- Mapping key resource needs
- Delivering a final report to the Planning Committee Chairs

Each Working Group will have a chair or co-chairs. Some areas of the strategic plan may have more than one Working Group.

[Please use this form to submit a nomination.](#) Both self-nominations and colleague-nominations will be accepted. The deadline to submit this form is **Monday, October 7, 2013.**

Thank you for your dedication to this important cause. We look forward to working with you over the coming months as our institution continues to gain momentum.