roadmap

University Innovation Fellows Training 2025

SESSION 1: DESIGN THINKING

September 1-7

SESSION OBJECTIVE

Learn design thinking as an approach for human-centered innovation

CANDIDATE ACTIVITIES

Tackle a design challenge on the topic "How might universities support students' social and emotional well being?"

Develop a plan for the stakeholder meeting, including the date, place, invites, etc.

Get started on the Landscape Canvas (Session 2), as it requires quite a bit of research

HOW FACULTY CAN HELP

Meet with candidates and have them walk you through their design challenge work; ask about things they learned that surprised them; and look for the number and diversity of the ideas they came up with

SESSION 2: LANDSCAPE CANVAS

September 8-14

SESSION OBJECTIVE

Uncover assets and identify gaps within the campus I&E ecosystem

CANDIDATE ACTIVITIES

Complete the Landscape Canvas spreadsheet and synthesis

Create or update the Campus Overview page on the wiki

HOW FACULTY CAN HELP

Encourage students to get started right away

Have candidates present their Landscape Canvas and analysis to you and review their work for completion

SESSION 3: RESPONSIBLE FUTURING

September 15-21

SESSION OBJECTIVE

Explore the importance of incorporating diverse perspectives, keeping in mind the long term and societal consequences of our actions

CANDIDATE ACTIVITIES

Complete individual and group exercises that guide you through the 4 phases of Responsible Futuring

HOW FACULTY CAN HELP

Encourage students to get started right away

Have candidates present their results and analysis to you, and discuss their insights from this session.

By September 19, Fellows will be asked to submit a one-line proposal of their project idea.

SESSION 4: STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

September 22-28

SESSION OBJECTIVE

Narrow in on 3 to 4 projects that can dramatically enhance the I&E ecosystem on campus

CANDIDATE ACTIVITIES

Prototype and hone in on projects

Flesh out project plans on the public-facing wiki page

HOW FACULTY CAN HELP

Meet with candidates early in the week to discuss the results of their brainstorm, providing additional suggestions on high-impact projects

Review their prototyping plan

Follow up to debrief what they learned and how it informed their project plans

On September 26, Fellows will have the opportunity to share their project ideas and receive feedback from Twente researchers.

SESSION 5: LEAN STARTUP

September 29 - October 5

SESSION OBJECTIVE

Create relationships with key stakeholders, understand their metrics of success, and factor in their needs in order to define projects that are valuable to the broader campus I&E ecosystem

CANDIDATE ACTIVITIES

Meet one-on-one with key stakeholders in the I&E ecosystem to learn from them (not to sell their project)

Use the Change Model Canvas (adaptation of business model canvas) to interview leaders

Hold meeting with Faculty Champions and previously trained Fellows to gather feedback on projects and strategy for execution

Refine Campus Overview and Strategic Priorities wiki pages

HOW FACULTY CAN HELP

Make email introductions to stakeholder and shed light on politics of the organization

Encourage previously-trained Fellows to engage with and mentor candidates

SESSION 6: STORYTELLING

October 6-12

SESSION OBJECTIVE

Use storytelling to share their vision for change on campus

CANDIDATE ACTIVITIES

Outline, prototype and produce a change story project

Hold a stakeholder meeting to seek broad campus buy-in on UIF projects and share outcomes more broadly as a follow up

Ensure all deliverables from previous sessions are completed, and all public-facing materials reflect well of the students and your campus

HOW FACULTY CAN HELP

Connect candidates to campus video production resources if needed (stock footage, logos, etc)

Help them rehearse for the stakeholder meeting, and urge stakeholders and previously trained Fellows to attend

LAUNCH **REVIEW**

October 13-19

OBJECTIVE

The UIF team reviews candidates' work

LAUNCH

October 20

OBIECTIVE

Generate visibility on campus and create awareness of the Fellows' work in a way that holds them accountable

FELLOWS' ACTIVITIES

Start working on your projects right away

Connect with Fellows in your region and around the world to get feedback on your projects

International students: begin your visa application process for the Twente Meetup 2026.

HOW FACULTY CAN HELP

Continue to meet with the students regularly, remove obstacles they encounter and give them practical advice

Keep the team inspired by emphasising the importance of their mission to their school's future

Celebrate the little wins and put a spotlight on their successes

assignment timeline

STATEMENT & IDEAS FOR SOLUTIONS

LANDSCAPE CANVAS, SYNTHESIS & CAMPUS OVERVIEW WIKI PAGE By September 19, Fellows will be asked to submit a one-line proposal of their project idea.

SCHEDULE, PLAN & HOLD STAKEHOLDER MEETING

STUDENT PRIORITIES WIKI PAGE

INTERVIEW SUMMARIES

CHANGE STORY PROJECT

DUE OCT 5

DUE OCT 12

UIF TEAM REVIEWS MATERIALS

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DUE SEPT 21

UIF PROJECT PROTOTYPE &

DUE SEPT 28

CHANGE MODEL CANVAS &