



# CONFRONTING CHALLENGES IN ACADEMIC UNITS: *Reclaiming Departmental Mission And Goals*

*Annual Conference: March 30-31, 2022 in Chicago, Illinois*

We are accepting applications from provosts and deans who have experience dealing with academic units that would benefit from strategies to reclaim their departmental mission. Participants will leave the conference with actionable items for their home institutions.

Participation is by application only, and places are limited so each participant receives the maximum value of a range of peer perspectives and expert support. COVID precautions will be observed based on rules in force at the time of the event.

We encourage participation from institutions committing to bringing multi-level teams, including a provost, a dean, and a unit-level leader.

Applicants will be notified on a rolling basis based on completion of the application and receipt of payment.

“ I CAME ALMOST IN DESPAIR ABOUT MY DEPARTMENT. AND NOW I THINK WE MIGHT BE OK.

“ IT FORCED ME TO ARTICULATE FOR MYSELF THE SCOPE OF THE PROBLEMS WE’RE FACING AND PUT THEM IN THE PERSPECTIVE OF THE REST OF THE GROUP.

Applications:

The application form will be available in early January. Please respond to the covering email to receive a link.

Fees:

Participants from Consortium member institutions can send a team of up to five people at no charge.

Fees for participants from other institutions are \$800 per person for the first two people; if three or more attend, each person’s fee is \$600.

For more information, please contact Sylvie Khan at NCPRE, [smtkhan@illinois.edu](mailto:smtkhan@illinois.edu).

Dates and Times:

Wednesday, March 30, 2022

Dinner and opening session: 5:30 p.m. CST

Thursday, March 31, 2022

Breakfast 7:30 a.m., sessions begin at 8:00 a.m., conclusion at 4:00 p.m. CST (*please plan 6 p.m. or later departure flights*)

Conference Site:

Big Ten Conference Center  
5440 Park Place  
Rosemont, IL 60018

Hotels and Parking:

These hotels are within easy walking distance and offer parking and shuttles to and from O'Hare.

Aloft Chicago O'Hare <https://www.reservations.com/hotel/aloft-chicago-ohare>

Loews Chicago O'Hare Hotel <https://www.loewshotels.com/chicago-ohare>

Parking is also available at the conference center. Contact center staff at the conference for reduced-cost validation.

“ THE BEST PARTS WERE LEARNING THAT SO MANY OTHERS HAVE COMMON PROBLEMS, AND NETWORKING WITH COLLEAGUES.

“ WE HAVE A PLAN! IT WILL NOT ONLY BENEFIT OUR TROUBLED DEPARTMENT, BUT WILL ALSO BE EXTRAPOLATED TO THE ENTIRE UNIVERSITY.

