

Global Summit on Student Affairs and Services
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Principles and Guiding Philosophy
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Guiding Philosophy

The Global Summit on Student Affairs and Services is designed to bring together those working with and for college students around the globe. The target population for the Summit is world leaders in student affairs and services in their countries, regions, and internationally. Where professional associations exist, leaders from those organizations are invited, and where associations do not exist, formal or informal leaders of a region, country, or institution are invited. This focus is so that leaders can have an impact upon returning to their home jurisdictions.

The underlying philosophy of the Summit is to listen to one another, without judgement or bias. Planners strive to eliminate Western influence on the program, and to that end, the Summits are held in different countries every-other-year, on the even years. A formal program for each Summit will be kept to a minimum so that ideas can emerge from the delegates and deep discussion about those issues can occur. The methodology for the Summit is critical to distinguishing the program from a “conference” by creating an iterative format, which builds upon itself to a logical set of action steps and outcomes based on data generated by the participants. A general theme or a focus for each Summit is developed based on current and/or pertinent issues, especially those that are of key significance to the host country and region.

Goals

During Global Summits participants will:

- Identify common issues upon which to build and collaborate, capitalizing on strengths, both common and unique
- Discuss increasing visibility, credibility, and the level of impact of student affairs and services work in tertiary education
- Identify critical research needs, synergizing around strategies for collection, analysis, and use of data
- Explore drivers affecting higher education and student affairs and services work.

Outcomes

The primary aim of the Summit is that everyone will leave believing that together the group has accomplished the following five things:

1. Shared cutting edge research and practices
2. Discussed topics of mutual interest that enhance the college student experience
3. Talked about a future global agenda and/or what we can do together in the future
4. Conceptualized a tangible product that can be shared with all our members
5. Established meaningful relationships among people.