

UC Forward Represents a Fundamental Change in the Preparation of Our Students

Evolved from the Passion of Students, Faculty and Staff



What is UC Forward?

UC Forward is an exciting new teaching and learning initiative—pairing students, faculty and external experts, each from differing perspectives—to create innovative and transformative answers to problems and uniquely develop tomorrow’s workforce.

This initiative differentiates and positions both the university and our students as leaders in transforming the landscape of 21st century education and in creating social and economic value for our local, regional and global communities. University of Cincinnati is uniquely positioned to do this well and to be THE leader in the field.

Composed of common elements, UC Forward brings students from dissimilar fields together to work with at least 2 mentors (faculty, students, external experts, or other partners) also from diverse areas of expertise to create new solutions, knowledge, or products. These experiences include a variety of methods such as innovation studios, field experiences, emerging technologies (i.e., video conferencing, social media) and labs to harbor an environment of collaboration between students. Students gain the capacity to effectively collaborate, self-organize, and create meaningful and sustainable connections between individuals, disciplines, institutions and communities. Through transformative solution-oriented outcomes, UC Forward expands the educational model, to leverage corporate and community partnerships to create innovative products, solutions, and new ideas that provide value.

UC Forward represents a fundamental change in the preparation of our students—to be unafraid to meet tomorrow’s challenges—by structuring a variety of interdisciplinary collaborative educational experiences today.

Why UC?

University of Cincinnati is uniquely positioned to do this well and to be THE leader in the field:

- Range of our disciplinary competencies and colleges
- Commitment to real-world learning
- Partnership with the city and commitment to solving urban challenges
- A tradition of value-adding corporate partnerships
- Integrated Core Learning (ICL), UC’s shared undergraduate vision that calls for a purposefully linked curricula rich in interdisciplinary real world experiences
- Institutional structure that can support innovation

UC Forward Experiences

- [Niehoff Urban Studio](#)
- [Livewell Collaborative](#)
- [Integrated Core Learning \(ICL\) Capstones](#)
- Interdisciplinary Certificates ([UC3](#), [Critical Visions](#))
- Medical Device Innovation and Entrepreneurship Program
- Quaternary and Anthropocene Research Group
- Academic Information Technology Studio
- U.S. Department of Energy Solar Decathlon
- Design + Nursing Community Health Collaborative
- Introductory Collaborative Courses, Studios and Seminars, as well as select Honors Programs

To learn more about our programs and activities, please visit the Office of the Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost [website](#) or the UC Forward [website](#).

<http://www.uc.edu/provost/ucforward.html>