



# ITD Alliance

Global Alliance for  
Inter- and Transdisciplinarity

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Dear ITD Alliance Members and Colleagues,

This News Bulletin includes:

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## Opportunities

**Showcase your inter- and transdisciplinary education activities to a large international audience**

“Spotlight Guides” in Times Higher Education (THE) magazine’s Campus platform is calling for 750-850 word feature articles and/or short videos on **“How to teach through an interdisciplinary lens.”**

The guide aims to provide practical advice from and for higher education professionals on:

- Best practice to support interdisciplinary learning and research
- Advice based on case studies of successful interdisciplinary teaching/research
- Interdisciplinarity and SDG-related teaching/research
- Using interdisciplinary teaching to prepare students for the workforce
- How to get students interested in interdisciplinary work
- Designing interdisciplinary courses/curricula
- Tips on deciding what content stays and what goes when transferring to an interdisciplinary model
- Creating interdisciplinary communities of practice
- How to package, market or demonstrate the value of interdisciplinary courses
- Designing and managing assessment in interdisciplinary courses

- How to work with industry to create recognised accreditation for interdisciplinary courses

**Deadline for content: Monday, 13 January 2025”**

For more information, contact [THECampus@timeshighereducation.com](mailto:THECampus@timeshighereducation.com) or [Kiera.O'Brien@timeshighereducation.com](mailto:Kiera.O'Brien@timeshighereducation.com). They will guide you through the process.

**Spotlight guides or spotlights** are “fortnightly agenda-setting collections offering advice and insight on the most pressing issues in global higher education.”

***President’s note:** This is a great opportunity to showcase the diversity of fantastic educational activities of ITD Alliance members. As well as short articles, many of the videos presented at ITD24 could be submitted. If you click on the Spotlights link above, you will see different topics that have been featured and clicking on any topic will give you a sense of the diversity of articles and videos included, from all parts of the globe. In my correspondence with the content curator, Kiera O’Brien, she wrote “We’re actively looking for as many interdisciplinary pieces as possible.” I didn’t ask her about transdisciplinarity, but the dot points suggested that this call encompasses “transdisciplinary,” as well. In any case, do contact Kiera to check and for a copy of their guidelines. Let’s overwhelm them!*



## Policy news

### **Interdisciplinary science research university rankings released**

*Submitted by Gabriele Bammer*

Times Higher Education released the inaugural results for the top ranked universities for interdisciplinary science research on November 21. The results can be found at: <https://www.timeshighereducation.com/news/interdisciplinary-science-rankings-2025-results-announced>. While all rankings have problems, the release of the rankings is another sign that ITD research is moving into the mainstream. Interestingly, the ten countries with the most institutions in the top 200 are: USA (21), India (15), Italy (14), Saudi Arabia (12), Türkiye (10), China (9), Japan (8), Egypt (7), Taiwan (6) and Thailand (6).



## Conference news

### **Call for session proposals, Sustainability Research and Innovation 2025 (SRI2025), 16-19 June, Chicago, Illinois, USA**

The Sustainability Research and Innovation Congress (SRI2025) will be held from 16-19 June, 2025 in Chicago, Illinois. For more information about the congress, please visit [sricongress.org](http://sricongress.org). Since 2021, SRI has united global leaders in research, government, civil society, and business to meaningfully advance sustainability. The SRI Congress offers an exceptionally inclusive and inspiring global platform for co-creating state-of-the-art

solutions and innovations; building a coalition of the willing to achieve a sustainability transformation.

Session proposals should align with the vision of the Congress and/or one or more of the following themes:

1. One Health: Connecting Human, Animal & Planetary Health
2. Collaborative Decision-Making: Fostering Connections with Communities
3. Holistic Solutions: Integrating Food, Energy, Water, and Infrastructure
4. Innovative Tools: Developing & Deploying New Technologies for Sustainability Solutions

SRI2025 invites proposals to the 2025 Congress program by 7 December 2024 (17:00 ET (UTC -4)). See <https://sri.secure-platform.com/sri-home/> for details.

### **Call for individual presentations, Conference for Advancing Participatory Sciences (CAPS 2025), 27-30 May, Portland, Oregon, USA**

CAPS is the premiere annual gathering of scholars, practitioners, and facilitators in the field of participatory sciences. This year's event will take place in Portland, Oregon, May 27-30, 2025. Oregon State University is the host organization, in collaboration with Portland State University.

CAPS 2025 will feature symposia, talks, collaborative discussions, and networking events, plus skills-building workshops, and field trips showcasing the unique ecosystems and projects of the Pacific Northwest.

Proposals are invited for individual presentations to share insights, research, experience or new ideas about practices for participatory sciences: the tools, strategies, or innovations that make for successful projects.

Submissions will be accepted through 11:59 PM EST on January 15, 2025. See <https://participatorysciences.org/conferences/caps-2025/2025-call-for-presentations/> for details.



## **Other relevant events**

### **“Convergence Research and Complex Science”, NIH/NINDS Team Science Seminar Series, Thursday December 12, 2024, 12-2PM (Eastern), online**

The NIH/NINDS Team Science Seminar Series facilitates knowledge generation and translation through a dialogical approach to projects, methods, and perspectives at the intersection of biomedical and team science.

December 12, 2024: Convergence Research and Complex Science.

Despite the growing call for interdisciplinary collaborative science, the field of team science is still evolving and the facilitators and barriers to interdisciplinary integration are still being elucidated. Convergence research is situated in solving complex problems through the intentional integration of diverse perspectives to achieve meaningful change.

This seminar series will discuss various perspectives and approaches towards conducting convergence research.

Agenda: NIH/NINDS Team Science Seminar #2

- Introduction: Convergence and Convergence Science (12:00-12:05)
- Funders' Perspective: Supporting Team Science at NINDS (12:05-12:10)
- Career Impediments to Interdisciplinary Biomedical Research (12:10-12:30)
- A Curious Case of the 'Convergence Shortcut' in the Human Brain Science Research Ecosystem circa 2013 (12:30-12:50)
- Implementing Complex Interventions for Complex Conditions in Complex Systems (12:50-1:10)
- Bridging Science and Medicine: The Collaborative Pathway for Breakthroughs in Team Science (1:10-1:30)
- Moderated Discussion and Q&A (1:30-2:00)

[Registration and event details.](#)



## About this News Bulletin

This News Bulletin focuses on the activities of the ITD-Alliance and its members. We also welcome contributions that may interest members such as policy news in education, funding and research, opportunities (including prizes and visiting fellowships), and relevant conferences and conference reports. Contributions welcome!

Please send contributions to Caryn Anderson [caryn.anderson@itd-alliance.org](mailto:caryn.anderson@itd-alliance.org) at least a week before you would like to see them published. We aim to publish weekly, but the day may vary.

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