Mission

The Office of Consortial Academic Collaboration works to develop and maintain effective and enduring cross-campus academic collaborations among the Claremont Colleges. In order to advance the core academic missions of the colleges, two principles guide our work:

(1) Do together that which either cannot be achieved alone or would be more stunning if done together; and

(2) Do together that which does not differentiate among our institutions.

Primary Initiatives

Responding to the interests of faculty, staff, and administrations across The Claremont Colleges, the Academic Deans Committee has identified some specific initiatives to focus this office’s attention. The two emphases for the 2017-2020 academic years are data science and justice education.

Data Science

Conduct an exhaustive audit of the Claremont Colleges in order to identify existing people, resources, classes, and labs with linkages to data science. Building upon the results of the audit, leverage existing resources, talents, and interests to strengthen faculty capacity in data science across fields and develop a comprehensive curriculum in data science defined at the undergraduate and master’s level.

Justice Education

In partnership with an array of local prisons and other community partners, and with the support of a $1.1M grant from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, faculty and staff from across The Claremont Colleges are creating and strengthening meaningful prison-related initiatives (e.g., inside-out courses, reintegration academies, matriculation programs) that both meet the scholastic needs of Claremont Colleges students and provide academic credentials for incarcerated students, while promoting re-entry services and policy reforms.

Goals

1. To support the development of cross-campus programs and initiatives that benefit faculty, students, and other College stakeholders

2. To cultivate cross-campus curricular coherence

3. To foster cross-campus research collaborations

Tools

In addition to our rotating foci, the office has an ongoing commitment to nurture and incubate both new and existing cross-campus academic collaborations. To this end, we offer a range of tools and resources for the faculty, staff, and administration of all of the Claremont Colleges, including administrative support, meeting convocation and facilitation, professional development and training, and assistance with procedural strategy.

Contact Us

We welcome broad participation from all members of the Claremont Colleges community. Contact Director Tessa Hicks Peterson at collaboration@claremont.edu to share your ideas or to inquire about the current status of our projects.