Introduction

Community engagement is key to the success of Imagine 2030. Thank you for joining the conversation. It’s your chance to help us defy the conventional!

We’ve outlined steps below to plan your own meet-up events between January 23 and March 29, 2019. Should you have any questions, please don’t hesitate to contact us by email.

Step 1: Plan your event

Meet-ups are an organic way of contributing to Imagine 2030 at your convenience. By hosting your own discussion, you are helping to shape our future, and ultimately, the development of the uOttawa strategic plan.

Step 2: Promote your event

There are many ways of announcing your events to your network members:

- Email invitations
- Facebook events
- Twitter
- Posters
- Phone calls

Step 3: Guide the meeting

Your role in hosting a meet-up is to listen and gather information from the people attending.

- Start with a short icebreaker to ease people into the discussion. Since the duration of the meet-up can vary from one hour to one day, in general you should not spend more than 15 minutes on the icebreaker.

- During the meeting, ask questions that engage participants

Here are some sample questions to help you prepare for your meet-up event. These are suggestions only; you can also create your own questions about Imagine 2030.

- What word best describes what you appreciate about uOttawa?
- What word best describes what you appreciate least about uOttawa?
- What would the ideal learning environment look like in 2030?
- What must happen to offer a memorable student experience?
- What does ideal support for academic success look like?
- What would the ideal work environment look like in 2030?
- What must happen to offer a memorable employee experience?
- What will uOttawa be known for in the world in 2030?
- What must happen for uOttawa to be a leading-edge institution in Canada or in the world in 2030?
General questions on uOttawa’s six key aspirations

- Of the six key aspirations, which three do you feel should have priority for the next 10 years?

- Now that you’ve heard about the key aspirations, can you think of any other aspirations for the future of the University of Ottawa?

- Of the six key aspirations, name a goal or action that you think would help bring one of them about.

- In your opinion, what should be done to foster/develop each of these key aspirations?

Step 4: Provide feedback

Assign a person to take notes during your meet-up to capture every idea. Be sure to include the following information with your notes before submitting them to the Imagine 2030 team:

- Date
- Group name
- Number and role of participants (i.e., professor, student, staff member, alumni, friend of University)
- Question format

Step 5: Submit your feedback

The notes taken at your Meet-up session should reflect the key messages or recommendations that your group discussed. Please send your notes to Anne-Lyse Gagné.

Thank you!

Thank you for helping to imagine the future of uOttawa! We appreciate the time and effort you have spent on organizing a meet-up. Be sure to check our homepage regularly for further opportunities to participate in Imagine 2030.