



COMMITTEE ON INSTITUTIONAL COOPERATION

Twelve universities collaborating...



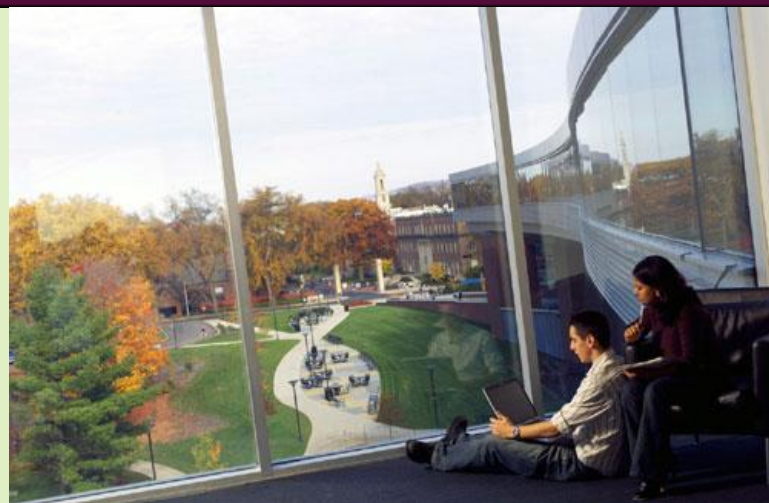
Our Mission

To advance academic excellence through collaboration across our member universities.

University of Chicago
University of Illinois
Indiana University
University of Iowa
University of Michigan
Michigan State University
University of Minnesota
Northwestern University
Ohio State University
Pennsylvania State University
Purdue University
University of Wisconsin-Madison



Structure



- Unincorporated association
- Governed & funded by the Provosts
- Each campus contributes equally to fund effort, but may pick and choose
- Staff in Champaign guides & directs programs
- “Legislative” or consensus model for decisions (an opt out for all efforts)



Why Collaborate or Build Alliances

- To accomplish something for which you do not have the resources (to do something faster, better, cheaper)
- Drive down costs
- Enhance competitive position
- Innovate/acquire new knowledge



How Consortia Can Advance an International Agenda

Use the convening power of the group to attract attention –
escalate action

Pool resources to advance an issue more quickly

Spread the risk

But there are challenges:

- Timing (uneven needs/attention)
- Investments (some richer than others)
- Joint decision making is time consuming
- The closer you get to the core mission the greater the impact and the greater the challenges
- Selection of partners is critical



“Only connect. That was the whole of her sermon”

E. M. Forster, Howards End