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Evolutionary Models for College-Industry Partnerships

What is the future of college-industry relationships in the 21st Century. Will traditional partnership models survive? How are communication technologies impacting college-employer relationships? What do some of the emerging partnerships models look like and what accountability factors are built into to them.

This panel session will explore" Evolutionary Models for College-Industry Partnerships". The panel will explore emerging strategies and related activities that both colleges and industry will implement now and in the future to maintain their visibility in the marketplace. Career Fairs and corporate checks will no longer suffice to build solid CIPs. Two seasoned college-industry professionals will act as panel moderators interacting with the panel and audience. The panel will include major corporations and government agencies and college representatives. A panel-inthe-round format will encourage audience participation while the moderators will challenge the panel and audience with assumptions about college-industry relations.

Partnerships between industry and universities/colleges have proven useful since their inception. Early partnership efforts between industry and universities were loosely structured arrangement , but as we have entered the 21st century with the rise of global markets, new communication technologies , a worldwide distributed workforce and highly competitive business environment partnership have taken on a new and more focused, result oriented for both industry and education. Today partnerships are used by both industry and education as a strategic tool to gain competitive advantage.

So how are these partnerships formed and why are some so successful and others fail or never reach their full potential?