



LEARNING COMMUNITIES

Guide for Members

What Is a Learning Community?

A NACU Learning Community (LC) is a group of individuals united by a shared academic or administrative interest. LCs foster **knowledge sharing, collaboration, and professional growth.**

LCs are commonly organized by job title, but they can also be built around academic disciplines, special projects, or university-wide topics. ***Institutions may include multiple participants per LC to increase engagement.***

✉ To join or propose a new LC, **contact Michelle Apuzzio at mapuzzio@nacu.edu.**

How do NACU's Learning Communities Work?

Discussions and Collaboration

LCs engage in a variety of activities, including:

- Knowledge sharing
- Virtual discussions (within the LC or across LCs); generally scheduled every eight weeks
- In-person meetups at national conferences
- Benchmarking projects
- Collaborative research, white papers, and institutional initiatives

Learning Community Chairs

Each LC is led by a chair, who help coordinate the agenda, lead Zoom discussions, and communicate topics of interest. NACU staff handles scheduling, minutes, and other logistics. Interested in chairing? It's a light lift with full support from NACU!

Generally only LCs with chairs will be scheduled for virtual discussions. However, if you have a topic you'd like to discuss with others in your LC and you're willing to facilitate the conversation, we can schedule a discussion.

RallyBoard: Our Learning Community Hub

NACU uses RallyBoard to support communication, collaboration, and knowledge sharing within our Learning Communities. Think of it as a central gathering place where members can stay connected between meetings, access resources, and build on the conversations happening throughout the year.

RallyBoard allows you to:

- **Stay connected with colleagues.** Identify and connect with peers in your Learning Community.
- **Continue conversations between meetings.** Ask questions, share ideas, and learn from one another through ongoing discussions.
- **Preserve institutional knowledge.** Meeting summaries, discussion threads, and shared resources remain available for future reference.
- **Prepare for upcoming meetings.** Review agendas, suggest topics, and stay informed about what your group will discuss next.
- **Access important materials in one place.** Meeting information, notes, files, and links are all organized within the platform.
- **Receive timely reminders.** RallyBoard provides notifications about upcoming meetings and activity within your Learning Community.

RallyBoard helps NACU Learning Communities move beyond isolated meetings by creating an ongoing space for collaboration, benchmarking, and peer support.

✉ Questions? **Contact Michelle Apuzzio at mapuzzio@nacu.edu.**