

## National Multicultural Council

### Purpose

- The Council provides leadership and assists the Association of University Centers on Disabilities (AUCD) to respond to the requirements for inclusion, diversity, and cultural competence as set forth in the Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act of 2000.
- The Council supports AUCD to implement its Strategic Map with an emphasis on growing diverse and skilled leaders, and modeling diversity, equity, and inclusion with and on behalf of people with developmental disabilities and their families throughout the network.

### The Council helps the AUCD network to

- Ensure the meaningful participation of individuals from culturally diverse and underrepresented groups in all activities and across all levels of the Association.
- Incorporate salient issues in public policy initiatives, at the national, state, and territorial levels that disproportionately impact individuals with developmental disabilities and their families from racially, ethnically, and culturally diverse groups.
- Create professional development and learning opportunities for member programs that increase capacity and leadership for diversity, inclusion, equity, and cultural and linguistic competence.
- Identify and broker partnerships with organizations and communities concerned with diversity, equity, and inclusion that are external to the AUCD network to effect systems change.
- Inform the work of other AUCD Councils and assist them to incorporate diversity, equity, inclusion, and cultural and linguistic competence in their deliberations and activities.

### Membership

The Council membership consists of one voting representative from a member program that is endorsed by the Director of the program including UCEDDs, IDDRCs and LENDs. The Council welcomes the participation of other individuals who are interested in advancing the vision, mission, and values of AUCD within the contexts of individuals at risk for and with developmental disabilities and their families from underserved populations and communities in the U.S. territories, and tribal nations.

### Connect

Website: [www.aucd.org/councils](http://www.aucd.org/councils)

Slack: AUCD\_MCC

URL: <http://aucdmcc.slack.com>

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## 2020 Multicultural Council (MCC) Meetings

- Quarterly meetings are scheduled to occur:
  - Virtually - February, May, and September 2020
  - In-person meeting at AUCD 2020 Conference - December 2020

## AUCD Network Directory

- The online Directory is used to identify network members with particular areas of expertise. For this purpose, network members are encouraged to complete the sections on Professional Areas of Interest and Expertise and Vita or Bio, as well as upload a photo, and indicate your Council membership.
  - Current List of MCC Council members: <https://www.aucd.org/template/page.cfm?id=90>
- Federal agencies, Hill staff, other organizations, network members and AUCD staff all use the directory to find network members based on their expertise, so it is very helpful if staff profiles are complete and accurate.
- Faculty and staff profiles can be updated via the online Directory or using NIRS. For help, contact your data coordinator or Natalie Martinez at AUCD ([nmartinez@aucd.org](mailto:nmartinez@aucd.org)).

## NIRS Public Search

- The NIRS Database has a public search option. This allows everyone to search Projects and Products entered in NIRS. Is your work accurately captured/searchable?
  - Search the NIRS Database: <https://www.aucd.org/nirs/search/search.cfm>
- This option is very helpful both for federal agencies in obtaining useful information about Centers' work and areas of expertise, and to fellow network members who look for information from other Centers.

## Slack

- Slack is a cloud-based instant messaging platform. Its workspaces allow you to organize communications by channels for group discussions and allows for private messages to share information, files, and more all in one place. It's a great place to coordinate and collaborate.
- Join the AUCD\_MCC workspace by visiting <http://aucdmcc.slack.com>
- You can choose to use the desktop version of Slack at <https://slack.com/> or you can download the Slack apps for desktop and/or mobile.
- For help, contact Tanisha Clarke at AUCD ([tclarke@aucd.org](mailto:tclarke@aucd.org)).



## Listserv

- This is a members-only discussion list hosted by AUCD. To join this list, individuals must be a part of the AUCD network and a member of the Multicultural Council. Subscription requests and postings will be moderated by AUCD staff. To join the Council listserv, visit <https://www.aucd.org/councils>
- Members can communicate to the list by replying to an existing message or sending a new message to the list's email address: [mcc@lists.aucd.org](mailto:mcc@lists.aucd.org)