

MEDIA FACT SHEET

2020 GLOBAL U7+ SUMMIT

ABOUT THE GLOBAL U7+ SUMMIT

The U7+ Summit is the annual meeting of the U7 Alliance, the first global alliance of university presidents designed to coordinate and advance the role of universities as global actors committed to multilateral action to address global problems.

Where: For the first time, the Summit will be held in the United States, taking place on the Evanston, Ill., campus of [Northwestern University](#). Northwestern is co-sponsor of the event along with Georgetown University, Columbia University and the University of California, Berkeley.

When: June 2-3, 2020, one week prior to the G7 Summit at Camp David (June 10-12).

Event Agenda: Over two days, more than 100 presidents and university leaders from G7 countries and beyond will gather to explore solutions and continue work begun at the inaugural U7+ Summit, held last year in France. The U7+ Summit will conclude with concrete commitments on five key topics to present for consideration by world leaders attending the G7 Summit. The topics are:

1. Universities as key actors in a global world
2. Climate and energy transition
3. Inequality and polarized societies
4. Technological transformation
5. Community engagement and impact

Participants: The inaugural summit, held in July 2019 at [The Paris Institute of Political Studies \(Sciences Po\)](#), included participants from 47 universities and represented more than two million students around the world.

Universities invited to the 2020 U7+ Summit are from more than a dozen countries, including:

- Argentina
- Australia
- Canada
- France
- Germany
- Ghana
- India
- Italy
- Ivory Coast
- Japan
- Morocco
- Nigeria
- Senegal
- Singapore
- South Africa
- South Korea
- United Kingdom
- United States

International prominence: At the first U7+ Summit in Paris last summer, French President Emmanuel Macron presided over the meeting, and French Minister of Higher Education, Research and Innovation, Frédérique Vidal provided opening remarks. Details about this year's Summit are still being developed.

About Northwestern University

Founded in 1851, Northwestern University is one of the country's leading private research and teaching universities with an enrollment of approximately 8,000 full-time undergraduate students and approximately 8,000 full-time graduate and professional students and approximately 2,000 part-time students on campuses in Evanston and Chicago, Illinois, and Doha, Qatar. Northwestern combines innovative teaching and pioneering research in a highly collaborative environment that transcends traditional academic boundaries. Northwestern provides students and faculty exceptional opportunities for intellectual, personal and professional growth in a setting enhanced by the richness of Chicago.

About Northwestern and Sciences Po

The selection of Northwestern to host the U7+ Summit builds on the relationship the University has had with The Paris Institute of Political Studies (Sciences Po) for nearly two decades, a partnership that is a model of the University's globalization strategy: multidimensional partnerships with foreign institutions that it can expand and deepen over time. This partnership, established by the Office of International Relations, now encompasses undergraduate study abroad, graduate students, faculty exchanges, and collaborations with Pritzker and Medill.

About Northwestern Buffett Institute for Global Affairs

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