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VOLCKER ALLIANCE LAUNCHES GOVERNMENT-TO-UNIVERSITY INITIATIVE

NEW YORK, NY (October 4, 2018) – The Volcker Alliance announced today that the organization will convene a series of regional collaborative design sessions as part of the first phase of the [Government-to-University \(G2U\) Initiative](#). The G2U Initiative focuses on building connections between government and universities to strengthen alignment on recruitment, skills development, and research.

In the coming months, the Alliance will partner with universities, civic groups, and government agencies in four cities to conduct two-day roundtables to identify replicable best practices, initiate local cross-sector projects, and build a network of leaders committed to bringing the two sectors closer together.

“An effective government relies on great people and smart management practices. The G2U initiative seeks to build a strong community of practice to strengthen the pipeline of skilled talent into government and ensure that public policies and programs are helping inform and are improved by rigorous scholarly analysis,” said Thomas W. Ross, president of the Volcker Alliance.

The first of these design sessions is in Pittsburgh at Carnegie Mellon University’s [Heinz College of Information Systems and Public Policy](#) on October 16 and 17. Core partners for future sessions include the [University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Government](#), [University of Kansas School of Public Affairs and Administration](#), the [Mid-America Regional Council \(MARC\)](#), [The University of Texas at Austin Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public Affairs](#), [The Lab at OPM](#), and [Federal Executive Boards](#).

The upcoming G2U design session dates and locations are:

- October 16-17 – Pittsburgh, PA

- October 24-25 – Chapel Hill, NC
- November 14-15 – Kansas City, MO
- December 5-6 – Austin, TX

Participants in the roundtable sessions will include university administrators, faculty, students, recent graduates, program and hiring managers from all levels of government, good government allies, and subject matter experts.

“These design sessions emphasize the importance of continued collaboration between universities and government and sustaining these local partnerships over time,” said Dustin Brown, senior fellow at the Volcker Alliance. “Our goal is that by convening this diverse set of stakeholders we will help increase the flow of talent into government and generate impactful research that is mutually beneficial and supports overall government effectiveness.”

For more information on the G2U initiative including a newly released Volcker Alliance report, *[Preparing for Tomorrow’s Public Service](#)*, please visit www.volckeralliance.org.

The Volcker Alliance advances effective management of government to achieve results that matter to citizens. The nonpartisan Alliance works toward that objective by partnering with other organizations—academic, business, governmental, and public interest—to strengthen professional education for public service, conduct needed research on government performance, and improve the efficiency and accountability of governmental organization at the federal, state, and local levels. Visit volckeralliance.org to learn more.

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