



How Can Universities Support Interdisciplinary Research?

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Interdisciplinary research is essential for addressing complex health challenges, yet universities often struggle to fully support such collaborative efforts. This talk will explore how academic institutions can better promote interdisciplinary research by reforming key areas. First, reward and recognition systems must be adapted to adequately credit interdisciplinary contributions, ensuring that scholars are incentivized to work across fields. Second, funding structures from both internal and external grantors need to be reimaged to encourage and sustain cross-disciplinary collaboration. Finally, the organization of faculty members and departments must evolve to break down silos and foster an environment where interdisciplinarity can thrive. Together, these changes will empower universities to be leaders in advancing impactful, boundary-spanning research.