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- Promotes the interchange of ideas among scholars, teachers, administrators, and the public regarding interdisciplinarity and integration;
- Advocates best-practice techniques for interdisciplinary teaching;
- Advocates best-practice techniques for interdisciplinary research;
- Advances the exploration of key terms and seeks out new theoretical models essential to interdisciplinarity and integration;
- Sustains the development of real-world applications of interdisciplinarity and integration;
- Encourages high quality interdisciplinary curriculum development at both the undergraduate and graduate levels;
- Sponsors the development of standards for interdisciplinary program accreditation;
- Offers best-practice methods for assessing interdisciplinary programs and coursework
- Encourages the development of administrative structures, personnel policies, and financial models in higher education that support interdisciplinary teaching and research;
- Promotes the scholarship of interdisciplinary and integrative teaching and learning;
- Supports the development of strategies for strengthening the role of interdisciplinarity and integration within (and beyond) the Academy;
- Documents the importance of interdisciplinary and integrative studies for higher education and society in general.

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