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Challenge on Reimagining Higher Education

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Colleagues,

The US Department of Education continues our work on behalf of American students to encourage opportunity by ensuring access, affordability, and completion across the higher education system. There are tremendous examples of innovation across the nation, but we know that we must continue to do more to ensure that all students—especially those that are first generation and low-income, and students of color—continue to make gains.

That's why I'm thrilled that we have partnered with the design firm IDEO to support the OpenIDEO Challenge on Reimagining Higher Education. The Challenge is a global effort to gain the perspectives of a diverse array of individuals to both understand the needs for higher education and reimagine what it could look like in the future.

During the current Research phase, we are calling a global community to action to share your stories and reflections, emotions, perspectives and other personal contributions related to education after high school and throughout one's lifetime. Because we are seeking a diverse and wide-ranging set of stories, we encourage students at your institutions to submit their stories. An alternative way to get student stories into the Challenge is by having others interview or shadow students. Please consider how you might best get your student experiences into this design challenge by visiting the Challenge site ([link](#)) and clicking on Participate in Research.

Thank you for the work you continue to do on behalf of our students.

Warmly,

Ted Mitchell, Under Secretary
US Department of Education