

# University Academic Plan Community Consultations

Fall/Winter 2019-20

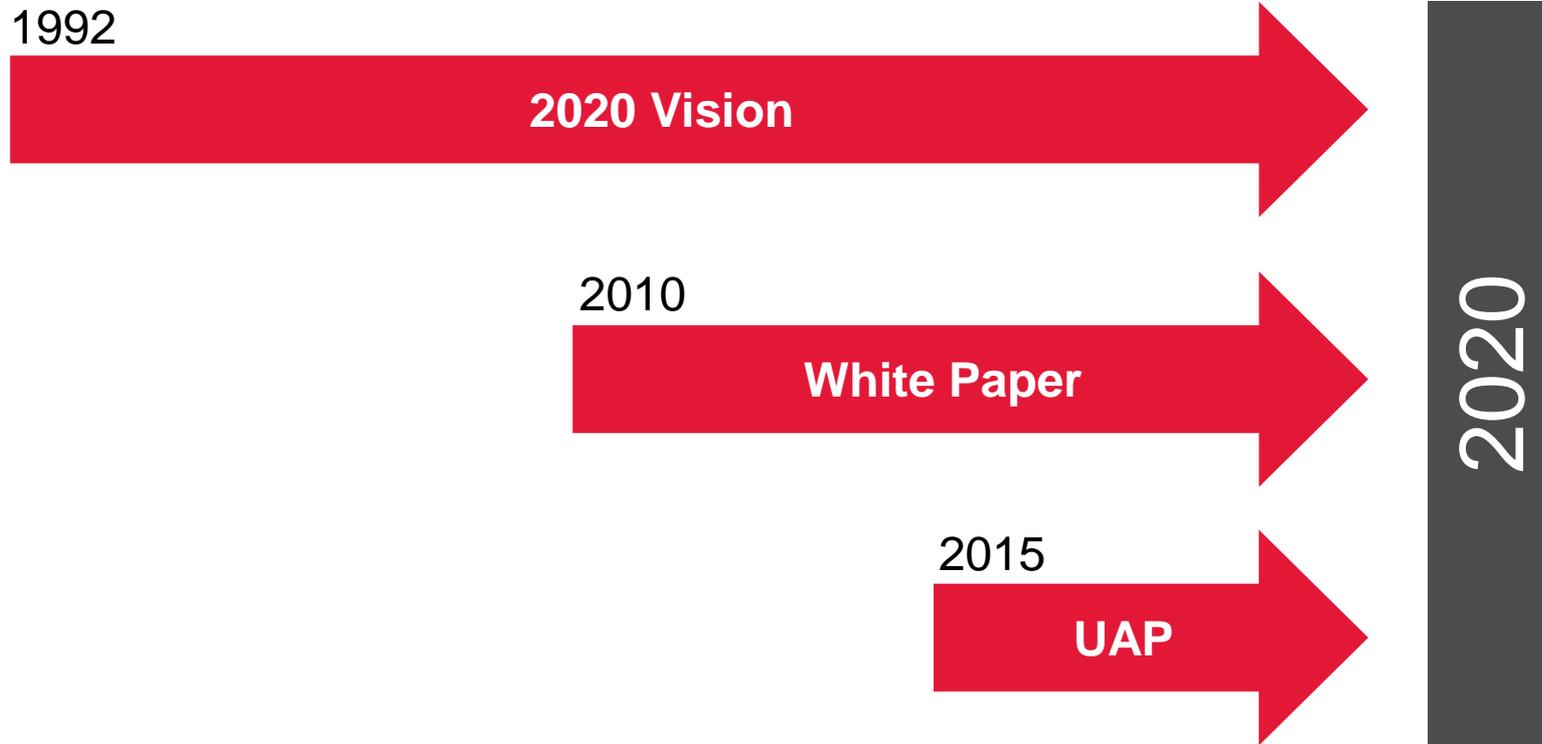
# Consultation goal

To share ideas on the future of York University and the University Academic Plan 2020-2025

# What is the UAP and why talk about it now?

- The University Academic Plan (UAP) is a foundational document, approved by the University Senate, to articulate our vision and academic priorities as an institution.
- The current UAP runs from 2015-20.
- The Academic Policy, Planning & Research Committee (APPRC) of Senate has initiated the process to create our next UAP.

# 3 Strategic Documents Spanning 27 Years



# York's Current UAP: 7 Priorities

1. Innovative, Quality Programs for Academic Excellence
2. Advancing Exploration, Innovation and Achievement in Scholarship, Research and Related Creative Activities
3. Enhanced Quality in Teaching and Student Learning
4. A Student-Centred Approach
5. Enhanced Campus Experience
6. Enhanced Community Engagement
7. Enabling the Plan

# What are Other Universities Doing?

## Brief Environmental Scan

We reviewed:

- 21 International Universities and 19 Canadian Universities across 11 Countries and 5 continents
- Top QS schools, Canadian Universities across provinces, comprehensive universities

Three formats are common across institutions:

- **Traditional:** organized around excellence in programming, research, student success, and community engagement
- **Thematic:** organized around one or more central themes (e.g., impact of technology on society)
- **Grand Challenges:** organized around local/global challenges/opportunities

# Thematic Approaches

E.g. Northeastern University

- Focus on evolving a new kind of university for a digital and artificial intelligence age: blueprint for the “networked university”

E.g. Sorbonne University strategic themes

- Acting in a global world
- Contributing to the open science, digital and data revolutions
- Learning, understanding and undertaking in a changing world

# What is a “Grand Challenge?”

- complex and urgent societal issues of our time
- with global and local dimensions
- too big to be understood from any one perspective
- calls for thinking across disciplines, collaborating across institutions, sectors and borders
- focus on social innovation, solutions and impact

# Grand Challenges Approach: E.g. University of Minnesota



# Q1

What do you see as York's greatest values?

# Q2

Describe using one word the greatest opportunities for York that should inform the next University Academic Plan.

# Q3

Which of these approaches seems most appealing to you?

- Standard approach (organized by different activities of research, teaching ,etc.)
- Thematic approach
- Grand challenges/big questions approach

# Q4

Are there local or global challenges that York is especially well placed to help solve?

Q5

Should APPRC frame the University  
Academic Plan around Grand Challenges?

# Traditional UAP Themes

- Advancing:
  - the teaching mission
  - research, scholarship and creative activity
  - student success
  - community engagement

# Q6

How might we best advance the teaching mission of the University over the next 5 years?

# Q7

How might we best advance research,  
scholarship and creative activity over the next  
5 years?

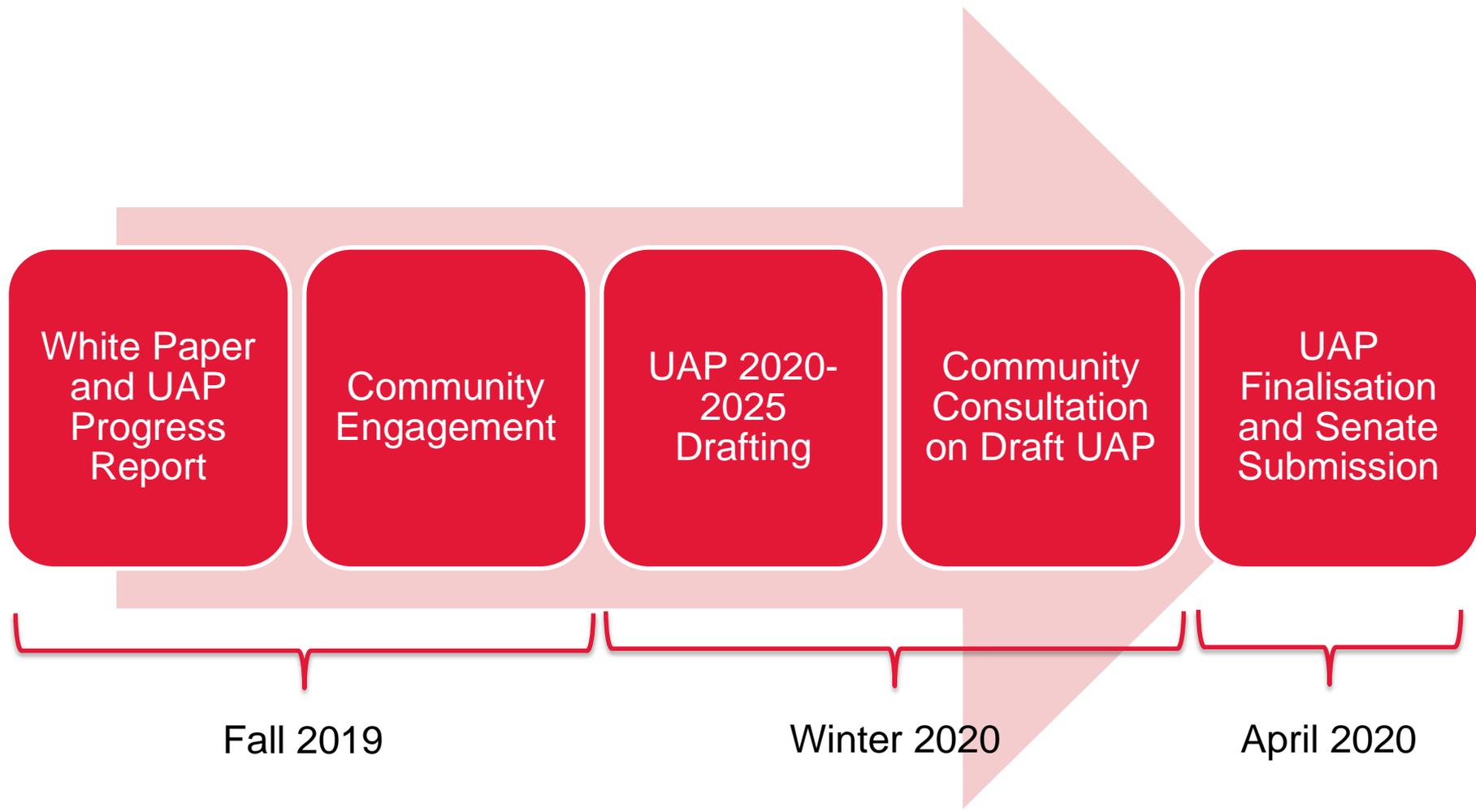
# Q8

How might we best advance student success over the next 5 years?

# Q9

How might we best advance community engagement over the next 5 years?

# UAP Process



# Engagement Options

There are many ways to provide input to the Senate Committee:

- Faculty Council discussions
- By posting your thoughts on public bulletin boards located at Scott Library and Vari Hall
- Through the feedback form on the [UAP Renewal website](#)
- By email to [info.univsec@yorku.ca](mailto:info.univsec@yorku.ca)

**Thank you for your participation!**

# Links to Notable UAP Examples

- [\*\*\*Delft University of Technology\*\*\*](#): Interactive plan online
- [\*\*\*University of Saskatchewan\*\*\*](#): The University the World Needs
- [\*\*\*Northeastern University\*\*\*](#): No boundaries
- [\*\*\*Sorbonne University\*\*\*](#): Focus on technology
- **OCADU**: [Strategic Directions](#) and [Summary](#)
- [\*\*\*University of Sydney\*\*\*](#): Best title