2021 Centennial Institute FAQs

Please note that Institute, along with the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, is continuously monitoring the pandemic and following CDC guidelines and recommendations. Responses to the questions below are subject to change as the situation continues to develop and we receive more information. Please be sure to check back for the most up-to-date information. If you have any further questions, please contact the Institute office at iom@uschamber.com or 202-463-5570. Thank you for your continued patience and understanding. We look forward to being back on-site in November!

Registration

When will registration launch, and what is the early enrollment deadline?

Registration will launch on Thursday, September 2, 2021, and the early enrollment deadline is Friday, October 8, 2021. After this date, tuition will increase by $200.

Why is tuition the same for both in-person and virtual participation?

The content and education are the same, whether consumed in-person or virtually. However, there are added fees required to produce a hybrid event. Those participating virtually will not have to incur travel, lodging, or any costs typically associated with an in-person event.

Will the site/individual classes be capped?

Institute will operate in accordance with U.S. Chamber guidelines for events. Based on those current guidelines, we are reviewing capacity numbers with UGA, however, it is our belief that anyone wanting to attend in-person this November will have the opportunity to do so and that the site and individual classes will not need to be capped.

Will anyone receive priority registration?

Since we believe that anyone wanting to attend in-person will have the opportunity to do so, priority registration will not be offered.
SCHOLARSHIPS

When will the scholarship application launch and what is the deadline?

The scholarship application launched on Thursday, July 1, 2021, and the deadline is Sunday, August 1, 2021. Recipients will be announced on Wednesday, September 1, 2021.

Will my 2020 State Partner Scholarship (SPS) be honored in 2021?

Yes, all State Partner Scholarships awarded in 2020 will be honored in 2021.

Do I have to reapply for an Institute scholarship even though I already applied in 2020?

Yes, in order to be considered for a 2021 Institute scholarship, you will need to submit a new application prior to the August 1 deadline.

HYBRID/VIRTUAL

What platform are you using?

We will utilize the Swoogo and Zoom platforms.

Will classes be recorded and available to watch on demand?

No, classes will be live streamed only and will not be recorded.

Will I be required to keep my camera on?

No, you are not required to do so. However, you are highly encouraged to be on camera as much as possible.

How much of the room will the camera capture? Will it be focused on the faculty member?

The camera will be placed in either the back or side of the room and will appear as though you are an attendee sitting in the room. It will provide a wide-angle view of the room. You are encouraged to follow along with the presentation through the materials that will be provided in the app.
How can I ask questions to the faculty and to my in-person classmates?

You can utilize the ‘raise hand’ and chat features to ask questions. The in-person moderator, most likely the Class Advisor, will relay the question appropriately.

How will I participate in group work?

Virtual attendees will engage in group work with fellow virtual participants through various breakout rooms. Faculty may join the breakout rooms.

Will Institute offer a hybrid or virtual experience in future years?

No, Institute will resume its traditional in-person only format starting in 2022. The hybrid/virtual experience is a one-time only special exception in response to the pandemic.

COVID-RELATED

Will masks be required, and will social distancing rules be in effect?

Institute will follow policies and protocols in accordance with the U.S. Chamber of Commerce and the CDC. More specific information will be provided as it gets closer to the fall.

Are vaccinations required for in-person attendance?

For privacy reasons, you will not be asked if you have been vaccinated. This being said, the U.S. Chamber of Commerce is strongly encouraging and educating business owners to make it a priority for the safety and well-being of their own employees and communities.

Where can I find more COVID-related resources from UGA?

UGA COVID-19 information and resources can be found by clicking here. Additionally, please see their Client Safety Bulletin.