



## The Global Online Learning Development and Extended Network

(GOLDEN, LLC) is a global panel of experts in instructional design, online pedagogy, diversity/equity/inclusiveness (DEI) concepts, accessibility, and teaching with technology whose mission is to provide professional development support on a global basis for those educators who are new to online teaching with technology. A global community of practice will be formed speaking to the mission of the initiative, *“To support online educators everywhere with online learning knowledge and skills and create a community of practice containing online learning experts.”*

The initiative currently has over four-hundred and fifty experts committed to the initiative from forty-four countries. There are several directorates created based on areas of expertise including online pedagogy, instructional design, alternative audiences (adult learners, special education learners, young learners, ESL, etc.), DEI concepts, edupreneurial leadership, culturally responsive teaching, innovative tools and technology, and several others. The initiative launched in July 2021 and has been growing by more than twenty new members each week.

The group is open to anyone in any discipline or workforce area (especially learning and development/design) who has a passion for providing guidance and support to educators teaching online. As the collaborative community of practice forms, our outcomes will focus on scholarship in the form of conference presentations, manuscript submissions and publications, development of professional webinars and recordings, asynchronous micro-learning experiences, a massive open online learning experience, and the eventual publishing of an evolving e-book.

The advisory board will act as an “Online Learning Think Tank” and focus on cutting edge and innovative ways of providing culturally responsive online learning experiences to students in many sectors. The advisory board members will be empowered to drive the initiative based on their expert experiences and perspectives. Grants, partnerships, sponsorships, and research are part of the longer-term plans in this learning laboratory.

The time commitment is flexible and entirely up to each board member based on their schedule. If a contribution can be made to the initiative, all are welcome to participate.

Anyone interested in joining the advisory board may request further information directly from Dr. Rich Schultz, founder, at [rschultz@imsa.edu](mailto:rschultz@imsa.edu)

Join the movement [here](#) to support online educators and create a global community of practice for the online community. Visit our website: <https://goldenonline.org>