

TRIGGER CARD

transformative
actions

complex scenarios

situational
awareness

decision aid

keystone
vulnerabilities

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crises simulations

CURRICULUM RESILIENCE



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CATEGORY

Competition / Economy

Competitors develop new
promising curricula

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CATEGORY

Competition / Economy

Competition from online providers and open educational platforms is increasing

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CATEGORY

Competition / Economy

There is an increase of education costs of public higher education institutions relative to the private sector institutions

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CATEGORY

Competition / Economy

There is an increase of education costs of private higher education institutions relative to the public sector institutions

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CATEGORY

Competition / Economy

There is an increase of the perceived education quality of public higher education institutions relative to the private sector institutions



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Competition / Economy

There is an increase of perceived education quality of private higher education institutions relative to the public sector institutions

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CATEGORY

Competition / Economy

Government subsidies for higher education institutions will be drastically reduced

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CATEGORY

Competition / Economy

Industries are exploring new partnerships with higher education institutions to meet the challenges of the 21st century

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CATEGORY

Competition / Economy

Education costs (i.e. textbooks, computers, rental market, food) will increase significantly for students

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CATEGORY

Competition / Economy

There is a currency devaluation in main partner countries of your institution implying higher costs for foreign students

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CATEGORY

Competition / Economy

Competition for international students is increasing around the world

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CATEGORY

Competition / Economy

Unemployment is increasing abruptly due to a major economic crisis

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CATEGORY

Environment

The educational entry level of students in the key scientific fields of your curriculum is decreasing

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CATEGORY Environment

The global number of national students is decreasing year after year in the key scientific fields of your curriculum

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CATEGORY

Environment

The government requires an increase in the number of students in public higher education institutions

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CATEGORY

Environment

Conflicts arising from differing cultural or ideological views create divisions within the campus community with negative media attention and reputational harm

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CATEGORY

Environment

Sustainability and environmental challenges are of increasing concern to society, especially young adults, and to the industry sector

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CATEGORY

Environment

There is increasing concern from the government about lifelong learning opportunities, alongside a societal demand for continuous learning and upskilling

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CATEGORY

Environment

There is an increase in
biological warfare

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Environment

Foreign partners of your curriculum are affected by war and/or other geopolitical challenges

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CATEGORY
Environment

Repetitive extremely high temperatures will make working and studying indoors hard



CATEGORY

Environment

Events like hurricanes, earthquakes, floods, or wildfires could destroy campus infrastructure, disrupt operations, displace students and staff

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CATEGORY Environment

Accreditations in higher education institutions will be more difficult to obtain



CATEGORY

Environment

Incidents such as active shooter situations, terrorist attacks, or other forms of campus violence can lead to loss of life on your campus



CATEGORY

Environment

Failure to address sustainability concerns or environmental impacts could lead to criticism from students, faculty, and the public

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CATEGORY

Environment

International incidents, such as changes in visa policies or global conflicts, affect your curriculum

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CATEGORY Environment

The state will cut research
funding by 20%

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CATEGORY

Environment

A newly elected government could introduce changes in policy, such as new immigration laws and border controls

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CATEGORY

Environment

Sexual harassment is a
problem on your campus

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CATEGORY Technology

There is an increase of hacker
and cyber attacks

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CATEGORY

Technology

Artificial intelligence is able to resolve complex problems and mimic human behavior



CATEGORY

Technology

Significant cyberattack could result in the theft of sensitive data (e.g., student and faculty records, financial information)



CATEGORY

Technology

There is a rapid change in educational technology (e.g., AI, online learning platforms) impacting traditional education models

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CATEGORY Technology

A sudden and unexpected breakthrough in quantum computing could affect (engineering) curricula

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CATEGORY

Technology

Artificial Intelligence generates new concerns surrounding ethics, data privacy, cheating, and the socio-economic impact of automation



CATEGORY

Technology

There is a sudden and overwhelming demand for skills focused on artificial intelligence, data science, robotics, cybersecurity, and software engineering



CATEGORY

Technology

Artificial intelligence powered adaptive learning systems become more sophisticated impacting all sectors of society including higher education institutions



CATEGORY

Technology

There is an increasing risk of shortages of technological infrastructures and necessary upgrades

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CATEGORY Technology

Fake news are diffused on social networks related to your campus

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Create your own trigger