

Strategic Initiative (SI) Panels revisited

A brief history.

When the SIs first started they very much focused on assessing the internal competitive grants and on providing input on position priorities. During that time, the panels were an integral part of both those processes. As time and funding have evolved, the SIs themselves and thus the panels continue to explore new roles.

An Evolved SI Role

The SIs aim to help people connect and help set strategic direction. The SIs **are the umbrellas that help**

- **Unify**
- **Communicate, and**
- **Advocate**

for the breadth of work we do across UC ANR; helping ensure the power of our science delivers practical solutions to help California.

Increasingly, the SIs are exploring themes of strategic importance for the future of our work (e.g., extension of the future, meeting urban needs, community health and wellness, food systems, coping with disaster, virtual reach, etc.).

Evolving Panel Role

Panels now play an evolving and variable role in supporting UCA by:

- Being a sounding board to provide feedback on emerging ideas and concepts of strategic significance
- Providing input on
 - White papers
 - Trending topics
 - 2-pagers
 - Spotlight webinars
- Helping connect people for given topics and opportunities
 - Use as link to Ag experiment stations (AES) and Statewide Programs and Institutes.



*The SIs are the umbrellas for
our broad scopes of our work*
