

# POTENTIAL OF VIRTUAL REALITY IN HIGHER EDUCATION

*A Johnson Shoyama OnEd Presentation*

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Virtual Reality (VR) has the potential to transform the way we learn and teach. However, to grasp its full potential impact on higher education, some pre-requisite knowledge about the technology is required and some very important questions must be answered. This presentation will provide a basic overview of the various VR technologies, present some key terms and definitions, offer some parameters and current exemplars of use in higher education, and provide a platform for discussion amongst colleagues.

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