



# The mission of HACU is to Champion Hispanic Success in Higher Education.

Say “yes” to championing Hispanic success in higher education!  
Join our membership today!

## National Institutions

Any nonprofit, accredited college or university of higher education or system/district located in the U. S. (including the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico) can join HACU.

U.S. member institutions fall into the following categories:

- **Hispanic-Serving Institutions (HSIs)** – Total Hispanic enrollment constitutes a minimum of 25% of the total enrollment at the undergraduate or graduate level.
- **Associate Member Institutions** – Total Hispanic enrollment is at least 10% of the total student enrollment, or a minimum of 1,000 Hispanic students are enrolled at the undergraduate or graduate level.
- **Partner Institutions** – Total Hispanic enrollment is less than 10% of the total enrollment.

*Total Enrollment is defined as for-credit headcount including full-time and part-time students, whether at the undergraduate or graduate level.*

## College Systems/Districts

This membership category is open only to central administrative offices that are located in the U.S., including the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico. System/district offices receive a complimentary membership if all of their campuses are institutional national members of HACU. System/district members are not eligible for certain student benefits, such as scholarships.

## International Institutions

International members are institutions of higher education abroad authorized to operate in their country according to the rules and regulations required by their government.

## Hispanic-Serving School Districts

Hispanic-Serving School Districts (HSSDs) are school districts where total Hispanic enrollment is at least 25% of the total district enrollment.

## Educational Affiliates

This affiliate category is for nonprofit organizations, associations and councils that want to join HACU in support of its mission. In order to qualify for affiliation under the Educational Affiliate category, an organization must be a 501(c)(3) nonprofit as determined by the Internal Revenue Service and not an institution of higher education or school district eligible for membership as part of any of the above-mentioned categories.

## Faculty and Staff Affiliate

Individual membership is open to faculty and staff at nonprofit HACU-member and non-member institutions. The Faculty and Staff Affiliate is composed of individuals interested in issues related to Hispanic higher education and professional development.

## Student Affiliation

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This affiliate category is open to individual students currently enrolled at a nonprofit college or university.

### Student Organization Affiliates

This affiliate category is open to student organizations at nonprofit colleges or universities.

## Membership Dues Information

Dues for National members and HSSDs are based on total student enrollment and the percentage of Hispanic student enrollment. For complete dues information, please visit HACU’s website at [www.hacu.net](http://www.hacu.net). Our membership year runs from January 1 - December 31, but institutions can join anytime throughout the year.

## Visit - [www.hacu.net](http://www.hacu.net)

To apply for membership, you may download the application at [www.hacu.net](http://www.hacu.net). For membership questions, please contact the Membership Department at [memberinfo@hacu.net](mailto:memberinfo@hacu.net) or by phone at (210) 576-3213.



## The Voice of Hispanic Higher Education

HACU keeps members informed through *The Voice of Hispanic Higher Education* quarterly magazine, a monthly e-Newsletter, and periodic notifications of the latest legislative developments and funding opportunities for member institutions. Subscription discounts for *The Voice* magazine are also available for individuals at HACU-member institutions. Institutions can submit campus news to [news@hacu.net](mailto:news@hacu.net) for possible publication in HACU’s national magazine. Member institutions also receive discounted rates for advertising in *The Voice*, in HACU conference programs, and for online job postings.

## HACU Facts

- HACU’s advocacy efforts with the federal government in Washington, D.C. have led to almost \$3 billion in grants targeted to HSIs and other member institutions since 1995.
- More than 11,000 students have participated in the HACU National Internship program since 1992.
- More than \$3 million in HACU scholarships has been distributed to students at member institutions since 1992.

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# Membership

## Champions of Hispanic Success in Higher Education

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ow more than ever, joining the Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities (HACU) is important to strengthening Hispanic higher education. Whether you are new to HACU's membership or a renewing member, we hope we can count on you to join us and support advocacy efforts for Hispanic higher education.

## About HACU

HACU, the only national educational organization representing Hispanic-Serving Institutions (HSIs), has a combined membership of HSIs and many other institutions that share a strong commitment to Hispanic student success in education. HACU was founded in 1986 by 18 higher education institutions and, today, HACU is nationally recognized as a top Hispanic nonprofit advocating for Hispanic higher education success.

HACU's membership has increased substantially to include more than 450 colleges and universities in the U.S., Puerto Rico, Latin America, Spain and school districts throughout the U.S. HACU is widely recognized among government, corporate and higher education entities as the leading advocate for Hispanics in education.

## Benefits of Membership

- Advocacy representation on behalf of Hispanic education
- Grant opportunities offered only to member institutions
- Internships, scholarships and leadership opportunities for students attending member institutions
- Discounts to HACU Conferences
- Faculty and staff development opportunities
- Free subscription to *The Voice of Hispanic Higher Education* magazine and e-newsletter
- Listing in online Membership Directory, Annual Report, and Annual Conference Program (For a copy of our Annual Report, please visit our website at [www.hacu.net](http://www.hacu.net).)
- Opportunity to be a "Featured Institution" on HACU's website homepage

National Capitol Forum delegates visit Capitol Hill to speak on behalf of Hispanic higher education.



## Advocacy

Central to all of HACU's efforts is advocacy for HSIs, member institutions and affiliates. Our nation's economic and social success rests on the level of skills and knowledge attained by Hispanics, the nation's largest minority population.

Building upon the work of its founding membership, HACU has fought for increased funding for its member institutions. As a result of advocacy efforts, a combination of grant programs from the U.S. Departments of Education, Agriculture, Defense, and Housing and Urban Development have resulted in a cumulative federal commitment to HSIs of almost \$3 billion.

- Highlights of advocacy efforts include:
- 1992 – Congress defines HSIs and authorizes dedicated funding
  - 1995 – First actual appropriation of \$12 million for HSIs under Title III
  - 1997 – First funding for USDA HSI Grants
  - 2005 – \$95.1 million appropriated for HSIs under Title V
  - 2007 – College Cost Reduction and Access Act sets aside \$200 million for HSIs
  - 2008 – Hispanic-serving agricultural colleges and universities defined in Farm Bill
  - 2009 – Part B added to Title V "Promoting Postbaccalaureate opportunities for Hispanic Americans" with \$20 million in funding
  - 2010 – Title V appropriation breaks \$100 million; \$1 billion committed for 10 years for HSI STEM and articulation activities
  - 2014 – Reauthorized Farm Bill adds grant program for Hispanic agricultural workers and youth

Federal funding previously not available to HSIs is now a reality. Yet substantial increased funding is still needed.

## Scholarships, Paid Internships and More...

Thousands of young Hispanics have benefited from HACU student programs.

Here are a few of our premier programs:

**The HACU National Internship Program**  
 HACU's largest student program provides paid internship opportunities to college students seeking summer- or semester-long internships and cooperative assignments at federal agencies in Washington, D.C. and throughout the country. The program also offers corporate internship opportunities through HACU's national corporate partnerships. These ten- or fifteen-week internship assignments offer students a variety of services, including but not limited to, paid round-trip air-fare, assistance with housing arrangements, emergency medical insurance, a weekly stipend, a comprehensive intern orientation in Washington, D.C. for federal interns, and a range of professional development, social and cultural activities. Internships are available during spring, summer or fall academic sessions.

**The HACU Scholarship Program**  
 This annual program awards academic scholarships to students attending HACU-member institutions. Scholarship applications are announced in the spring. Awards are made in late summer for the upcoming fall semester.

**HACU Annual Conference Student Track Program and Scholarships**  
 The HACU Annual Conference Student Track provides an information-sharing forum for students on career and leadership development. Scholarship opportunities are available for college students to attend the Student Track Program. Students can also attend as "Student Ambassadors" if sponsored by their college or university.

**Youth Leadership Development Forum**  
 In conjunction with HACU's Annual Conference, the Youth Leadership Development Forum is held in the hosting city for middle and high school students. The activities focus on college preparation, college readiness, campus visits and career workshops.



HACU Annual Conference

## Conferences and Events

HACU members receive registration discounts to HACU conferences and also to other national conferences offered in conjunction with HACU partners. HACU hosts three major conferences that provide vital platforms for advocacy, information, collaboration and networking:

**The National Capitol Forum on Hispanic Higher Education** - Held annually in Washington, D.C., the Capitol Forum provides member institutions the opportunity to learn about legislative issues affecting Hispanic higher education. Delegations visit Capitol Hill to speak to congressional leaders and promote the important role of HSIs in achieving Hispanic student success in higher education.

**Annual Conference** - HACU's largest gathering is the annual conference, which provides an opportunity to showcase successful programs for Hispanics, collaborate with colleges and universities around the world and promote discussions on how to best serve Hispanic students, faculty and administrators.

- **Latino Higher Education Leadership Institute** - In conjunction with HACU's Annual Conference, the HACU Latino Higher Education Leadership Institute is offered as a pre-conference event. Through the institute, early-, mid- and senior-level Latino higher education administrators and leaders collaborate and share leadership challenges and strategies for making higher education institutions more responsive to the educational needs of Latinos and other underrepresented groups.
- **PreK-12/Higher Education Collaboration Symposium** - In conjunction with HACU's Annual Conference, the PreK-12/Higher Education Collaboration Symposium is offered as a pre-conference event. The forum includes panelists and discussions on successful models of collaboration leading to systemic change emphasizing on matriculation, retention and graduation of minority students.
- **Deans' Forum on Hispanic Higher Education** - In conjunction with HACU's Annual Conference, the Deans' Forum is offered as a post-conference event. Through this forum, deans and senior administration have an opportunity to discuss issues and topics related to the academic success of Hispanic students in higher education.

**Biennial International Conference** - An international conference that brings together institutions of higher education from the U.S. and abroad to promote discussions and programs about student and faculty exchange opportunities, dual degree programs and the internationalization of institutions of higher education.

## International Affairs

The Office of International Affairs promotes and facilitates international initiatives involving HACU member institutions. HACU provides study abroad opportunities for students through its agreements with various study abroad providers, including: Global Learning Semesters, the American Institute for Foreign Study (AIFS), Semester at Sea, School for International Training, and IES Abroad. HACU has collaborated with several partners on the development of joint student exchange programs and with U.S. Embassies to establish bilateral international collaboration initiatives with institutions of higher education in several Latin American countries. HACU is committed to expanding international opportunities for students and faculty from its member institutions. A discussion board and international opportunities page is available on HACU's website to encourage international dialogue and promote international programs.