National Institutions
Any nonprofit, accredited college or university of higher education or school district eligible for membership as part of any of the above-mentioned categories.

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

Educational Affiliates
This affiliate category is open to individual members of Hispanic higher education or K-12 school districts.

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

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. Our membership year runs from January 1 - December 31, but institutions can join anytime throughout the year.

Visit - www.hacu.net
To apply for membership, you may obtain an application at www.hacu.net. For membership questions, please contact the Membership Department at memberinfo@hacu.net or by phone at (210) 576-3213.

Membership
Champions of Hispanic Success in Higher Education

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.

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HACU Facts
• HACU’s advocacy efforts with the federal government in Washington, D.C., have led to more than $3 billion in grants targeted to HSIs and other member institutions since 1995.
• The HACU National Internship program has facilitated over 12,000 internship placements since 1992.
• More than $3 million in HACU scholarships have been awarded to students at member institutions since 1992.

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The Vision of Hispanic Higher Education
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ow more than ever, joining the Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities (HACU) is important to 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 other institutions aiming to commit to Hispanic higher 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 to 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
- Discounts to HACU Conferences, advertising, exhibitor opportunities, and HACU ProTalentio career resources
- Faculty and staff development opportunities
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Highlights of advocacy efforts include:

- 1986 – Congress defines HSIs and authorizes dedicated funding
- 1988 – First stipend provided to HACU member institutions
- 1990 – First funding for IDEA and HRSA grants
- 2001 – Title V appropriation increases to $300 million for HSIs
- 2006 – $1 million appropriation for HSIs under Title V
- 2007 – College-Ready federal program awards $300 million for HSIs
- 2008 – Hispanic-serving agricultural colleges and universities defined in Farm Bill
- 2010 – HACU helped to improve Postsecondary Education opportunities for Hispanic Americans with $30 million in funding
- 2013 – Title V appropriation increases to $500 million for HSIs
- 2014 – STEM and articulation activities
- 2015 – Farm Bill adds grant program for Hispanic agricultural workers and youth
- 2016 – First-time funding totaling $50 million for University of Texas at El Paso

Advocacy for HSIs is critical to the success of HSIs. Building upon the work of its founding membership, HACU has fought for increased funding for Hispanic higher education. As a result of advocacy efforts, a collection of federal grants totaling $3 billion has been awarded by the U.S. Departments of Education, Agriculture, Defense, and Housing and Urban Development. HACU has been successful in expanding federal commitments to HSIs of almost $3 billion.

Federal funding previously not available to HSIs is now a reality. Yet substantial additional 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 programs:

- The HACU National Internship Program provides student internships to college students seeking summer or semester-long internships and career opportunities at federal, state and local government agencies. The program gives students real-world experience and prepares them for professional careers.

- The HACU Scholarship Program provides grants to students attending HACU member institutions. Scholarships are awarded to Hispanic students who demonstrate leadership potential and academic achievement.

- The HACU Annual Conference Student Track provides an information-sharing forum for students and college administrators. The program creates opportunities for Hispanic students to connect with corporate and nonprofit organizations.

- The Youth Leadership Development Forum promotes leadership development among Hispanic students and prepares them for leadership positions in their careers and communities.

Conferences and Events

HACU members receive registration discounts to HACU conferences and also to various 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 Hispanic Education Conference (NHEC) is the largest annual conference held in Washington, D.C. The National Capitol Forum on Hispanic Higher Education promotes member institutions’ opportunities to learn about legislative issues affecting Hispanic higher education. Delegations visit Capitol Hill to speak with congressional leaders and promote the 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 engage discussions on how to best serve Hispanic students, faculty and administrators. In conjunction with the Annual Conference, HACU also offers the STEM and articulation activities.

- Latino Higher Education Leadership Institute – A pre-conference institute for early-, mid- and senior-level Latino higher education administrators and leaders to collaborate and share leadership challenges and strategies for making higher education more responsive to the educational needs of Latinos and other underrepresented groups.

- Pre-HACU Higher Education Collaboration Symposium – A pre-conference forum that includes panels and discussions on successful models of collaboration leading to systemic change and emphasizing matriculation, retention and graduation of minority students.

- Latino Student Leadership Institute – A post-conference forum where deans and senior administrators 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 international 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.