

# VOLARÉ Institute

Visioning, Organizing, Leading, and Advancing the Research Enterprise

The Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities' VOLARÉ Institute is a cohort-based, year-long program providing research capacity-building workshops and strategic support to help two- and four-year Institutions of Higher Education (IHEs) strengthen and expand their research enterprise.

With a focus on broadening participation in STEM and cultivating a diverse research workforce, the program leverages HACU's national network to deliver accessible tools, expert mentorship, and inclusive resources that promote long-term, sustainable research development.

## WHO SHOULD APPLY

Senior administrators from an IHE or emerging research institution. Up to two additional team members may be included, preferably administrators who manage research activities. Examples include institutional leaders, research administrators, faculty, etc.



## Main Topic Areas

The VOLARÉ Institute is focused on the pre-award period, with the overarching goals of the institute to catalyze research enterprise at IHEs by:

1. Providing VOLARÉ participants with a framework for conducting systematic research enterprise needs assessments and developing action plans.
2. Forming communities of practice and/or regional consortia among IHEs to develop and share research enterprise resources and expertise.
3. Offering professional development opportunities, mentoring, and coaching to VOLARÉ institutions from experienced practitioners to pilot new research enterprise strategies and enhance sustainability and growth.

## Cohort Selection Criteria

Cohorts will be selected based on criteria including evidence of support from campus leadership, faculty engagement in research, existing research enterprise capabilities, growth potential, and commitment to data-driven processes.

## Program Format

The scheduling format is structured as follows:

- Initial online kick-off meeting
- One in-person meeting
- Monthly online cohort meetings

## Timeline – 2025 Dates

**Early August** | Application review/selection

**Mid-August** | Final selection and notification of institute participants

**September 10** | Kick-Off Meeting

**November 17-20** | In-Person Meeting, Orlando, Florida



For more information, scan the QR code or visit [hacu.net/volare-institute/](https://hacu.net/volare-institute/)

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