HACU

HISPANIC ASSOCIATION OF COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES

The Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities was established in 1986 with a founding membership of 18 institutions. Today, HACU membership represents more than 400 colleges and universities in the United States, Latin America, Spain and school districts throughout the U.S.

HACU programs and services are available to all students, faculty, and staff at HACU-member institutions.



Why is HACU's work important?

Our nation's economic and social success rests on the level of skills and knowledge attained by college students for workforce development. Education is indisputably the key.

HACU works with federal agencies, corporations and foundations to provide opportunities for college and university students.

HACU's advocacy efforts have expanded the availability of grant funding, student financial aid, academic support programs, and faculty research opportunities at Hispanic-Serving Institutions.

HACU is committed to student success in education, from pre-kindergarten through graduate school and into the workforce of tomorrow.



How does HACU impact higher education?

Advocacy

In 1992, HACU led the effort to convince Congress to formally recognize campuses with high Hispanic enrollment as federally designated Hispanic-Serving Institutions (HSIs), and to begin targeting federal appropriations to those campuses. Soon after, HACU and its allies were instrumental in convincing Congress to appropriate money specifically for HSIs. For the first time ever, HSIs were granted $12 million from federal resources in 1995. Through HACU's persistent advocacy, HSIs have received more than $6 billion in cumulative federal funding. HACU has also helped secure millions of dollars in private support for its member institutions and their students.

Student Programs

HACU internships, scholarships, and career opportunities empower students to succeed in college and beyond.

Since 1992, the **HACU National Internship Program (HNIP)** has placed college students in more than 16,775 paid internships, providing real-world experience across a variety of career fields. These internship opportunities have created a strong pipeline of skilled, career-ready professionals with the experience and confidence to succeed in today's workforce.

The **HACU Scholarship Program** awards academic scholarships to students from HACU member institutions to help defray college expenses. With the support of corporate and federal partners, as well as nonprofit foundations, millions of dollars have been granted over the years.

HACU's Emerging Leaders Summits provide college students with leadership development skills and career networking opportunities to excel in the workforce.



Capacity Building Initiatives

HACU capacity-building initiatives include collaborative projects funded by federal agencies, corporations and foundations in conjunction with HACU-member institutions. These programs focus on capacity building, research opportunities, higher education leadership training and grant-development initiatives.

Professional Programs

HACU's professional programs for administrators, faculty, and staff are designed to develop transformational academic leaders serving present and future generations.

The **HACU Leadership Academy/La Academia de Liderazgo** is a one-year program designed to prepare the next generation of leaders for executive and senior level positions in higher education. Other program cohorts include the **Enlance Mid-Level Program,** and the **HACU Pathways Early Career Leadership Program** and an **AI for Education Leaders certificate**.

The **ProTalento job board** at jobs.hacu.net serves as a resource to help employers find diverse and qualified candidates seeking opportunities in higher education, federal, corporate and nonprofit sectors. visit jobs.hacu.net.

Conferences

HACU conferences explore the critical issues affecting education today. **HACU's Annual National Conference** showcases best practices, current research, and the most promising new initiatives. The Annual Conference is HACU's most visible event, drawing more than 2,500 participants. HACU's **¡Adelante! Leadership Institute** (Student Track) is also offered in conjunction with the conference. Pre-Conference events include: **Youth Leadership Development Forum, Women's Leadership Symposium, Higher Education Leadership Institute, PreK-12/ Higher Education Collaboration Symposium and a Deans' Forum**, making this convening HACU's premier conference on higher education.

Each spring, HACU hosts a **National Capitol Forum on Higher Education** in Washington, D.C., focusing on advocacy efforts for HSIs. Key to this strategic forum are visits to Capitol Hill, which allows participants to interact directly with key members of the House and Senate.

A three-day biennial **International Conference**, paired with the single-day **International Symposium** taking place in intervening years, focus on the latest higher education trends, model programs, and cutting-edge research from the U.S. and abroad. Topics have included student and faculty exchanges, dual degree programs and the internationalization of institutions of higher education.

How can you support?

La HACHE de HACU

Support HACU by joining HACU's Annual Giving Campaign. La HACHE de HACU is the primary, year-round annual giving campaign, and your gift increases support for member colleges and universities, expands opportunities for student success, and improves the quality of higher education. Visit hacu.net/donate to make a gift today.

Sponsorships/Partnerships

HACU's work is only possible through generous support from key strategic organizational partnerships. Your support can help open the doors for higher education and provide for educational success.

Thousands of college and university students benefit from HACU with internships, scholarships, college retention and advancement programs, precollegiate support and career leadership development opportunities and programs.

Micro-giving campaigns

HACU participates in #GivingTuesday, a global day dedicated to giving back.

For more information on how you can help to champion student success in higher education or to learn more about HACU, visit hacu.net.



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