



APLU MEMBERSHIP



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Strengthening & Advancing Public Research Universities

Our Mission

As a trusted voice for public research and land-grant universities across North America, APLU convenes, collaborates, and advocates with leaders of member institutions and partners to advance the public good. APLU helps public research universities cultivate the talent, discoveries, and engagement that equitably fuel the success of our communities and world.



Promote a greater understanding and appreciation of the value of public research and land-grant universities and advocate for resources and public policy to strengthen their impact



Advance the role of public research and land-grant universities as engaged partners in service to their communities



Support and cultivate institutional change to better serve learners and ensure their success



Foster a policy and practice environment that strengthens global leadership in discovery and innovation



Ensure every member maximizes the value of their membership

Our Core Values

- Curiosity
- Collaboration
- Collegiality
- Excellence
- Public Service
- Integrity

Who We Serve

APLU undertakes a wide array of projects and initiatives along with its members while providing a forum for public higher education leaders to work collaboratively to better meet the challenges and opportunities facing public universities. The association's work is fueled by an active and effective advocacy arm that engages member institutions by working with Congress and the Administration to advance federal policies that strengthen public universities.

APLU is the only presidential higher education association that engages with public research universities' entire senior leadership teams.

APLU's councils enable senior public university leaders working in similar positions to come together to address critical issues and expand their knowledge-base within their professional area of expertise.

Council of Presidents

Council on
Governmental Affairs

Council on Strategic
Communications

Council of Presidents' &
Chancellors'
Spouses/Partners

Council on
Legal Affairs

Council on
Student Affairs

Council on
Academic Affairs

Council on Research

Council of 1890
University Presidents

APLU's commission structure enables senior leaders with different responsibilities or roles across universities to come together to address critical issues and expand their knowledge-base in areas of common interest regardless of position.

Commission Name	Issues Areas
Commission on Economic & Community Engagement (CECE)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Economic development • Community engagement
Commission on Food, Environment, and Renewable Resources (CFERR)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agriculture • Food and fiber • Human sciences
Commission on Information, Measurement, and Analysis (CIMA)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Data • Campus planning
Commission on International Initiatives (CII)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Global learning • Research • Engagement
Coalition of Urban Serving Universities (USU)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fostering student achievement • 21st Century workforce development

ANNUALLY... APLU'S MEMBER INSTITUTIONS

ENROLL



5.4 million
undergraduates



1.5 million
graduate students

AWARD



1.5 million
degrees

EMPLOY

1.4 million
faculty & staff



AND CONDUCT



\$67 billion
in university-based research

Strengthening the Public and Land-grant University Community



Driving the Public Higher Ed Agenda

APLU serves as a trusted national voice of public research and land-grant universities, elevating their work, and speaking out on issues and challenges that warrant the public's attention. Working in partnership with its members, APLU drives the public policy agenda in Washington to advance the interest of public and land-grant universities and the students they serve.



Participating in Innovative Practices and Grant-Funded Work

APLU projects and initiatives, often funded through outside grants, allow public university leaders to work together to study, pilot, and help scale innovative practices to drive greater student success, conduct public impact research, and help communities address their greatest challenges.



Leadership Development

Public university leaders engaged with APLU are offered multiple leadership development opportunities throughout the year. The APLU council and commission structure allows senior leadership to work with colleagues on critical issues throughout the year.



Networking

APLU hosts in-person and virtual meetings throughout the year through its councils, commissions, boards, and projects and initiatives. APLU convenings help public research and land-grant university leaders from across the U.S., Canada, and Mexico network and learn from each other. Most of these conferences are exclusively for APLU members. Those meetings that are open to non-members and have a registration fee are significantly discounted for members.



Staying Informed

APLU communications help university leaders stay informed on emerging issues, regulatory and legislative updates, national and international trends, and more. From our weekday Morning News Scan, to APLU's bi-weekly newsletter, A Public Voice, to regular updates from our councils/commissions, APLU ensures public research and land-grant university leaders have the knowledge they need.



APLU Awards

Annually, APLU's four institutional awards programs highlight achievements in community engagement, student success, internationalization, innovation and economic prosperity, and public impact research. These peer-selected awards honor and help recognize leading universities in these areas and share those cutting edge practices with others so they can draw from them.

Key APLU Work



Advocacy

APLU partners with member institutions to advocate before Congress and the Administration for critical higher education, research, and economic and community engagement policies that strengthen public universities and benefit the students they serve.



Student Success

APLU supports and advances quality degree completion and student success efforts at public universities through disseminating good practices, building networks, accelerating necessary reforms, and recognizing outstanding achievement.



Community Engagement & Economic Development

APLU helps public research universities engage with their communities and regions, tackling societal challenges, creating great places to work and live, and advancing economic growth and prosperity.



Research and Science Policy

APLU promotes robust federal funding and assesses policies and university practices designed to support research, one of the core missions of our member institutions.



Issue-Focused Initiatives

APLU's broad scope of work also includes projects and initiatives focused on food & agriculture; urban initiatives; data & analytics; online learning & adaptive courseware; public impact research; STEM education; rural students; international programs; and more.

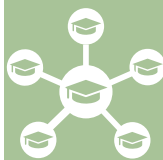
APLU Membership

255
members

From
All 50 States
+ Canada and Mexico
+ District of Columbia and six U.S. Territories



227
universities



25
systems

3
affiliates

All **100+** U.S. land-grant institutions, including...

8

Canadian
Members

5

Mexican
Universities

23

Historically Black Colleges
and Universities (HBCUs)

40

Asian American and Native American Pacific
Islander-Serving Institutions (AANAPISI)

46

Hispanic-Serving
Institutions (HSIs)

Land-grant Universities

58

1862 Land-grant
Universities*

*The University of California's
10-campus system is designated as its
state's land-grant institution.

19

1890 Land-grant
Universities

36

1994 Land-grant
Universities*

*The 36 native american institutions
designated as 1994 land-grant
universities are represented through
the American Indian Higher Education
Consortium (AIHEC)



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