



THE PRESIDENTS' TRUST

ASSOCIATION OF AMERICAN COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

What Is the Presidents' Trust?

The Presidents' Trust is composed of college and university presidents, representing all sectors of higher education, as well as national leaders from foundations and associations. All Trust members are committed to advocating for the vision, values, and practices that connect liberal education with the needs of an increasingly diverse student body, a global workforce, and thriving communities.

The advocacy of the Presidents' Trust is rooted in AAC&U's mission to advance quality and equity in higher education. This mission is guided by the LEAP Essential Learning Outcomes, high-impact practices, inclusive excellence, and authentic research and assessment of student learning.

As a leadership network, Trust members—individually and collectively—engage with campus and external stakeholders to promote the core purposes of a liberal education. This is done by providing leadership for innovations in educational practice, support for equity and inclusion in campus and national policies, and stewardship to promote lasting and holistic advances in higher education.

Benefits of Trust Membership

As part of a diverse network of higher education leaders, members of the Presidents' Trust are provided a number of valuable resources, including:

- Specially designated platforms through AAC&U media outlets for sharing thought leadership and campus initiatives of Trust members, including the *AAC&U News* monthly newsletter, social media, and AAC&U publications.
- Complimentary access to the Presidents' Trust seminar held during AAC&U's Annual Meeting. The seminar is designed to engage participants in discussion and strategy-building around the most pressing issues facing higher education.
- The seminar also provides valuable networking opportunities for Trust members to meet and interact with leaders across higher education.
- Quarterly email updates to Trust members that provide specially curated resources, including recent articles or writings of Trust members, findings and highlights from AAC&U initiatives and other national initiatives, and summaries of relevant research in the field.
- Quarterly access to *National Civic Review*, a publication of the National Civic League, aimed at fostering healthy, equitable, and thriving communities.

How to Join the Presidents' Trust

Membership in the Presidents' Trust is open to all chief executive officers of AAC&U institutional members, as well as CEOs of foundations and associations.

Membership dues for the Trust are assessed on an annual basis and in accordance with AAC&U's practices for calculating dues for institutional memberships.

For more information about joining the Presidents' Trust, please contact Will McDonnell, Assistant to the President (mcdonnell@aacu.org).



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