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Minority-serving institutions (MSIs) include Hispanic-serving institutions (HSIs). In order for an accredited institution to be designated as an HSI by the U.S. Department of Education, they must have at least 25 percent enrollment of full-time undergraduate students that are Hispanic.

In 1995, the U.S. Congress appropriated funds to institutions that were offering higher education to Hispanics but needed additional funding to expand educational opportunities. HSIs are eligible to receive federal funding to strengthen student support services, improve facilities, provide faculty development and academic programming, upgrade scientific or laboratory equipment for teaching, purchase educational materials, offer academic tutoring or counseling programs, distribute administrative and endowment funds, and enhance distance learning academic instruction. There are private, public, and community colleges that are designated as HSIs.

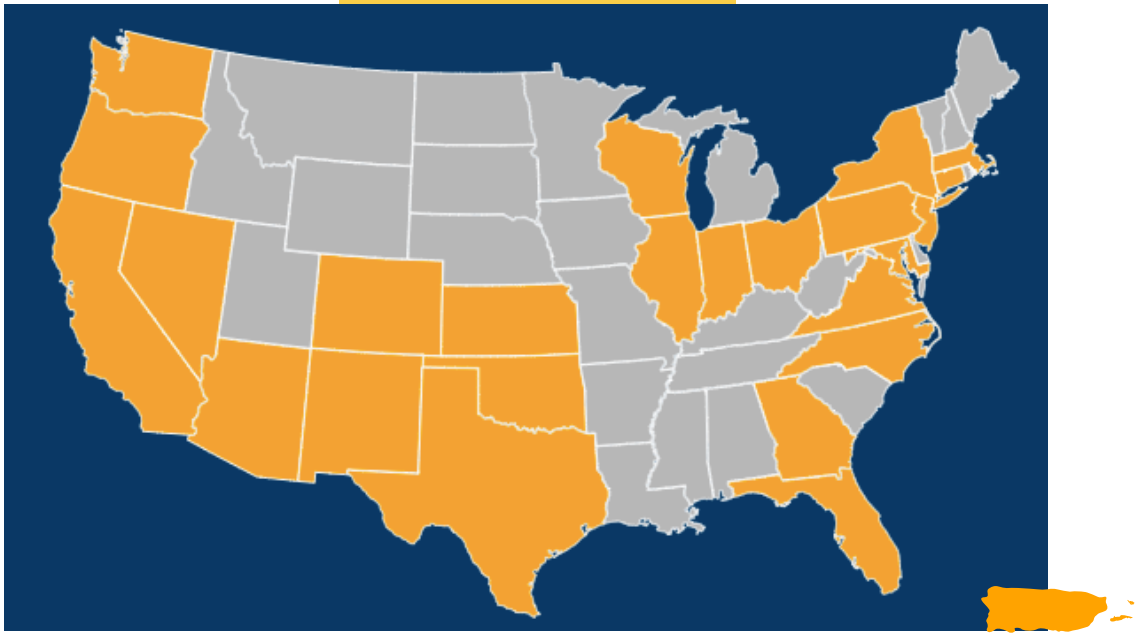
International students can experience a diverse experience by attending an HSI, and they do not need to be Hispanic to attend one.

There are 451 HSIs in 25 U.S. states and Puerto Rico.

List of designated and accredited HSIs from the U.S. Department of Education

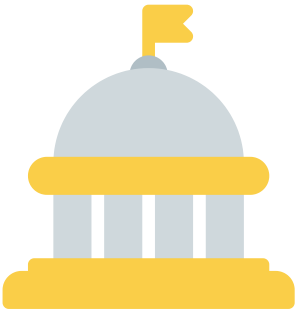
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You may already be engaging with HSIs and not realize it. Texas and California have the most HSIs and host the highest number of international students. The programs offered by these institutions prepare students for the workforce in all fields. Certain schools are considered emerging HSIs and have 15 to 24 percent Hispanic students enrolled full-time. Note, emerging HSIs do not have the federal designation. Refer to the U.S. Department of Education database for the full list of designated HSIs.



Accredited institutions must apply to receive designation through the U.S. Department of Education if they meet the qualification of having 25 percent Hispanic students enrolled full-time. Organizations such as the Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities (HACU), Excelencia in Education, and the Alliance of Hispanic-Serving Institutions Educators provide additional information and support for HSIs. They help promote this diverse set of institutions, ranging from community colleges to research universities in rural and urban communities.

The U.S. Department of State is engaging further with HSIs and finding ways to commit to the importance of these institutions. The Fulbright Program has presented 35 HSIs with the Fulbright HSI Leader status in 2021 who have demonstrated noteworthy engagement with Fulbright exchange participants on their campus. These leaders include The City College of New York, University of Houston, Rutgers University-Newark, University of Arizona, and University of California-Irvine.

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Ileana Ros-Lehtinen, an alumna of Florida International University, became the first Cuban American and Latina to be elected to Congress in 1989.



Ellen Ochoa, an alumna of San Diego State University, became the first Hispanic American to go to space in 1993.



Jennifer Yuh Nelson, an alumna of California State University, is the highest-grossing female film director. She was the director of DreamWorks Animation's Kung Fu Panda 2.



Former President of Costa Rica Luis Guillermo Solis was an international student in the United States and is currently a professor at Florida International University.

> **We are all about trying to provide and broaden access to those who have been historically underserved, to provide them leadership opportunities, and then to promote the next Hispanic leaders across the country.**
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> **— Kimberly Andrews Espy, University of Texas at San Antonio**