



The Association
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Welcome to **ACU membership**

Joining pack for
new ACU Ambassadors



Hello and welcome

I would like to warmly welcome your university into membership of the Association of Commonwealth Universities – we are delighted that you are now members and we are looking forward to working with you.

You are now part of a global network of universities with a shared commitment to building a better world through international collaboration in higher education. The ACU was established in 1913 by 53 universities to lead action in matters of common interest. Now with 400 universities in 40 countries across the Commonwealth, we are one of the largest and most diverse international university networks in the world. We are also the only accredited organisation representing Higher Education across the Commonwealth.

My team has put together this pack to help you to make the most of your ACU membership. Read on to find out how you can connect with, and learn from, your peers around the Commonwealth, and how your leadership, faculty, professional services staff and students can take advantage of all the opportunities that we offer for international collaboration.

As an ACU Ambassador, you have been nominated as a focal point to promote the benefits and opportunities available through ACU membership to relevant colleagues across your university. We would also really like to hear about news, priorities and success stories from your university! You can find contact details for our team later in the pack.



All the best,
Kathryn Jack
Head of Membership and Events

Make the most of ACU membership: for your vice-chancellor or executive head

- Attend [ACU Congress](#) in-person to network with other Executive Heads.
- Join the Annual General Meeting and other ACU events to learn and share knowledge with members.
- Represent the ACU at [high-level forums](#).
- Shape our policy and advocacy work, including through our [Higher Education Taskforce](#).
- Join ACU internal forums (including our governing [ACU Council](#)) to shape our work.
- Take part in [ACU projects and programmes](#), partner with our business development team for research and teaching collaboration, and host ACU Fellows.
- Access [ACU shared knowledge and research outputs](#), including the [Equitable Research Partnerships Toolkit](#).
- Benchmark and compare your university against others with [ACU Measures](#), our anonymous online benchmarking service exclusively for ACU members.
- Nominate an [ACU Ambassador](#) to join [ACU Connect](#), our new members' area, to showcase your university and form partnerships.
- Receive the monthly members' e-newsletter, Synthesis, with news and opportunities



For your university colleagues (both academic and professional services staff):

- Apply for GBP 700,000 worth of grants and funding opportunities available every year.
- Join ACU policy networks or communities of practice (and encourage your colleagues to join!) to exchange ideas, network, create partnerships, and develop your skills.
- Join ACU events as participants or speakers to gain and share knowledge and network with members.
- Join our Roster of Experts and highlight your personal skills and academic expertise to gain access to opportunities to get involved with our work.
- Access ACU shared knowledge and research outputs, including the Equitable Research Partnerships Toolkit.
- Shape our policy and advocacy work, including through the working groups of our Higher Education Taskforce.
- Be nominated to serve as an ACU Ambassador for your university
- Join ACU Connect, our new members' area, to connect with ACU members around the Commonwealth.
- Read Synthesis, the monthly members' e-newsletter, for the latest news, funding opportunities and more.



For your students:

- Apply for international study opportunities, including Queen Elizabeth Commonwealth Scholarships and King's Commonwealth Fellowship Programme.
- Apply for funding from Routledge/Round Table Commonwealth Studentships.
- Join ACU events to gain knowledge from members.
- Read Synthesis, the monthly members' e-newsletter, for the latest news, funding opportunities and more.



Meet the ACU membership team

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[Contact the membership team](#)

Help us to keep your details up to date



If your job or contact details change, or your university appoints a new vice-chancellor or executive head - remember to [keep us updated!](#)

ACU logos and branding

Add our logo

Share that you are now a member by adding our ACU logo to your website or marketing materials! Download our logo pack [here](#), and look at our brand guidelines [here](#) to see how you can use our logo.

If you have questions about using our logo, please [contact our communications team](#).

Share your stories

We'd love to hear stories of how your colleagues or your university have benefited from ACU membership. Share your success with us at ACU Connect or [via email](#).



Getting started: a check list for your first week

- Promote your new ACU membership online and let people know that you're an ACU Ambassador.
 - Why not share the news on your LinkedIn profile, add a line to your email signature, or add it to your bio on your university website?
 - This pack includes a marketing toolkit to include the ACU logo on your university's website.
- Attend your ACU onboarding call with your Regional Account Manager (we will contact you about this).
- Sign up to ACU Connect and complete your profile (you will receive an invitation email directly from the platform).
- Follow the ACU social media channels for our latest updates.
- Look at our funding opportunities calendar to see what's on offer throughout the year - and share with your colleagues and students.
 - Helpful tip: Add grants/scholarship submission deadlines into your work calendar as reminders!



In your first month of ACU membership, and beyond:

Read Synthesis, our monthly newsletter, to stay up to date with the latest ACU news, funding opportunities and member events. Feel free to send Synthesis to your colleagues.



Sign up for your next ACU Ambassador induction event and other live sessions on ACU Connect.



Check our ACU events page to see if there are any events you'd like to attend.





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