

HIGHER ED LABOR UNITED

Winter Summit, February 23-27, 2022 Confronting the Crisis in Higher Education

Higher Education Labor United (HELU), a [coalition of higher ed unions and allied organizations](#), will hold a Winter Summit February 23–27 to build support for a collaborative [Vision Platform](#) and to help coordinate efforts to advance a national agenda for transforming U.S. colleges and universities. Attendees will include faculty, staff, and student workers who are members of AAUP, AFSCME, AFT, CWA, NEA, SEIU, UAW, and UE as well as many independent locals.

The summit will focus on three core tasks: coordinating the surge of higher education worker organizing across the country, developing federal policy proposals to reverse the trends that have damaged higher education over the last several decades, and engaging in the political process by educating politicians and candidates on these issues and working to support those who will advance a program of democratizing higher education.

Registration

As we move from short-term advocacy around federal legislation to long-term planning for a transformative, anti-racist, and social justice forward higher education labor movement, we plan to bring together higher education labor organizers from around the United States for HELU's second summit.

Join us as we launch our new program areas (Coordinated National Organizing, National Political Engagement, and Policy Development and Advocacy) and organize to build our movement.

We welcome all members of the higher education labor community to [join us](#).

[Register for the Winter Summit](#)

Agenda and Speakers

The Winter Summit will take place February 23, 24, 26 & 27, 2022. Some sessions will be open to all attendees, while others will be open to voting delegates only.

[See the Summit Agenda](#)
[Learn more about our Featured Speakers](#)

Financial Support

In order to support the graduate, adjunct, staff, and marginalized organizers doing significant work to make the summit happen, **we are asking [registering unions to contribute](#) to the Winter Summit based on their size and capacity, and attendees not affiliated with a formally registered union or organization to [support the summit](#) in any amount they can.**

Contributions are being overseen by [Jobs With Justice](#).

Other types of support, such as organizing time, technical support, etc. can also be made instead of financial contributions by organizations wanting to send delegates to the Summit.

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Introducing HELU's Program Areas

After many weeks of careful analysis and deliberation, representatives on the HELU general committee have proposed that HELU take more permanent form by centering our work on three main areas:

- **National Coordinated Organizing:** We need to align and support the unionization campaigns, bargaining fights, work actions, and strikes for economic and social justice that are sweeping across the different workforces in the higher education sector. It's up to us as workers to connect our individual struggles into a collective movement.
- **Policy Development and Advocacy:** We need to develop the goals, legislative language, and regulatory reforms that our movement can advance nationally and in our own communities. Through our policies and demands we must address all campus inequities: racial and gender hierarchies, pay disparities, discrimination and harassment, as well as many others.

- **National Political Engagement:** Through our efforts to push the federal government to adopt pro-worker policies for higher education, we learned that our movement has what it takes to reimagine higher education policy. We must build up a bench of supporters in D.C. and the state capitols who understand us, speak our language, and are ultimately accountable to higher education workers.

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