



IMAGINING AMERICA

artists + scholars in public life

The Imagining America (IA) national consortium brings together scholars, artists, designers, humanists, and organizers to imagine, study, and enact a more just and liberatory 'America' and world. Working across institutional, disciplinary, and community divides, IA strengthens and promotes public scholarship, cultural organizing, and campus change that inspires collective imagination, knowledge-making, and civic action on pressing public issues.

By dreaming and building together in public, IA creates the conditions to shift culture and transform inequitable institutional and societal structures.

Who is eligible to become a member?

IA offers memberships for higher education institutions. Current [members](#) include 70+ colleges and universities across the U.S., including public and private, two-year and four-year, rural and urban, and minority-serving institutions. These institutions share a commitment to IA's [mission](#) and [values](#). All students and employees of our member institutions are part of the IA network and can take advantage of a variety of membership benefits. IA is exploring other membership categories, including cultural institution memberships, departmental memberships, and individual memberships.



What is the process to become a member?

Joining IA is easy, and IA staff are happy to facilitate conversations with your colleagues and leadership in support of membership. To join IA, we ask you to prepare three main items: a signed participation agreement, institutional contacts, and payment of dues for the membership year.

The participation agreement is typically a three-year commitment, which allows member institutions time to fully experience and take advantage of the [benefits](#) IA has to offer. If you would like to review the agreement or have questions, please email IA at connect@imaginingamerica.org.

The agreement must be signed by an authorized signatory from your institution, as well as IA and the University of California, Davis.* Within the agreement, we also ask you to identify a financial/administrative contact who will receive the annual membership dues invoice, as well as two institutional liaisons who will organize your campus and community to engage with one another and the national IA consortium.

Once IA has received a signed agreement from your institution, you should receive a fully executed agreement back from IA/UC Davis within 1-3 weeks.

The final step in the process is for IA to generate and send an invoice for membership dues for the current membership year. The membership year runs from July 1 - June 30, and dues are prorated.



Payments are made through the UC Davis Cashier & Payment Solutions Office which is able to process payments via check, credit card, or wire transfer.

After this process is complete, we offer each institution a welcome meeting to learn more about your institution and community so we can connect you with opportunities, resources, individuals, and organizations in our network that might best meet your interests and needs. It is also a wonderful opportunity to get to know each other and plan ways to stay connected throughout the year.

*The University of California, Davis is the host campus for Imagining America; and therefore, the participation agreement, invoice, and payment process go through UC Davis channels.

What amount will my institution pay in membership dues?

Membership dues are charged annually on July 1, at the beginning of the membership year, and are based on the most recent IPEDS data on total Full-time Enrollment (FTE) and Instructional Expenses per FTE. Please note, Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs), Hispanic-Serving Institutions (HSIs), Tribal Colleges, and Community

Colleges are charged set membership dues based on their institutional type. The Imagining America Consortium Membership Dues Structure table is included below for your reference. If you have any questions about membership dues, please email IA at connect@imaginingamerica.org.

Imagining America Consortium Membership Dues Structure*

Full Time Enrollment (FTE)	Instructional Expenses per FTE	Annual IA Fee Level
Greater than 20,000	N/A	\$5,000
5,000 – 20,000	\$20,000 or more	\$5,000
	\$10,000 - \$19,999	\$4,000
	\$5,000 - \$9,999	\$3,000
	\$4,999 or less	\$2,000
Less than 5,000	\$10,000 or more	\$2,000
	\$5,000 - \$9,999	\$1,000
	\$4,999 or less	\$500
Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs)	N/A	\$1,000
Hispanic-Serving Institutions (HSIs)	N/A	\$1,000
Tribal Colleges & Community Colleges	N/A	\$500

*Each institution's membership fee level category is verified and updated annually.

If my institution joins, who will have access to membership benefits?

All students and employees (faculty, staff, leadership, etc.) of IA member institutions have access to IA's membership benefits.

- National Gathering
- Publicly Active Graduate Education Fellows Program (PAGE)
- IA/Joy of Giving Something (JGS) Undergraduate Fellows Program
- Research Initiatives
- IA Teaching and Learning Circle (TLC)
- Social Community
- Regional Campus-Community Organizing
- PUBLIC: A Journal of Imagining America
- National Spotlight
- Leadership Forum

You can find out more about IA's membership benefits in the Membership section of our [website](#).

I'm interested! What should I do next?

If you would like to move forward with your institution becoming a member of the IA consortium, please reach out to connect@imaginingamerica.org.

We're excited for you to join the consortium!



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