



## About Us

UnidosUS, formerly the National Council of La Raza (NCLR), is the nation's largest Latino civil rights and advocacy organization. We serve the Hispanic community through our research, policy analysis, and state and national advocacy efforts, as well as in our program work in communities nationwide. Through a network of nearly 300 Affiliates across the country, we represent millions of Latinos in the areas of civic engagement, education, civil rights and immigration, workforce and the economy, health, and housing.

Since our founding in 1968, we have contributed to a stronger America by elevating the voice of Latinos, and by defending and advancing our community's concerns. In 2018, we registered more than 80,000 new voters and contributed to the most diverse Congress in the nation's history. We advocated for and won protections for vital programs that help families get ahead and lead healthier lives. And we defended immigrants and millions of American families from harmful policies.

Today, we remain steadfast in our mission to realize a day where all Latinos can thrive and their contributions are fully recognized.



By 2023, Latinos will represent nearly 30% of all students enrolled in U.S. schools. Their success will contribute to our nation's success. All of our work is dedicated to ensuring their equitable access to quality education.

Our programs, policy, and advocacy ensure that all kids count and have the educational and personal opportunities to become empowered adults. We develop and promote best practices aimed at improving student outcomes from early childhood education to post-secondary programs. We work with practitioners, policymakers, and advocates to help students succeed from kindergarten through high school. And we support initiatives focused on helping Latinos access, transition into, and complete higher education.

## AVANZANDO FELLOWSHIP

- Supporting higher education attainment for Latinos is fundamental to UnidosUS's mission. It is a key pathway to the American Dream and an opportunity for upward mobility.
- The *Avanzando* Fellowship is geared to second and third-year college students who are passionate about making meaningful change in their campus community and beyond.
- The one-year Fellowship develops a cohort of civically, socially and educationally engaged college students to act as levers of change in their respective campuses and communities.
- *Avanzando* Fellows receive guidance, support, content knowledge, and strategic skills for responsible advocacy and activism around social, programmatic and policy issues.
- *Avanzando* Fellows elevate student voices to the forefront of conversation, moving thought into action and empowering Latino youth.

### The *Avanzando* Fellows also:

- Join a national network of civil rights advocates, passionate about advancing opportunities for the Latino community in areas like health, education, immigration, housing and the economy.
- Develop skills in writing, public speaking, team building and legislative advocacy.
- Participate in in-person training modules and Hill visits in Washington, DC.
- Represent UnidosUS in various education forums to help advance the organization's policy positions.

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