

AZUSA PACIFIC UNIVERSITY 2023-24 FACT SHEET

Mission

Azusa Pacific University is an evangelical Christian community of disciples and scholars who seek to advance the work of God in the world through academic excellence in liberal arts and professional programs of higher education that encourage students to develop a Christian perspective of truth and life.

University History

What began in 1899 as the Training School for Christian Workers has grown into a comprehensive Christian university offering 70 bachelor's degrees, 44 master's degrees, 25 certificates, 8 credentials, and 9 doctoral programs to a total enrollment of 6,600+ students. Azusa Pacific remains a vibrant faith and learning community, preparing difference makers through Christ-centered academic excellence to serve and influence the world.

General Information

Azusa Pacific University is located in the San Gabriel Valley city of Azusa, 20 miles northeast of Los Angeles. The university also maintains several off-site regional locations throughout Southern California, including in the High Desert, Inland Empire, Monrovia, Murrieta, Orange County, and San Diego.

University Degrees and Programs

Degrees awarded (2022-23) 2,5/3
Doctoral degrees
Master's degrees
Bachelor's degrees
Postbaccalaureate and post-master's certificates
and credentials

Accreditation

Institutional: Western Association of Schools and Colleges Senior College and University Commission (WSCUC)

Specialized: 14 professional/specialized accreditations

Library Resources

APU's three libraries contain 244,361 books, 248,802 ebooks, 231 databases, 122,355 physical and digital media items, 2,009 serials, and 118,421 eserials.

Faculty

APU professors serve as expert resources, coming alongside students' academic endeavors while pursuing their own professional development and lifelong learning. APU students benefit from small classes and personal interaction with faculty members who often take time to mentor students and host small study groups.

Total teaching faculty	4
Full time	3
Adjunct59	1
Student-to-faculty ratio103	1

Staff

Total staff	
Full time	
Part time51	

Students (Fall 2023)

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tal students enrolled
Men 29%
Women
Traditional Undergraduate
Professional Undergraduate730
Graduate
Full-time Equivalent5,218
Graduate FTE2,434
Undergraduate FTE2,784

Undergraduate ethnic minority students 74%
Graduate ethnic minority students
Number of denominations represented
(including nondenominational)63
Number of states represented (including the
District of Columbia, Guam, Puerto Rico,
and the Armed Forces Europe)
Number of countries represented

Freshman Admission Profile

Number applied	3,438
Number entering (first time, full time)	510
Average combined SAT score	1110
Average SAT Math	550
Average SAT Reading and Writing	560
Freshmen retention (fall 2022-23)	82%

Undergraduate Financial Aid (2022-23)

Scholarships/grants

Federal (including military)	\$9,095,882
State	\$8,097,881
Other external scholarships/grants	
administered by college	\$4,231,156
Institutional	\$64,524,310
Institutional (excluding waivers and	
athletic awards)	\$57,817,724

Self Help

Student loans
Parent loans
Tuition waivers\$2,451,398
Athletic awards
Percent of undergraduate students receiving
any form of:
Grant or scholarship financial aid72%
Institutional financial aid99%
Need-based financial aid

Finances

Expenses (2022-23)	\$193,357,307
Endowment (2022-23)	\$90,358,715
Total donations (2022-23)	\$9,908,954
Full-time undergraduate tuition	

(2023-24)*.....\$42,900

*See apu.edu for graduate and professional program tuition costs.





APU Celebrates 125th Anniversary

During the 2023-24 academic year, APU celebrates its 125th anniversary (the university's birthday is March 3).

From its humble beginnings as the Training School for Christian Workers to being one of the top Christ-centered universities in the nation, God has used APU throughout the institution's 125-year history to advance His work in the world. APU students graduate transformed to answer a higher calling and make a difference for the cause of Christ. This special anniversary honors APU's rich past while looking forward to the university's promising future—extending APU's legacy of transformation to include new generations of disciples and scholars.



Anita Fitzgerald Henck, PhD, Named Provost

President Adam J. Morris, PhD, named Anita Fitzgerald Henck, PhD, provost and chief academic

officer at APU. Henck's expertise lies in aligning programs/institutions with best academic practices, developing innovative curriculum and student service programs, building strong, healthy teams, and leading turnaround assignments in administrative areas. Henck had been dean of APU's School of Education since 2011, where she provided turnaround leadership during major transition, improved enrollment, enhanced fiscal health, led a team that reshaped the curricular portfolio, redesigned the EdD in Educational Leadership program with a 96 percent completion rate, and launched the Next Generation Superintendent professional development group. Henck is the fifth provost in APU history.



Academic Reputation

U.S. News & World Report's America's Best Colleges 2024 edition named Azusa Pacific to its list of top national universities

and several other significant lists, including Top Performers on Social Mobility and Best Nursing Schools. APU also appeared for the first time on Best Undergraduate Engineering Programs. The Princeton Review designated APU as 1 of 79 institutions in the "Best Western Colleges" section of its 2024 Best Colleges guide. APU's School of Nursing was named a top nursing school in California for 2024 by College Factual, Niche, and All Nurses.

Grant Highlights



APU Receives \$3 Million in Grants From Lilly Endowment

APU's Center for Vocational Ministry, in partnership with the School of Theology, received three separate

grants from the Lilly Endowment totalling nearly \$3 million. This includes a Compelling Preaching grant for \$1,249,837 to fund the Formation of the Preacher for More Effective and Engaging Preaching project, a Thriving Congregations grant for \$1,249,916 to support the Synergistic Congregations: Building a Strong Community Together project, and a sustainability grant for \$499,716 to fund the Thriving in Ministry initiative. All three grants will provide funding from January 2024 through December 2028.



School of Nursing Awarded \$6.6 Million in Grants

APU's School of Nursing was awarded \$6,642,095 across four Health Resources & Services

Administration (HRSA) grants in the past year. These included a \$2,598,706 grant to support students who are dedicated to caring for low-income minority individuals in the community as nurse practitioners; a \$1,498,963 grant to support the L.A. County Simulation Education Training project in partnership with Pasadena City College and the L.A. County Department of Public Health; a \$1,497,590 grant to support the public health scholarship program; and a \$1,046,836 grant to help develop an innovative, capacity-building, and sustainable solution to the nursing shortage and to address health disparities in Southern California in alignment with HRSA's priorities for transforming the nursing workforce.

Making a Difference



As Scholars

Two APU community members received prestigious Fulbright awards for the 2023-24 academic year. Karen Longman, PhD,

professor emerita of APU's Department of Higher Education, traveled to Lithuania to teach at LCC International University, the only English-speaking Christian university in Eastern Europe, for the fall semester. She taught a course, offered a leadership seminar series for LCC staff, and led a discussion group. Joel Bolton '21, MA '23, traveled to Kenya to serve as an English teaching assistant and developed a class to teach English as a second language.

APU implemented a \$2 million investment in lab equipment, enabling faculty and students to conduct cutting-edge research and bolstering APU's status as the only institution from the Council for Christian Colleges & Universities (CCCU) to earn a prestigious R2 designation from the Carnegie Classification of Institutions of Higher Education. A major portion of the research funding is dedicated to strengthening APU's science, technology, engineering, and math programs. APU gives students rare opportunities to conduct research with faculty mentors while in undergraduate studies. As part of the funding, APU also introduced a bioengineering faculty position to join the only program of its kind among CCCU schools.

To coincide with Hispanic Heritage Month in October, APU celebrated its status as a Hispanic-Serving Institution (HSI) and as the recipient of a Title V Advancing Student Achievement and Success Grant of \$2.7 million. The grant provides academic success coaching for students, as well as peer learning assistants in classrooms; supports the new Stellic student success platform; provides professional development for faculty to expand cultural competency; and matches donated scholarship funds. The program's goal is to increase student retention and graduation rates with an emphasis on Latino/a students, lower-income students, and other student groups that have historically been underserved by higher education.



As Game Changers

In November, Stephen Vogt '07 was named manager of the Cleveland Guardians—the first APU alumnus to become a head coach of a major

sports team. Vogt was a three-time NAIA All American at APU and a two-time GSAC Player of the Year, setting nine APU records—batting average (.451), career hits (294), career doubles (74), career RBIs (199), career walks (158), hits in a season (108), and doubles in a season (26). A two-time All-Star, Vogt played 10 seasons in MLB, primarily with the Oakland A's, batting .239 with a .301 on-base percentage and 82 career home runs. Vogt is one of only three players in MLB history to hit a home run for his first and final career hits. After Vogt retired from playing, he spent the 2023 season as the bullpen and quality control coach for the Seattle Mariners.



Through Community Engagement

Nikki High '05 achieved her dream of opening a bookstore that prioritizes authors who are Black. Indigenous.

and other people of color. Her bookstore, Octavia's Bookshelf, opened in February in Pasadena with tremendous community response and support. High's bookstore offers a selection of books from authors whom many shops don't carry, giving readers a chance to experience the beautiful works of underrepresented authors. The opening of Octavia's Bookshelf received media coverage by several outlets including the Los Angeles Times and ABC7 News.



Through Athletics

More than 450 student-athletes compete for APU's 18-sport intercollegiate athletics program. For six of the past seven years, Azusa

Pacific has finished in the top 20 of the Learfield IMG Directors' Cup, which ranks all NCAA Division II athletic programs' success. APU hosted more NCAA West Regional playoffs over the past seven years than any other school, and is the three-time defending PacWest Commissioner's Cup champion as the conference's best all-around athletics program. Many Cougar athletes have gone on to successful careers in professional sports: 14 have competed in the Olympics, including 2008 decathlon gold medalist Bryan Clay '03, and more than 50 others have been drafted into professional leagues, including NFL Pro Bowl running back Christian Okoye '87, MLB two-time All-Star Stephen Vogt '07, and NFL long-snapper Matthew Orzech '18, who participated in Super Bowl LVI with the title-winning Los Angeles Rams.

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