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The CSU5: Supporting Business, Economic and Community Development in Greater Los Angeles

**A New and Remarkable Resource for Your Organization**
What is the CSU5?

The presidents of the five CSUs in Los Angeles County recognize that the region requires a bold step. Together they must lead in educating for careers that evolve over a lifetime and for jobs that are unimaginable today. Traditional boundaries between disciplines must be overcome. Facile distinctions between education and training must be left behind. We must see campuses not as competitors in a sector that is apart from industry. Rather, we must see them as partners in a commons with industry. In an era of rapid innovation, if knowledge is walled off from production, the system—the region—is imperiled.

The CSU5 Universities are:
- California State Polytechnic University, Pomona
- California State University, Dominguez Hills
- California State University, Long Beach
- California State University, Los Angeles
- California State University, Northridge

The CSU5 have:
- More than 925,900 total alumni. Most of them remain in the region and are the university-prepared workforce that will define the future of Greater Los Angeles. More than 30,000 new alumni graduate each year.
- Approximately 200 degree programs (Baccalaureate, Master’s, Doctorate) in a wide-range of disciplines, including:
  - Agriculture
  - Architecture
  - Biological Sciences
  - Business-Management
  - Cinema and Television
  - Communications
  - Computer Science
  - Education
  - Engineering
  - Finance and Economics
  - Fine and Applied Arts
  - Foreign Languages
  - Global Area Studies
  - Hospitality and Tourism
  - Humanities
  - Information Sciences
  - Interdisciplinary
  - Mathematics
  - Physical Sciences
  - Psychology
  - Public Affairs
  - Social Sciences
  - Social Work
- Over 140,000 students and more than 12,000 faculty and staff
- Over $138 million in annual research funded by regional and federal funding agencies
- A combined operating budget of more than $1.6 billion

How will the CSU5 Advantage Regional Employers as well as Economic and Community Development Leaders?

- The CSU5 has a history of conducting research in collaboration with employers and communities in Greater Los Angeles that drives innovation and supports competitive advantage.
- The CSU5 works closely with regional economic development agencies and organizations to attract, hold and enhance priority industries for Greater Los Angeles.
- The CSU5 is committed to working with regional and community leaders to support the evolution of each neighborhood and community/city in the region.
- The CSU5 is able to help existing businesses find new pathways to success in a competitive global marketplace.
- The CSU5 can develop and deliver credit and noncredit programs to expand the capacity of the current workforce at all levels and prepare new professionals to enter the workforce.
- The CSU5 can deliver training programs fully or partially online to offer a wider reach for regional employers with national and international affiliations.
- Drawing on its expertise within and across disciplinary lines, the CSU5 will create curriculum models that are flexible, modular and developed with clients and experts.

How will the CSU5 Advantage the Students and Faculty at CSU5 Universities?

The CSU5 initiative will increase the links between the educational and research work of the CSU5 universities and the professions, arts, industries, not-for-profit organizations, and regional communities of Greater Los Angeles. These increased links enhance applied and engaged learning opportunities for CSU students, expand opportunities across the disciplines for CSU students and faculty research, inform the refinement/development of CSU curricula, and open new pathways for CSU faculty and students to impact the future of urban communities and professional practice in fields essential to the future of Greater Los Angeles.

PURPOSE

In keeping with the mission of the CSU, the CSU5 seeks to create a long-term, strategic, and innovative approach to economic and community development that shapes a positive future of Greater Los Angeles. The CSU5 works to expand and engage participating universities by linking across institutional and disciplinary lines; create ongoing regional relationships that open new opportunities connecting education to professional practice and community life; link research to economic and community development; and leverage the power of the five universities which are “stewards of place” for Greater Los Angeles.