

# Student Center for Reconciliation and Diversity

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The Student Center for Reconciliation and Diversity (SCRD) (<https://www.apu.edu/scrd/>) holds as its primary mission to support the university's larger mission of advancing the Christ-centered distinctives of diversity, equity, and inclusion. SCRD designs and implements a continuum of programs and services that promote student recruitment and retention, student leadership development, and the pursuit of academic success and graduation. SCRD's efforts expand cultural awareness/engagement and identity development for all students, faculty, and staff in order to promote equity and model racial reconciliation, unity, and an appreciation of all cultures.

The SCRD pursues this mission by:

- Investing in the development of student leaders who serve as catalysts for communication and understanding among people of all racial, cultural, and socioeconomic backgrounds;
- Providing supplemental support, services, and resources for ethnically and socioeconomically diverse students; and
- Sponsoring programs and activities that increase awareness of and appreciation for ethnic and cultural diversity and inclusion.

The center also coordinates multiple scholarship programs (<https://www.apu.edu/scrd/scholarship/>). The Multi-Ethnic Leadership Scholarship (<https://www.apu.edu/scrd/scholarship/#multiethnic>) program involves education in diversity, leadership, and discipleship with selected students who become leaders of cross-cultural understanding and racial reconciliation on campus and beyond, and the TELACU Scholarship (<https://www.apu.edu/scrd/scholarship/#telacu>) program is offered in collaboration with The East Los Angeles Community Union (TELACU). The center provides information on internship and learning opportunities offered by outside organizations for ethnic minority student populations, and sponsors various campus events to promote intercultural engagement and community. The SCRD also houses and supports numerous ethnic organizations, which give students an opportunity to engage, learn, and experience cultural engagement and a strong sense of belonging with a nuanced understanding of the unique lived experiences of students of color.

All students are welcome at the SCRD office, located on Cougar Walk across from the coffee shop on East Campus. For more information on center programs, activities, and scholarships, contact us (<https://www.apu.edu/scrd/>) or sign up to be included on the distribution list by submitting your name and email address to the SCRD. Learn about additional APU diversity-related offices, services, and programs on the Diversity at APU website (<https://www.apu.edu/diversity/>). You may also use the Bias Incident Reporting (<https://www.apu.edu/diversity/bias/>) tool to report **nonemergency** bias-related incidents.