

Tulane joins prestigious humanities research consortium

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Tulane University has joined the American Council of Learned Societies (ACLS) Research University Consortium, whose member institutions are leaders in helping to sustain and enhance the national infrastructure of humanities and interpretive social sciences research. (Photo by Rusty Costanza)

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The [ACLS Research University Consortium](#) comprises a select group of ACLS [associate members](#). These prominent institutions play a vital leadership role in helping to sustain and enhance the national infrastructure of humanities and interpretive social sciences research.

“Our induction into the ACLS Research University Consortium ensures that Tulane is included in some of the most important and vibrant conversations about the future of the Humanities at our nation’s leading research universities,” Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost Robin Forman said. “We look forward to learning from the other members and sharing insights from our distinctive commitment to a liberal education that reflects both a global worldview and a profound commitment to our local region, and one which embraces true interdisciplinarity and innovation.”

“We are excited to welcome Tulane University as a member of the ACLS Research University Consortium,” said ACLS President Joy Connolly. “Tulane serves as a beacon for liberal arts education, and is home to creative interdisciplinary programs and a community of scholars known for being responsive to the New Orleans community and to people and research questions with a globe-spanning reach. We look forward to working with Dean Brian Edwards and his colleagues in our shared mission to advance the humanities and interpretive social sciences.”

Representatives of ACLS Consortium member institutions meet regularly, which provides crucial opportunities to share and explore solutions in response to urgent issues facing the academy. As a premier research university with deep relationships in New Orleans and the Gulf South, Tulane University brings crucial expertise and perspectives to this group.

“Tulane’s location in New Orleans—a global port city where humanities and arts thrive on the highest levels, but where challenges past and present are viscerally experienced every day—fuels our commitment to affecting positive social change through liberal arts education,” said Brian T. Edwards, Tulane School of Liberal Arts Dean. “This has energized our recent investments in Africana studies and environmental humanities and spurred the creation of new programs linking liberal arts education with the creative industries, among others. Joining the ACLS Research University Consortium will allow us to learn from our colleagues at other distinguished public and private research universities and to share strategies for expanding the liberal arts for the next generation of students and scholars. I am

thrilled that Tulane will join this eminent and influential group.”

The [American Council of Learned Societies](#) (ACLS) supports the creation and circulation of knowledge that advances understanding of humanity and human endeavors in the past, present, and future, with a view toward improving human experience. The ACLS Research University Consortium comprises a select group of ACLS associate members that have also committed to providing additional financial support to ACLS. Consortium institutions have also served as partners for the ACLS Emerging Voices Fellowships Program, with many member institutions serving as host institutions for fellows. [Click on the ACLS page](#) to see other member institutions.