

# CAMPUS LIVING

*Your Guide to Lope Life*



**FIND YOUR PURPOSE**

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**GRAND CANYON  
UNIVERSITY®**

# MISSION

*and Vision*

Top 25 Best College  
Campuses in America<sup>1</sup>

## GRAND CANYON UNIVERSITY DEPARTMENT OF STUDENT AFFAIRS

### WHAT WE DO

We turn students into Lopes for life! As a GCU student, you are the glue that holds our campus community together. From spiritual life activities to intramural sports, there's seemingly no end to the ways to get involved. Start making some tracks and leave your mark on GCU!

### MISSION STATEMENT

The Department of Student Affairs exists to serve the Grand Canyon University student population from a Christian perspective through relevant co-curricular activities, meaningful engagement in their surrounding community and personal preparation for their future career and life.

GCU is eager to create a welcoming and inclusive campus environment. Our Lope community is built on the values of kinship, honesty, community and support. With Jesus Christ as our cornerstone, we encourage students to make GCU their home away from home.

# GRAND CANYON UNIVERSITY

**WE WILL PREPARE** students to be contributing citizens in a diverse global community by facilitating service to others.

**WE WILL FOSTER** an environment that is fun, safe and encouraging by providing quality services to the student body.

**WE WILL LEAD** our students in such a way that supports respect toward others.

**WE WILL EQUIP** student leaders to have a positive impact on the entire student population.

**WE WILL HOLD** our student body accountable to the Community Standards, which promotes community development through personal responsibility.

## WHY SEND YOUR STUDENT OUT-OF-STATE FOR COLLEGE?

Young adults may find moving out of state to attend a university to be a rewarding and transformative experience. They'll get to experience a new place, make new friends and build a community to call their own. Leaving home can also help your student to build their independence and gain new life skills as they learn to choose how they spend their time, find new academic and professional opportunities and take on more responsibility.



In Fall 2024, 65% (16,123) of GCU campus students were from out-of-state!<sup>2</sup>

## SAFETY

Campus safety is a top priority and GCU takes every step to protect the GCU community and our properties 24/7, starting with the Department of Public Safety. Our tight-knit community is patrolled by the Grand Canyon University Police Department. We have various systems in place, such as an incident reporting system (TIPS), safety escort service, emergency blue light phones, R.A.V.E emergency text notification and Alert GCU for communicating time-sensitive information during an emergency and more.

➔ Visit [gcu.edu/PublicSafety](https://gcu.edu/PublicSafety) or scan the QR code to learn more.



<sup>2</sup> Participated in a campus evening class in August or September of 2024. Percentages rounded to the nearest whole number.

## Top 5 Best College Dorms in America<sup>1</sup>

# CAMPUS LIFE and HOUSING

Our on-campus, fully furnished, suite-style residence halls and partially furnished apartments are affordable, fun and a great way to get to know other Lopes. From resort-style swimming pools to indoor and outdoor recreational spaces and comfortable, study-oriented areas, we aim to create a welcoming, safe and fun environment for our students to live in. Lively building events and campus life keep our learners engaged and provide a healthy balance to their rigorous academic pursuits.

## RESIDENCE LIFE: THE HEART OF OUR COMMUNITY

At GCU, we understand that creating a supportive environment for our student residents requires a dedicated team. That's why our resident assistants (RAs) and life leaders play a crucial role in fostering a vibrant community. These student leaders are carefully selected to help students feel at home and are committed to a range of important responsibilities.

### Resident Assistants (RAs):

- Organize regular community events and gatherings
- Listen to students' concerns and provide support
- Offer assistance after business hours and respond to emergencies

### Life Leaders:

- Mentor students and lead small Bible study groups
- Encourage personal growth in students' relationship with Christ
- Provide guidance on everyday life challenges

Learn more about campus life  
by scanning the QR code.



<sup>1</sup> Niche.com, 2025

# DINING



Scan the QR code to see all  
our on-campus dining options.

## EATING ON CAMPUS

There are multiple locations around campus to enjoy delicious grub and satisfy your cravings, including the Student Union, Lopes Way and Thunderground, a place to unwind and hang out with friends that features games, food and live music. We proudly offer healthy options and lighter fare, including sandwiches, juices and smoothies, soups, salads, wraps and more.



- Chick-fil-A
- Grand Canyon Beverage Company (GCBC)
- Havoc House
- Néκτη Juice Bar
- Panera Bread
- Pita Jungle
- Taco Bell

**AND MANY MORE!**



Visit [gcu.edu/ResidenceLife](https://www.gcu.edu/ResidenceLife)



# HAVOCS

“Grand Canyon University has the **BEST STUDENT SECTION**”  
in America – SB Nation

## STUDENT ENGAGEMENT *and Campus Events*

### ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF GRAND CANYON UNIVERSITY (ASGCU)

Our student government organization is Associated Students of Grand Canyon University (ASGCU). The ASGCU president and cabinet serve as a direct link between the undergraduate student body and university administration.

➤ *Interested in being a part of ASGCU? Visit [gcu.edu/asgcu](https://gcu.edu/asgcu) to find out more.*

### CANYON ACTIVITIES BOARD (CAB)

CAB fosters campus spirit, school tradition and a sense of belonging by providing inclusive programming for our diverse student body. From movie and trivia nights to student market and lip sync competitions, CAB's events are vibrant, varied and for everyone! We recommend you jump in and give everything a try.

### LOPE TRADITIONS

GCU hosts a variety of iconic Lope traditions throughout the year, including Welcome Week, Handel's "Messiah," Lope-A-Palooza, Taste of the World, Lopes Way Classic, Camp Elliot, March to the Match, Purple Pre-Game Party and more!

### STUDENT CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

GCU has over 100 clubs and organizations operating on campus. These groups are the heartbeat of our community at GCU. Our clubs and organizations are organized by the areas of interest ranging from academic and career to arts and social activities.



*Interested in joining a club or organization? Visit [gcu.edu/clubs](https://gcu.edu/clubs) or scan the QR code.*



➤ *To find out more, scan the QR code or visit [havocs.gcu.edu](https://havocs.gcu.edu)*



Want to cheer on the home team? GCU's student section is one of the most coordinated, energized and massive student sections you'll ever encounter. It's the reason Power 5 schools balk at the idea of visiting the Lopes every season, because it provides Bryce Drew's squad with a massive advantage. The GCU in-game experience is unlike anything else.

# SPIRITUAL LIFE

GCU strives to foster an environment where all students are encouraged to explore and strengthen their faith. Our goal is to equip students to develop spiritually and provide opportunities to examine and utilize the gifts and passions God has given them. We want students to learn how to lead others in a way that honors and demonstrates their commitment to Jesus. GCU is also strongly committed to serving others on a local, national and global level and students are invited to participate on short-term mission trips and a variety of weekly outreach ministries.

## FINDING A CHURCH

Belonging to a local church is vital for spiritual growth. However, finding a community of faith in a new place can be a challenge. The Department of Spiritual Life can help you discover your spiritual home here in the valley. And don't be afraid to reach out to others such as professors or upperclassmen to get connected. We're all here to help.

## ON-CAMPUS

Chapel, The Gathering and Life Groups meet on a weekly basis.

**CHAPEL** is a weekly worship service that invites the GCU community to join together to pray, sing and hear biblical teachings from local pastors, ministry leaders and special guests. Services are led collaboratively by student leaders, Spiritual Life staff and our campus pastor, and is open to all students, staff and faculty.

**THE GATHERING** is a weekly evening worship service led by student leaders with oversight from Spiritual Life staff. Students are invited to join their peers in community, prayer, worship and Bible teaching led by the GCU Pastoral Team.

**LIFE GROUPS** are student-led Bible studies for residential and commuter students. New students are especially encouraged to participate in Life Groups to meet friends and be encouraged with times of prayer and discussion. Students are welcome to join a Life Group any time throughout the year.

**SPIRITUAL FORMATION** programs exist to equip students with rhythms for life that make space for Christ to be formed in them, such as prayer, rest and engagement with scripture, workshops, cohorts and local retreats take place throughout the school year.

➔ For schedules or to get involved in our programs, stop by the Department of Spiritual Life or visit [gcu.edu/SpiritualLife](https://gcu.edu/SpiritualLife)

➔ Learn more about spiritual life by scanning the QR code.



# SERVING OTHERS

*Within Our Community*

## LOCAL OUTREACH MINISTRY

Student leaders and staff from the Department of Spiritual Life organize a variety of annual and weekly outreach ministry events to serve and support GCU's surrounding community. **Here are just a few:**

### CANYON KIDS

Every Saturday morning, Canyon Kids invites the children in our neighborhood to a local church for Bible stories, games and crafts. Volunteers have the opportunity to mentor and form spiritual relationships with kids from the local community.

### CITYSERVE

GCU has partnered with CityServe and its network of faith-based nonprofits, retailers, farmers and food suppliers to support families in need. Together, they have distributed over \$15.3 million in household goods to over 74,000 local families as of January 2025 from approximately 88,800 square feet of dedicated warehouse space on GCU's campus. GCU plans to expand its storage to roughly 100,000 square feet to increase its impact and reach more families.



Scan the QR code to learn more!

### HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

GCU is providing both the funding and manpower to renovate homes in the community through a partnership with Habitat for Humanity. Since 2015, more than \$6 million has been raised and more than 37,000 volunteer hours contributed to renovate 537 homes. Median home values have risen 842% in the 85017 zip code since 2011.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup>Data provided by Habitat for Humanity.

### HOMELESS MINISTRY

GCU has partnered with St. Vincent de Paul to provide assistance to families in need. Opportunities include serving meals and helping maintain their garden, along with other programming, meal and tutoring aid for under-resourced children whose families visit the center.

➔ Visit [gcu.edu/SpiritualLife](https://gcu.edu/SpiritualLife) to learn more.



# MISSION TRIPS

Each year, GCU students, staff and faculty embark on global outreach trips in order to be in an environment where the Lord opens their heart to learn from and serve people of all nations. Mission trips vary in focus; some serve children, women and the homeless or focus on medical needs, while others focus on education, relationship building and labor-intensive construction projects. GCU provides opportunities for students to participate in both short trips and longer voyages in order to reap the benefits of multiple experiences while ministering abroad.

## RECENT MISSION TRIP LOCATIONS INCLUDE:

- Armenia
- Cambodia
- Costa Rica
- India
- Laos
- Nicaragua
- Peru
- Spain
- Uganda
- Zambia



In the fall, the Department of Spiritual Life hosts a mission fair where Christian missions organizations provide opportunities for students to join a mission trip team. Students can also engage in global ministry throughout the school year in global outreach groups and globally focused ministries, such as Refuge Ministry, Global Adoption, ESL, The Bridge and more.

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# STUDY ABROAD



## STUDY ABROAD

Grand Canyon University offers a variety of traditional study abroad programs for our students, allowing learners to embrace adventure, explore the world and experience education from a global perspective. Study abroad programs are available in the fall, spring and summer terms and select programs persist for the full academic year. Customize your curriculum by adding diverse academic coursework, an internship, volunteerism, ministry, professional service learning or language immersion programming to your study abroad experience.

## GLOBAL STUDIES PROGRAMS

Each of these programs are about adventure and purpose-driven travel, giving students the opportunity to broaden their horizons while making a positive impact on the world.

## TRADITIONAL STUDY ABROAD

GCU partners with prominent study abroad providers to offer students exciting study abroad program opportunities that count as earned credit within their program of study. These semester-long, full-year or summer experiences are at approved foreign universities worldwide.

## INTERNATIONAL INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

GCU partners with international internship providers that place students within their career fields at organizations around the world. These programs give students the real world experience to put on their resumes to demonstrate their cross-cultural awareness and development to future employers.

## FACULTY-LED PROGRAMS

Looking to go abroad with a group of GCU peers? Our faculty support cohorts of students on specially designed programs abroad to build on the learning done in the classroom. These programs can help students see the practical application of what they're learning while experiencing new cultures and countries.

## GCU'S CURRENT PARTNERSHIPS INCLUDE:

- CIS Abroad
- E.F. College Tours
- Living and Learning International
- Semester at Sea (SAS)
- Students International (SI)
- University Studies Abroad Consortium (USAC)

➤ For international internships, GCU partners with *The Intern Group*.

## POPULAR DESTINATIONS INCLUDE:

- Australia
- Costa Rica
- England
- Italy
- Spain
- Thailand

➤ For more information visit [gcu.edu/StudyAbroad](https://www.gcu.edu/StudyAbroad) or follow us on Instagram [@gcustudyabroad](https://www.instagram.com/gcustudyabroad)



# INTRAMURALS

You don't have to be the "next big thing" to enjoy sports at GCU. There are plenty of intramural activities throughout the year to get you into the competitive spirit! Intramurals are a great way to have fun, meet new friends and get involved on campus, whether you choose to play in the competitive, recreational or coed division.

In addition to our major intramural seasons, GCU organizes several tournaments and activities throughout the year in other sports like kickball, dodgeball and ping pong. To our full list of sports and sign up for a team, visit [IMLeagues.com/gcu](https://IMLeagues.com/gcu)

## CLUB SPORTS

Our robust offerings provide a great opportunity for students to excel at their passions outside of the classroom and be part of national athletic communities. Our organized club sports' teams play at a competitive level that creates unforgettable experiences. Because of GCU's numerous scholarship offerings for those that qualify, students can continue to play the sport they love and get an education without overextending themselves financially to do so. Our low club sports dues cover everything our athletes need to continue their athletic journey, including uniforms, practice facilities, coaching, athletic training and more!

## FACILITIES INCLUDE:

ANTELOPE GYM | BRAZELL FIELD AT GCU BALLPARK | CANYON ACTIVITY CENTER | CHAPARRAL HALL GYM  
COLTER FIELD | GCU GOLF COURSE | GCU SOFTBALL STADIUM | JUNIPER HALL GYM | PAPAGO APARTMENTS  
GYM PERFORMANCE ATHLETIC CENTER | SAND COURTS | THUNDER ALLEY

GCU students are not required to participate in club sports to utilize these facilities.



Scan to learn more about GCU's club sports or speak with a coach!

# RECREATION FACILITIES

Our recreation and fitness centers give you the opportunity to play, work out or just relax with your friends. Whether you want to use the courts, scale our 30-foot climbing wall or work out with a variety of free weights, weight machines, cardio and core equipment, we have it all!

Embrace fitness and fun at one of GCU's 13 gyms and recreational spaces (2024-25). Current students already have a membership to the facilities — **Just make sure you have your GCU ID!**



During the 2024-25 academic year, Grand Canyon University's club sports program consisted of **40 teams**.

## 2023-24 BY THE NUMBERS

**9 PUNCHED TICKETS TO NCAA TOURNAMENTS**, including women's soccer, women's volleyball, men's basketball, men's volleyball, men's golf, women's tennis, softball, baseball, track and field.

**6 NCAA TOURNAMENT WINS**, including regional championship appearances by softball and baseball and a March Madness win for men's basketball.

**13 CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIPS**, a GCU record!



**7 WAC COMMISSIONER'S CUPS** given to the conference's most successful athletic department.



## ESPORTS

Grand Canyon University is proud to provide students with a supportive gaming community that fosters a competitive spirit while also encouraging a casual social environment.

All Esports members have access to the GCU Esports Arena featuring high-end gaming PCs, luxury gaming chairs, tournament viewing areas and current-generation consoles. There are numerous events focused on different titles and communities that members can participate in throughout the academic year. Varsity players receive a jersey, one-on-one support, mentorship, additional facility access and more!

## Hourly Facilities Packages

4 hours .....	\$4
20 hours .....	\$14
40 hours .....	\$25
100 hours .....	\$50

Additional facilities packages available.



Learn more about Esports by scanning the QR code.





# GCU OUTDOOR

## Recreation Program

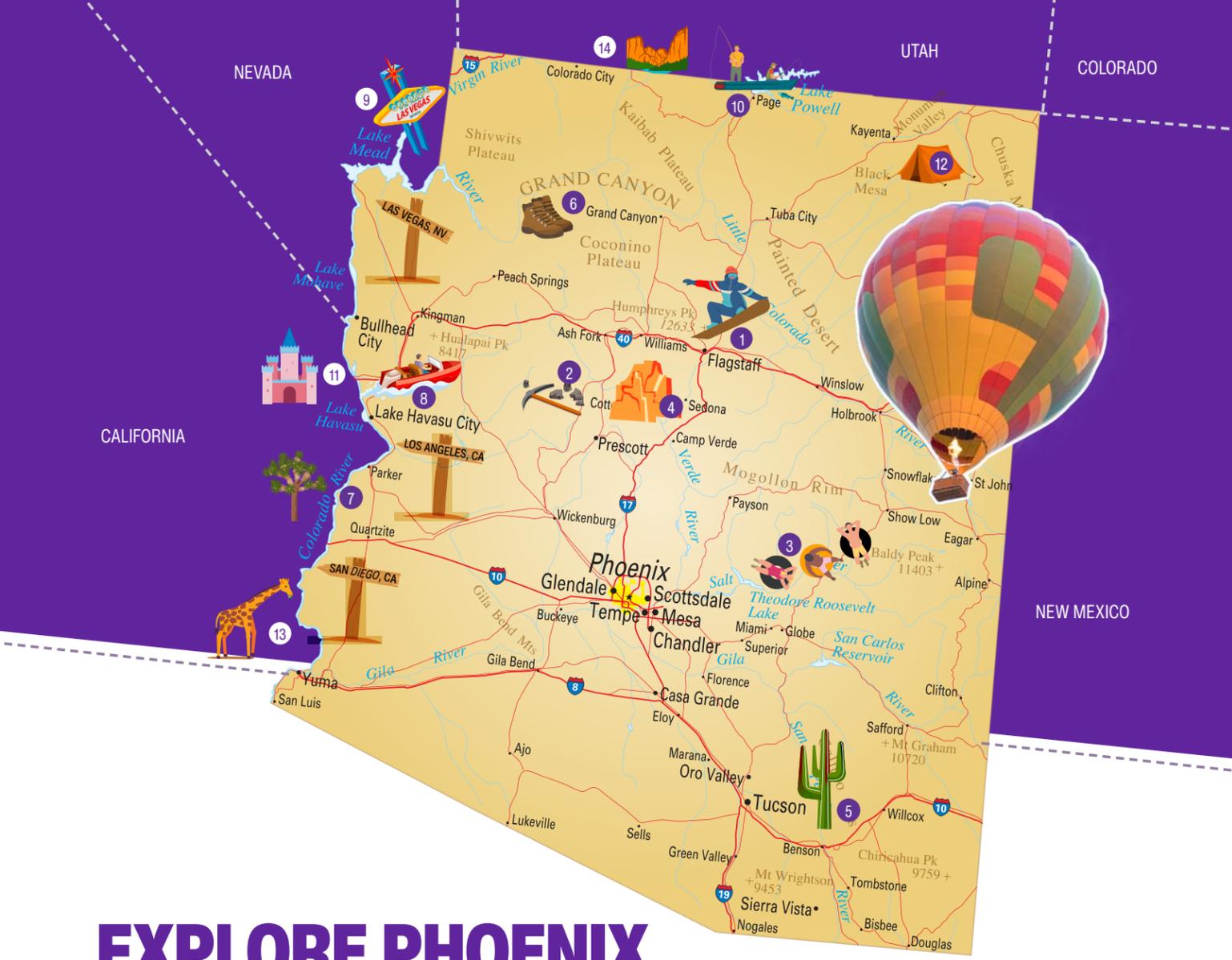
The Outdoor Recreation program exists to serve GCU students by providing outlets of outdoor recreation that engages both individuals and groups in adventure, fellowship, environmental stewardship, leadership development and outdoor education. Through these outlets, we can advance relationships and challenge students physically, spiritually and mentally. We will also strive to provide a positive experience for students while fueling off the endless adventures that occur in God's creation.

The GCU Outdoor Recreation program has four different areas to get involved with. These include a climbing wall, rental and resource center, campus garden and adventure trips.



➤ Get involved today at [myrec.gcu.edu](http://myrec.gcu.edu)





# EXPLORE PHOENIX

With endless cultural and recreational opportunities, Phoenix truly has something for everyone. From its vibrant sports scene, including MLB spring training and the Waste Management Phoenix Open, to lively First Fridays, outdoor music festivals, and award-winning James Beard restaurants there's always something exciting happening in the Valley of the Sun!

## TAKE A ROAD TRIP

### 1 - 2 HOURS

- 1. **Flagstaff, AZ** - Arizona Snowbowl Ski Resort, Coconino National Forest
- 2. **Jerome, AZ** - Ghost town, artists' community, mining history
- 3. **Salt River and Lake Pleasant** - Tubing, boating, fishing
- 4. **Sedona, AZ** - Sightseeing, red rocks, hiking, biking, jeep tours, shopping, dining
- 5. **Tucson, AZ** - Hiking, Saguaro National Park, Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum, Old Tucson Studios

### 3 - 4 HOURS

- 6. **Grand Canyon National Park, AZ** - Picturesque hiking, sightseeing, backpacking, camping, Havasu Falls

### 4 - 6 HOURS

- 7. **Joshua Tree National Park, CA** - 790,000 acres of national park (the size of the state of Rhode Island!)
- 8. **Lake Havasu, AZ** - Boating, fishing and recreational activities
- 9. **Las Vegas, NV** - Hotels, restaurants, shows, nightlife
- 10. **Lake Powell, Antelope Canyon, Horseshoe Bend, AZ** - Water and recreational activities, boat rentals, fishing, sightseeing
- 11. **Los Angeles, CA** - Sports, entertainment, beaches, Disneyland
- 12. **Monument Valley, AZ** - Sightseeing, camping, hiking
- 13. **San Diego, CA** - Beaches, San Diego Zoo
- 14. **Zion National Park, UT** - Sightseeing, camping, hiking

Please note: All drive times are approximate and start from the Phoenix metro area.



There's so much to do in Arizona! Scan the QR code to discover what adventures await.



# TAKE THESE NEXT STEPS

1



Apply at  
[gcu.edu/ApplyNow](https://gcu.edu/ApplyNow)  
and upload your transcripts.  
No application fee!

2



Schedule an appointment with  
your university admissions  
counselor to review your  
scholarship eligibility and  
program of study.

3



Arrange your campus visit  
(all-expenses-paid\*  
programs available).

4



Register early for courses  
and secure on-campus  
housing.

5



Pack your sunglasses and  
move to Lope Country!

## TO LEARN MORE ABOUT GRAND CANYON UNIVERSITY,

undergraduate programs offered on campus, available scholarships and more, contact an admissions counselor.

**855-428-7884 | [gcu.edu/CampusAdmissions](https://gcu.edu/CampusAdmissions)**

\*Travel reimbursement is only available to students who demonstrate their ability to meet admissibility for the traditional campus, plus one legal guardian, from a student's home city/state to Phoenix, Arizona. School/district/organization staff, faculty and/or personnel are also eligible. To participate, the program requires a signed MOU by both the student and parent/guardian or personnel, approval of travel dates by GCU and receipts submitted per GCU requirements. Travel reimbursement thresholds vary based on location and education sector. Only one form of travel will be reimbursed (air or ground). GCU does not reimburse hotel expenses, baggage costs, early check-in or travel insurance fees. Travel reimbursement usually occurs within 45 days.

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