

Sanctuary Institution

0.5 bonus points available

Rationale

This credit recognizes institutions that create a culture of welcome for asylum seekers, refugees, and/or undocumented immigrants. This may include scholarships, legal assistance and protections, access to medical facilities, accommodation, and other supports. An institution that is formally recognized or officially self-declared to be an institution of sanctuary sends a powerful message of inclusivity to vulnerable populations. The historical legacy and persistence of discrimination and exclusion based on differences such as race, ethnicity, language, country of origin, and legal status makes a proactive approach to accessibility and inclusion in higher education an important component of creating an equitable society.

Criteria

Institution is formally designated or officially self-declared as an *institution of sanctuary* (a.k.a. a sanctuary campus).

Scoring

An institution earns 0.5 bonus points for being formally designated as an institution of sanctuary by Universities of Sanctuary (UK), University of Sanctuary Ireland, or an equivalent third party recognition program. Partial points are available. An institution that has officially self-declared to be sanctuary campus, but has not achieved third party recognition earns 0.25 points.

Reporting Fields

Required

- ☐ Has the institution been formally designated as an institution of sanctuary by Universities of Sanctuary (UK), University of Sanctuary Ireland, or an equivalent third party recognition program?
If no:
 - ☐ Is the institution officially self-declared to be an institution of sanctuary?
- ☐ Documentation affirming the institution's official sanctuary status (upload or website URL)

Optional

- ☐ A brief description of the institution's policies and programs to welcome, support, and protect asylum seekers, refugees, and/or undocumented immigrants
- ☐ Additional documentation to support the submission (upload)
- ☐ Data source(s) and notes about the submission
- ☐ Contact information for a responsible party (an employee who can respond to questions regarding the data once it is submitted and available to the public)

Standards and Terms

Institution of sanctuary

An institution of sanctuary (or sanctuary campus) is a college or university that 1) has adopted policies to welcome, support, and protect undocumented immigrants, asylum seekers, and/or refugees, and 2) has been either formally designated as an institution of sanctuary (see, for example, [Universities of Sanctuary](#) or [University of Sanctuary Ireland](#)) or officially self-declared to be a sanctuary campus.