



US Foundation of the University  
of the Valley of Guatemala

# IMPACT REPORT

## 2022



## ABOUT US

The US Foundation of the University of the Valley of Guatemala (USFUVG) was started in 1977 by a group of US citizens committed to the idea that education is essential to Guatemala's development of civil society and prosperity for all its citizens. USFUVG is a non-profit organization exempt from taxation under section 501(c)(3) of the US Internal Revenue Code. Our tax ID number is 22-2171258.

## Mission Statement

USFUVG's mission is to educate Guatemala's next generation of innovators, scholars, and leaders by building alliances and raising funds for the University of the Valley of Guatemala.

## Vision Statement

USFUVG will enhance the quality of life in Guatemala by making education more accessible and equitable for all.

## Objectives

- Increase the availability of scholarships for qualified Guatemalan students. Special emphasis is on providing opportunity to the country's historically disadvantaged Maya majority and other rural poor, with a particular focus on female students.
- Enhance the overall learning environment and facilities of UVG and bolster UVG's future by securing USAID ASHA grants and building our endowment.

## Core Values

**Integrity** - We are deeply committed to our mission and transparent in stewardship of our resources.

**Equity** - We strive to give all students the opportunities and support they need to realize their full potential.

**Respect** - We value the ideas, opinions, and culture of others.

**Collaboration** - We seek partnerships with individuals and institutions that share our goals.

**Impact** - We ensure all our actions focus on the greatest needs and opportunities.



Altiplano students study life sciences in upgraded classrooms.

## About Universidad del Valle de Guatemala (UVG)

UVG is a private, not-for-profit, non-ideological, and non-sectarian university founded in 1966. The University has more than 6,500 students enrolled at three campuses:

- Central Campus in Guatemala City
- Altiplano Campus in Sololá, serving Mayan communities
- South Campus, serving agricultural communities on Guatemala's Pacific Coast

What distinguishes UVG from other Guatemalan universities is not only its high quality academic

programs, particularly in the fields of engineering and education, but also its innovative, practical approach to tackling the problem of accessibility to education.

UVG was named the #1 university in Guatemala and the #1 private university in Central America by QS World University Rankings again this year. All three campuses received accreditation for five years from the French Institute of Accreditation. UVG has been designated a "Great Place to Work" for the fourth year in a row.



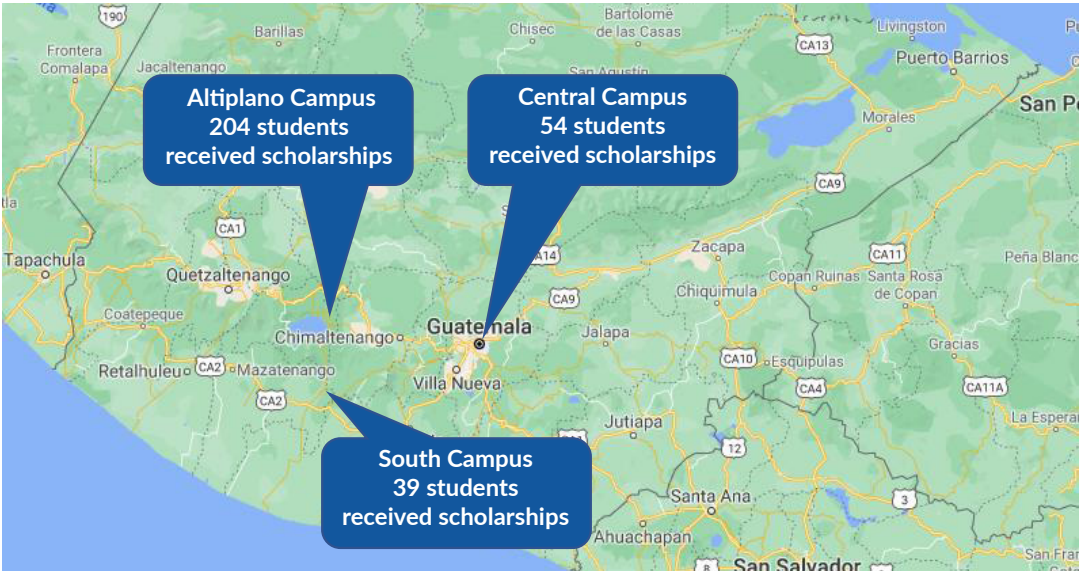
## USFUVG FUNDS SCHOLARSHIPS AND MORE

In 2022, the US Foundation of the University of the Valley of Guatemala (USFUVG) provided over **\$1,130,338** in support for students, staff, and facilities of the University of the Valley of Guatemala (UVG).

The \$1,130,338 includes facilitation of a donation of **\$743,048** from ASHA to UVG and **\$387,290** in scholarships and other funds to students. USFUVG donors provided **\$318,230** in scholarships for students at UVG. Across the three campuses, **297** students received support from USFUVG. USFUVG donors also provided \$26,930 to Chairs, \$8,596 in Fellowships, \$8,596 to Libraries, \$22,642 to San Andres Semetabaj projects and students, \$170 for Altiplano general needs and \$2,125 in Howard Wright Grants.

### SCHOLARSHIPS FUNDS DISTRIBUTION

CAMPUS	FUNDS	# STUDENTS
UVG Central	\$76,011.80	54
UVG Altiplano	\$205,985.96	204
UVG Sur	\$36,232.35	39
Total	\$318,230.11	297



### UVG - CENTRAL CAMPUS

FUND	DONATION	GIFT AMOUNT (US\$)	STUDENTS
Archeology Scholarships Fund	Restricted	\$ 8,858.18	6
Blackburn-Hughes Scholarship	Endowment	\$2,867.13	2
CAG 77 Friends Memorial Fund	Restricted	\$1,700.00	1
Plus Technologies Student Loan	Restricted	\$11,900.00	13
Helen Franklin Fund	Endowment	\$37,112.69	21
Jeanne M. Blackburn Fund for the Arts	Endowment	\$1,163.95	2
Philip B. Taylor Scholarship	Endowment	\$1,440.18	2
Reader's Digest Scholarship	Endowment	\$2,022.24	2
Hitz Foundation	Restricted	\$7,650.00	3
Texaco Fund	Restricted	\$1,297.43	2
Total		\$76,011.80	54



**María  
Luisa Rodríguez**

“Licenciatura”  
Engineering  
in Agroforestal  
Technology

The Berkley  
Freeman Cone  
Scholarship



**Manuel  
Ajcagul Sicay**

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in Agroforestal  
Technology

Calvin Hughes  
Memorial Fund



**Blanca  
María de León**

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Engineering  
in Agroforestal  
Technology

Philip Herrera  
Scholarship



**Marcelina  
Sol Tuiz**

Teaching Program in  
Intercultural  
Bilingual  
Elementary  
Education

Patricia Price  
Peterson  
Foundation



**Dina  
Chumil Cumatz**

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Memorial Fund

### UVG - ALTIPLANO CAMPUS

FUND	DONATION	GIFT AMOUNT (US\$)	STUDENTS
Altiplano Scholarships	Restricted	\$3,060.52	3
Berkley Freeman Cone Fund	Endowment	\$10,306.45	14
Calvin Hughes Fund	Endowment	\$120,792.29	123
Evelyn Burgess Venezia Memorial University Scholarship	Restricted	\$4,956.25	1
Lynn Horowitz	Restricted	\$3,400.00	1
Rosengarten Horowitz Fund	Endowment	\$402.76	3
Friends (Katherine Terrell and Women at UVG)	Endowment	\$3,483.29	4
Mack Family Foundation	Restricted	\$20,107.97	7
Miriam Rosengarten	Endowment	\$3,356.49	3
Patricia Price Petersen	Restricted	\$21,250.00	19
Philip Herrera	Endowment	\$7,735.00	16
V. Sanchez	Endowment	\$675.76	5
Teacher Empowerment	Endowment	\$1,435.88	2
Tessa Namuth	Restricted	\$2,523.00	3
Rotary (These funds will be applied during 2023)	Restricted	\$2,500.00	
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$205,985.66</b>	<b>204</b>

### UVG - SOUTH CAMPUS

FUND	DONATION	GIFT AMOUNT (\$US)	STUDENTS
Carlos Nottebohm Scholarships	Endowment	\$11,526.35	13
Friends of USFUVG		\$23,703.00	24
CAS	Restricted	\$1,003	2
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$36,232.35</b>	<b>39</b>

ENDOWMENT FUNDS- CHAIRS, FELLOWSHIPS, & LIBRARY

CHAIRS		FELLOWSHIP-WYOMING		LIBRARY	
Kidder	\$11,603.49	Thomas Stroock	\$8,596.48	Thomas Stroock	\$8,596.48
Pardo	\$9,262.02				
Shook	\$6,064.62				
Total	\$26,930.13		\$8,596.48		\$8,596.48

OTHER FUNDS APPLIED IN 2022

FUND	DONATION	DONATION (US\$)
San Andrés Semetabaj Projects and students	Restricted	\$22,642
Altiplano campus general needs	Restricted	\$170
Howard Wright UVG Health Center Study	Restricted	\$2,125
Total		\$24,937

SAN ANDRÉS SEMETABAJ



The San Andrés Semetabaj (SAS) site, located in the hills above Panajachel on Lake Atitlan, is an extension of the UVG-Altiplano campus and serves as a living laboratory for archaeology, anthropology, ethnobiology, agriculture, ecology, and community development studies (<https://usfuvg.org/sas/>). The site, which contains a Mayan archaeological site dating to 900 BCE, was originally donated to UVG in 2007 by the Mack family.

2022 was a significant year at UVG-SAS, as the museum housing artifacts excavated by UVG students on the site was completed and opened to the public. The Mack Family Initiative at UVG-SAS provides funds for scholarships for children from SAS to attend the UVG Altiplano campus and also to support the development of the museum and many other initiatives for the work of UVG students at the site.

One of the ultimate goals of this effort has been to create a significant self-sustaining tourism and cultural anthropology business around the site, creating jobs for graduating UVG-SAS students. Emblematic of this goal, 2023 graduate of the UVG Altiplano campus and a Mack Initiative Scholarship recipient, Lilian Candida Cana Chon is the director of the new museum in SAS.

In coordination with the Centro de Estudios Atitlan at UVG (<https://www.uvg.edu.gt/investigacion/cea/>), students working at the UVG-SAS site have opportunities to put into practice various strategies for conserving/improving the lake water quality and the surrounding ecosystem, which is under great pressure from various sources of pollution.

Most recently in 2022, the Mack Family Initiative at UVG-SAS, in partnership with Helps International, provided funding for 10 new scholarships for female high school students from SAS to attend the UVG Altiplano campus. Additionally, funding has now been provided for daily transportation to and from SAS to the UVG Altiplano campus.



## STUDENT STORIES



**Marlon Estuardo Moxin Cutzal**

5th year "Licenciatura" Engineering in Agroforestry Technology

Altiplano Scholarship

I am 24 years old, originally from Santa Apolonia, department of Chimaltenango, and I would like to thank you for the support given to me to meet my academic goals and objectives.



During the course of my studies I have been able to train professionally and I have been able to strengthen my agricultural and forestry knowledge through field practices inside and outside the university.

We are currently carrying out two practical projects that help us put into practice what we have learned in class. One project is called "Composting." At the same time, we

are conducting a survey of a micro-watershed located in the municipality of Sololá.

In 2016 I received a Technical Degree in Agroforestry, Cum Laude. This first achievement gave me the motivation to continue studying. Now that I am in the final stretch of my academic career, I reiterate my gratitude for the unconditional support I have received from UVG and the Scholarship Programs.



**Sara Tomasa Hernández Riquiac**

2nd year - Teaching Program in Learning Disabilities

Patricia Price Petersen Scholarship

I am 21 years old, I am the youngest of three children, originally from Chichicastenango department of Quiché. At the Universidad del Valle de Guatemala I have gained a lot of academic knowledge that has contrib-



uted to my development and growth as a professional. It has also trained me to be a student who seeks excellence. The training I have received at UVG has allowed me to get a job as a teacher in a school in my community. I was in charge of the school reinforcement and early stimulation. I had several students with severe learning difficulties. I put into practice what I learned at the university with my students, and I noticed a great improvement at the end of the educational interventions.

This year, I earned a Diploma of Honor with Academic Merit. This recognition has given me great motivation to continue studying. Currently I am doing final projects for some courses and in my free time I tutor pre-school and elementary students who need additional educational support.

I have no words to express my enormous gratitude for the support you give me to be able to continue my studies.

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The US Foundation of the University of the Valley of Guatemala is governed by a 16-member Board of Trustees. The Trustees meet twice a year, once in Washington, DC and once in Guatemala City at UVG. Much of the trustees' work is performed throughout the year in committees.



Trustees, Executive Director, and UVG staff at new CIT Building, Fall 2022 Board Meeting

### American Schools and Hospitals Abroad (ASHA)

#### Chair: Marcello Canuto

USAID ASHA provides international aid to schools, hospitals, libraries, and other centers of excellence that showcase U.S. ideals and practices. It has provided \$27,172,645 to UVG through USFUVG since 1979. The ASHA Committee works diligently with UVG year-round preparing grant proposals and reporting on ASHA grants received. Initiatives funded by ASHA have been highlighted on ASHA newsletters as examples of how funding has benefitted students and the community, while meeting ASHA's mission. The current ASHA grants are:

- 2019 – Awarded Oct 1, 2020 - \$1.1M
- 2020 – Awarded Oct 1, 2021 - \$900K
- 2021 – Awarded Oct 1, 2022 - \$1.4M

### Committee on Trustees and Governance

#### Co-chairs: Howard Wright, Margot Herrera

The Committee on Trustees and Governance recruits and nominates new members and addresses all matters pertaining to trustees and best governance practices.

The Committee on Trustees and Governance prepared a slate for renewal of four trustees for another term at the Fall, 2022 meeting and the reappointment of one trustee at the Spring 2022 meeting.

### Communications Committee

#### Co-chairs: Bruce Wharton, Lucia Cottone

The Communications Committee worked with the Executive Director and web designer to improve the USFUVG website's visual appeal,

content, and effectiveness as the key information resource for donors. The new website launched in January 2023. The committee agreed to update information and student stories quarterly. A new member, who is not a trustee, was welcomed to the committee in 2022.

### Alumni Committee

#### Chair: Alvaro Molina-Cruz

The Alumni Committee strives to reconnect UVG alumni living abroad with their alma mater. The Committee promotes networking, conferences by alumni and mentoring of UVG students (<https://soyuvg.com/mentoring>).

An Alumni Scholarship Fund ([www.usfuvg.org/graduados/#donate-form](http://www.usfuvg.org/graduados/#donate-form)) for UVG- Altiplano students was established in 2019 and has raised \$15,000 for scholarships.

Donations have been made honoring UVG professors including Dr. Ricardo Bressani, Dr. Hector Centeno, Dr. Oscar Pineda, Licda Ana Maria Peralta, and Dr. Jack Schuster. Join UVG Alumni to lend a hand to the next generation of UVG students!

### Ad hoc Strategic Planning Committee

A strategic planning committee was formed to create USFUVG's first strategic plan.

Facilitated by the Executive Director, the committee met for six months developing the revised mission statement, vision statement, core values and the 2023-2025 strategic plan.



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