

Facts 2017-18

As one of only 28 public universities with academic medical centers to be designated by the Carnegie Foundation as "Community Engaged" with "Highest Research Activity," Virginia Commonwealth University is taking its place among the nation's premier urban, public research universities.

VCU received \$275 million in externally funded sponsored awards in fiscal year 2017. VCU graduate programs and first professional programs are consistently ranked among the top 50 nationally by U.S. News & World Report, including No. 1 sculpture and nurse anesthesia programs. And through the guidance of its strategic plan, Quest for Distinction, VCU is working to meet the demands of diverse populations through impactful research and creativity, rigorous study and extensive community engagement.

The university traces its roots to two institutions that merged in 1968 to create VCU: the Medical College of Virginia, established in 1838 as the medical department of Hampden-Sydney College, and Richmond Professional Institute, founded in 1917.

Today, VCU enrolls more than 31,000 students in 217 degree and certificate programs and encompasses one of the largest academic health centers in the nation, VCU Health, where the VCU Medical Center was named the No. 1 hospital in the Richmond region by U.S. News & World Report.

VCU and VCU Health have been honored with prestigious national and international recognition for top-quality graduate, professional and medical care programs, reflecting a commitment to be among America's top research universities, supporting students, faculty and the VCU community to make it real.

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Degree and Certificate Programs

	At VCU	Unique in Virginia	Conferred, 2016-17
Baccalaureate	59	7	5,207
Master's	69	11	1,455
Doctorate	42	10	306
First Professional Certificate	3	1	437
Certificate	44	9	323
Total	217	38	7,728

Largest Programs of Study and Foundations

Undergraduate	Number in program
Biology	2,015
Psychology	1,511
Health, physical education and exercise science	1,467
Mass communications	1,005
Criminal justice	647
Business	633
Political science	584
Nursing	538
Mechanical engineering	526
Chemistry	503
Business foundation	1,659
Art foundation	619
Pre-nursing	524

Graduate	Number in program	Graduate	Number in program
Social work	477	Education	152
Business	287	Occupational therapy	127
Nursing	271	Mechanical and nuclear engineering	107
Business administration	263	Engineering	106
Teaching	174		
Physical therapy	161		

Tuition and Fees*	Resident	Nonresident
Undergraduate	\$13,624	\$33,656
Graduate	13,633	26,314
Medicine	32,959	50,655
Dentistry	51,511	80,765
Pharmacy	29,325	41,664
Room and board	10,187	10,187

* Tuition for students who were newly admitted to a degree or certificate program beginning in or after the fall 2014 semester is calculated on a sliding, per-credit-hour basis with a 50 percent per-credit discount for credits 15 and more. The above rates are based on 15 credits a semester. Rates for first-professional programs are representative of charges for first-year students. More detailed tuition rates can be found in VCU's budget plan at budget.vcu.edu.

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Mission Statement

As the premier urban, public research university in Virginia, VCU's mission is to advance knowledge and student success through its commitments to:

- An engaged, learner-centered environment that fosters inquiry, discovery and innovation in a global setting
- Research that expands the boundaries of new knowledge and creative expression and promotes translational applications to improve human health
- Interdisciplinary collaborations that bring new perspectives to complex problems and mobilize creative energies that advance innovation and solve global challenges
- Health care that strives to preserve and restore health for all people, to seek the cause and cure of diseases through groundbreaking research, and to educate those who serve humanity
- Diversity that provides a climate of inclusion, a dedication to addressing disparities wherever they exist and an opportunity to explore and create in an environment of trust
- Sustainable, university-community partnerships that enhance the educational, economic and cultural vitality of the communities VCU serves in Virginia and around the world

Vision Statement

VCU will be a premier, urban public research university distinguished by its commitment to:

- The intellectual and academic success of a diverse student body
- Research and discovery that advances knowledge, inspires creativity and improves human health
- The global engagement of students, faculty and staff that transforms lives and communities

Fall Headcount 31,036
Annual FTE (estimated) 27,865

Student Level		Student Type	
Undergraduate	24,010	Day	27,972
Graduate	5,283	Evening	1,567
First professional	1,743	Off-campus	1,497

College/Schools

College of Humanities and Sciences	School of Engineering
– Richard T. Robertson School of Media and Culture	L. Douglas Wilder School of Government and Public Affairs
– School of World Studies	School of Medicine
Honors College	School of Nursing
School of Allied Health Professions	School of Pharmacy
School of the Arts	School of Social Work
School of Business	University College
School of Dentistry	VCU Graduate School
School of Education	VCU Life Sciences

Demographics

Gender		Residency	
Female	59.4%	In-state	85.8%
Male	40.0%	Out-of-state	14.2%
Not Reported	0.6%		

Race/Ethnicity		Status	
American Indian/Alaskan	0.2%	Full-time	82.0%
Asian	12.5%	Part-time	18.0%
Black/African-American	17.1%		
Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	0.1%		
Hispanic/Latino	7.6%		
International	4.7%		
Two or more races	5.4%		
Not reported	4.0%		
White	48.4%		

International students	1,452
Incoming freshmen enrolled	4,201
Transfers enrolled	1,911
Honors students enrolled	850

Number of Living Alumni

Total	188,745
Of the more than 188,000 living alumni, over 65 percent live in Virginia and 41 percent live in the Richmond-metropolitan area.	

Employees

	University	Health System*	Total
Full-time			
Teaching and research faculty	2,338	n/a	2,338
Admin/prof faculty	886	n/a	886
Research professionals and housestaff	206	689	895
Classified staff	2,739	9,346	12,085
Total full-time	6,169	10,035	16,204
Part-time			
Adjunct faculty	978	n/a	978
Graduate assistants	1,001	n/a	1,001
Hourly workers	986	1,252	2,238
Student workers	2,232	n/a	2,232
Other part-time faculty and staff	235	n/a	235
Total part-time	5,432	1,252	6,684
VCU total	11,601	11,287	22,888

* VCU Health System totals do not include individuals with dual employment.

Demographics of Full-time Employees

	Instructional faculty	Administrative faculty	Classified
Gender			
Male	55.0%	38.0%	23.1%
Female	45.0%	62.0%	76.9%
Race/Ethnicity			
American Indian/Alaskan	0.2%	0.2%	0.5%
Asian	13.3%	2.8%	4.4%
Black/African-American	5.8%	14.3%	30.7%
Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%
Hispanic/Latino	3.0%	2.3%	2.6%
International	4.2%	0.5%	0.2%
Two or more races	1.1%	1.5%	2.0%
Unknown	0.8%	0.7%	1.3%
White	71.6%	77.7%	58.2%

Instructional Faculty

Tenure status	Tenured	Tenure-track	Non-tenure-track	Total
Professor	357	14	95	466
Associate	327	29	262	618
Assistant	n/a	245	740	985
Instructor	n/a	n/a	269	269
Total	684	288	1,366	2,338

Physical Capacity

- The 101-acre Monroe Park Campus is located in Richmond's Fan District, and the 72-acre MCV Campus is adjacent to the State Capitol. The university also owns another 582 acres, located in Hanover and Charles City counties.
- VCU occupies 249 buildings. Of the university's owned buildings, 41 were built prior to 1900, and 56 are designated as historic or lie within a historic district.
- The estimated capital replacement cost is \$3.9 billion.
- The residence hall capacity is 5,158 students for academic year 2017-18.

Assignable Space by Program

	Monroe Park Campus	MCV Campus
Instruction	28.4%	24.7%
Research	5.5%	19.4%
Academic support	11.7%	3.9%
Student services	4.1%	0.6%
Institutional support	4.8%	3.9%
Operation and maintenance of plant	0.9%	1.6%
Hospitals	0.3%	35.9%
Auxiliary enterprises	43.8%	7.4%
Other	0.5%	2.6%
Total	100.0%	100.0%

- Nearly 2.5 million people visit VCU's libraries each year. The VCU Libraries holds more than 3 million volumes, including more than 1 million ebooks, and provides access to 500 licensed databases and thousands of journals. More than 50,000 locally digitized items (documents, images, oral histories and more) from its collections are freely available online. In addition, cameras, camcorders, microphones and specialized equipment are available for checkout, and the innovative media department's The Workshop provides high-end 3-D printing and other services. A nexus in Central Virginia for community and scholarly programs open to everyone, VCU Libraries hosts some 250 events each year attended by more than 30,000 people.
- VCU has 10 gigabits/second connection to the internet in support of research and instruction. Daily, 3,559 wireless access points on VCU's network support 7,775,000 authenticated connections. The VCU mobile app is accessed over 55,000 times per month, and more than 10,000 classes are supported in Blackboard over the course of the year. More than 3 petabytes of shared data are managed by the VCU Computer Center.

Virginia Commonwealth University, VCU Health System and Affiliated Foundations

Revenues and capital additions

Operating revenues	Amount*	Percent
Tuition and fees	\$335.5	7.8%
Grants and contracts	224.4	5.2%
State general funds	278.1	6.4%
Auxiliary enterprises	130.2	3.0%
Health system services	3,015.1	69.9%
Gifts	55.4	1.3%
Investment income	191.0	4.4%
Other revenues	84.8	2.0%
Total	\$4,314.5	100.0%

Expenditures

Operating expenses	Amount*	Percent
Instruction	360.9	9.3%
Research	185.2	4.8%
Public service	8.6	0.2%
Academic support	99.2	2.6%
Student services	16.3	0.4%
Institutional support	85.0	2.2%
Operations and maintenance of plant	79.2	2.1%
Scholarships and fellowships	37.5	1.0%
Auxiliary enterprises	96.6	2.5%
Hospital services	2,709.4	70.1%
Depreciation	159.7	4.1%
Interest expense on capital debt	18.7	0.5%
Other expenses	6.7	0.2%
Total	\$3,863.0	100.0%

Increase in net assets \$451.5

(Excludes direct student loan disbursements of \$219.7 million)

* Millions of dollars, as of June 30, 2017

Foundation Assets and Liabilities*

	Assets	Liabilities	Balance
VCU	\$113.8	\$38.2	\$75.6
MCV	525.5	10.4	515.1
Real estate	96.0	62.8	33.2
Engineering	126.4	71.5	54.9
Business	78.9	43.3	35.6
Total	\$940.6	\$226.2	\$714.4

* Millions of dollars, as of June 30, 2017

New gifts and pledges, 2016-17	\$78,535,536
Total cash received, 2016-17	\$57,427,484

- In the 2011-12 academic year, VCU came together to create one of the most effective strategic plans of its history — Quest for Distinction (2012-2018). Quest became part of the university's vernacular and highlighted its collective vision as a premier, urban public research university. As Quest for Distinction nears its end and VCU embarks on its new strategic plan for 2018-2025, the following achievements highlight VCU's progress and success since 2012:
 - Six-year graduation rate increased from 57% to 63%.
 - Four-year graduation rate increased from 34% to 45%.
 - Baccalaureate degrees awarded increased 12% from 4,666 to 5,207.
 - Underrepresented minority* enrollment increased from 25% to 29%.
 - Number of full-time teaching and research increased 14% from 2,048 to 2,338.
- VCU is just one of 28 public universities with an academic medical center nationwide to receive Carnegie Foundation designations of "Highest Research Activity" and "Community Engaged."
- VCU sponsored research awards amounted to \$275 million in FY 17, the highest award total in our history.

* Underrepresented minorities include: American Indian/Alaska Native, Black/African American (not of Hispanic origin), Hispanic/Latino (including persons of Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban and Central or South American origin), Hawaiian/Pacific Islander, or two or more races (multiracial) that consists of at least one of the ethnic/racial groups mentioned above.