

## Virginia Commonwealth University



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### **ABOUT VIRGINIA COMMONWEALTH UNIVERSITY**

Located in Richmond, Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU) is the largest university in Virginia — enrolling nearly 32,000 students — and ranks among the top universities in the country in sponsored research. VCU offers comprehensive undergraduate, master's, doctoral and professional programs and encompasses one of the largest academic health centers in the U.S.

Ranked by the Carnegie Foundation as one of the nation's top research universities, VCU attracts more than \$227 million a year in sponsored research funding. Seventeen centers and institutes of excellence — involving faculty from multiple disciplines in public policy, biotechnology and health care discoveries — support the university's research mission. VCU and the VCU Health System have been honored with more than a decade of national recognition by U.S. News & World Report; local, regional and national guides to the best hospitals, best doctors and best places to work; and professional societies and journals.



The implementation of a master site plan in 2005 set the stage for new academic, medical, student housing, recreation and parking facilities that transformed VCU from a commuter campus to a residential campus of a major research university and collegiate community. Several initiatives resulting from this plan include the Virginia BioTechnology Research Park, the School of Engineering, the Carver-VCU Partnership, VCU Life Sciences and, most recently, the Monroe Park Campus Addition and the Critical Care Hospital at the VCU Medical Center.

Through collaborations with local business, industry and government agencies, VCU sparked a surge of economic development for the region in recent years. For its record of

successful university-community partnerships, VCU received the Carnegie Foundation designation as a community-engaged campus and earned a spot on the U.S. President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll.

### **National rankings**

- The VCU School of the Arts is ranked the No. 1 public university visual arts and design graduate program by U.S. News and World Report's "America's Best Graduate Schools." In total, 25 VCU graduate and first professional programs are ranked by U.S. News & World Report as the best in the nation, including the No. 1 ranked sculpture and nurse anesthesia programs. Other VCU programs ranked in the top 20 include the Master of Fine Arts, graphic design, fiber design, painting/drawing, multimedia/visual communications, ceramics, printmaking, health services administration, occupational therapy, rehabilitation counseling, social work, drug and alcohol abuse, community health, women's health, and dentistry.
- The Center for Measuring University Performance ranks VCU among the top 100 American research universities.
- VCU ranks among the top 202 world universities and the top 98 North and Latin American Universities in the 2007 Academic Rankings of World Universities.
- VCU ranks among the top 50 "Best Employers for Workers Over 50" in the U.S. as named by AARP.
- BusinessWeek magazine ranks the VCU Brandcenter as one of the world's 60 Best Design Schools and, in 2005, the Brandcenter earned the title of the No. 1 graduate advertising program in the country by Creativity Magazine.



### **Research**

In fiscal year 2007, VCU's externally funded research totaled \$227million. To learn more about VCU's research activities, please visit [www.research.vcu.edu](http://www.research.vcu.edu).

### **Student enrollment**

**2008-2009:** 32,284 (headcount)

### **Tuition**

#### **2008-09 In-state tuition (per semester)**

Undergraduate: \$3,389.50

Graduate: \$4,739

#### **2008-09 Out-of-state tuition (per semester)**

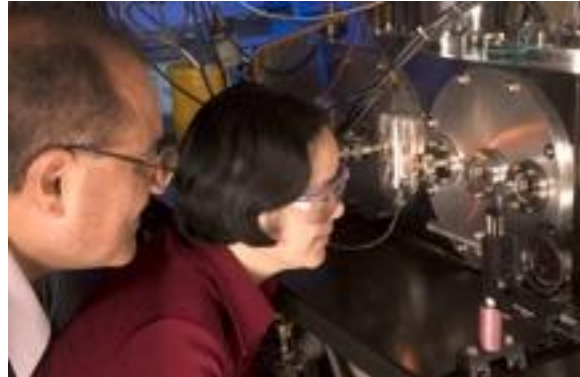
Undergraduate: \$9,862

Graduate: \$9,105.50



**Affiliated colleges and schools**

- College of Humanities and Sciences
  - L. Douglas Wilder School of Government and Public Affairs
  - School of Mass Communications
  - School of World Studies
- School of Allied Health Professions
- School of the Arts
- School of Business
- School of Dentistry
- School of Education
- School of Engineering
- School of Medicine
- School of Nursing
- School of Pharmacy
- School of Social Work
- University College
- VCU Graduate School
- VCU Life Sciences



**Satellite campuses**

- VCU School of the Arts in Qatar
- VCU School of Medicine Inova Campus
- VCU School of Social Work – Northern Virginia
- VCU Inger and Walter Rice Center for Environmental Life Sciences

**Number of degrees conferred (2007-08)**

- Bachelor’s: 3,567
- Master’s: 1,354
- Ph.D.: 252
- First Professional (M.D., D.D.S., Pharm.D.): 397

**Selected degrees offered**

| Selected business and other degrees          | Bachelor’s | Master’s | Ph.D. |
|--|------------|----------|-------|
| Accounting                                   | x          |          |       |
| Accountancy                                  |            | x        |       |
| Business                                     | x          | x        | x     |
| Business Administration                      |            | x        |       |
| Economics                                    | x          | x        |       |
| Financial Technology                         | x          |          |       |
| Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness | x          | x        |       |
| Information Systems                          | x          | x        |       |
| Public Administration                        |            | x        |       |
| Public Policy and Administration             |            |          | x     |
| Taxation                                     |            | x        |       |
| Urban and Regional Planning                  |            | x        |       |
| Urban and Regional Studies                   | x          |          |       |

| <b>Selected engineering degrees</b>    | <b>Bachelor's</b> | <b>Master's</b> | <b>Ph.D.</b> |
|--|-------------------|-----------------|--------------|
| Biomedical Engineering                 | x                 | x               | x            |
| Chemical and Life Sciences Engineering | x                 |                 |              |
| Computer Engineering                   | x                 |                 |              |
| Computer Science                       | x                 | x               |              |
| Electrical Engineering                 | x                 |                 |              |
| Engineering                            |                   | x               | x            |
| Mechanical Engineering                 | x                 |                 |              |

| <b>Selected sciences and related degrees</b> | <b>Bachelor's</b> | <b>Master's</b> | <b>Ph.D.</b> |
|--|-------------------|-----------------|--------------|
| Biochemistry                                 |                   | x               | x            |
| Bioinformatics                               | x                 | x               |              |
| Biology                                      | x                 | x               |              |
| Biostatistics                                |                   | x               | x            |
| Chemistry                                    | x                 | x               | x            |
| Clinical Laboratory Sciences                 | x                 | x               |              |
| Clinical Radiation Sciences                  | x                 |                 |              |
| Dental Hygiene                               | x                 |                 |              |
| Dentistry                                    |                   | x               | x            |
| Environmental Studies                        | x                 | x               |              |
| Epidemiology                                 |                   |                 | x            |
| Forensic Science                             | x                 | x               |              |
| Health Related Sciences                      |                   |                 | x            |
| Integrative Life Sciences                    |                   |                 | x            |
| Mathematical Sciences                        | x                 | x               |              |
| Medical Physics                              |                   | x               | x            |
| Microbiology and Immunology                  |                   | x               | x            |
| Nursing                                      | x                 | x               | x            |
| Pharmaceutical Sciences                      |                   | x               | x            |
| Pharmacology and Toxicology                  |                   | x               | x            |
| Physics                                      | x                 | x               |              |
| Public Health                                |                   | x               |              |
| Science                                      | x                 |                 |              |