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

VCU received $271 million in externally funded sponsored awards in fiscal year 2018. 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 over 200 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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**Academic programs, Fall 2018-19**

**Degree programs**

**At VCU**  
Unique in Virginia  
Conferring, 2017-18

- Baccalaureate: 59  
- Master’s: 69  
- Doctorate: 42  
- First professional: 2  
- Certificate: 44

**Total:** 217  
**37**  
**7,588**

**Largest programs of study and foundations**

**Undergraduate**

- Biology: 2,082  
- Psychology: 1,587

**Graduate**

- Social work: 438  
- Nursing: 302  
- Business: 290  
- Business administration: 275  
- Teaching: 172  
- Physical therapy: 165

**Tuition and fees**

- Undergraduate: $14,490  
- Graduate: $14,496  
- Medical: $34,307  
- Pharmacy: $30,266  
- Room and board: $10,428

* Tuition rates 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 a 15 credits per 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.
VCU sponsored research awards amounted to $271 million in FY 18.