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.
**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

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**Enrollment Fall 2017**

- **Honors students enrolled**: 1,911
- **Transfers enrolled**: 850
- **Incoming freshmen enrolled**: 4,201
- **Total**: 18,000 (living alumni)

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**Demographics**

**Gender**
- Male: 59.4%
- Female: 40.0%
- Not Reported: 0.6%

**Race/Ethnicity**
- American Indian/Alaskan: 0.2%
- Asian: 12.5%
- Black/African-American: 17.1%
- Hawaiian/Pacific Islander: 0.1%
- Hispanic/Latino: 7.5%
- International: 18.0%
- American Indian/Alaskan (multiracial): 0.2%
- Asian (multiracial): 2.6%
- Black/African-American (multiracial): 3.0%
- Hawaiian/Pacific Islander (multiracial): 0.0%
- Hispanic/Latino (multiracial): 2.3%
- International (multiracial): 0.9%
- American Indian/Alaska Native, Black/African American (not of Hispanic origin), Hispanic/Latino (not of Hispanic origin), 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.

**College/Schools**

- **School of Business**: 24,010
- **School of the Arts**: 3,081
- **School of Allied Health Professions**: 1,743
- **Honors College**: 1,911
- **School of Medicine**: 1,849
- **School of Nursing**: 1,452
- **School of Pharmacy**: 1,452
- **School of Social Work**: 1,452
- **University College**: 1,452
- **School of Education**: 1,452

**Fall Headcount**

- **Enrollment Total**: 31,036
- **Annual FTE (estimated)**: 27,865

**Student Level**

- **Undergraduate**: 24,010
- **Graduate**: 5,283
- **First professional**: 1,743

**Student Type**

- **Day**: 27,972
- **Evening**: 1,567
- **Off-campus**: 1,497

**Facilities Fall 2017**

- **Wireless access points on VCU’s network**: 7,775,000
- **Daily authenticated connections**: 3,559
- **VCU has 10 gigabits/second connection to the internet in support of research and instruction**: 9,104

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**Financials 2016-17**

**Revenues and capital additions**

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**Expenses**

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**Total**

- **$3,863.0**: 100.0%

**Increase in net assets**: $451.5

- **Total**: $490.6
- **$226.2**: 71.4

**Foundation Assets and Liabilities**

**Assets**

- **VCU**: $113.8
- **MVC**: 525.5
- **Real estate**: 96.0
- **Engineering**: 126.4
- **Business**: 78.9

**Liabilities**

- **VCU**: 38.2
- **MVC**: 10.4
- **Real estate**: 62.8
- **Engineering**: 71.5
- **Business**: 43.3

**Balance**

- **VCU**: $75.6
- **MVC**: 515.1
- **Real estate**: 33.2
- **Engineering**: 54.9
- **Business**: 26.6

**Total**

- **$490.6**: 100.0%

**New gifts and pledges, 2016-17**: $78,535,536

**Total cash received, 2016-17**: $57,427,484

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**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.**

**Assigning Space by Program**

- **Monroe Park Campus**: 28.4%
- **MCV Campus**: 24.7%

**In the 2011-12 academic year, VCU came together to create one of the most effective strategic plans of its history — Quest for Distinction (2012-2017).** 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 4,668 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.”**

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