

ABOUT VCU

Located in the heart of Richmond, the capital of Virginia since 1779, Virginia Commonwealth University serves an integral role in the economic health of the city and state, educating the current and future workforce, reaching out to the community, advancing research and enhancing patient care.

VCU was founded in 1838 as the medical department of Hampden-Sydney College, becoming the Medical College of Virginia in 1854. In 1968, the General Assembly merged MCV with the Richmond Professional Institute, founded in 1917, to create Virginia Commonwealth University.

Today, VCU offers comprehensive undergraduate, master's, doctoral and professional programs and encompasses one of the largest academic health centers in the nation. With \$464 million in externally funded research awards for the 2023 fiscal year, VCU is one of only 64 public universities nationwide classified by the Carnegie Foundation as an "R1 Doctoral University – Highest Research Activity," the foundation's highest ranking, as well as its prestigious "Community Engagement" status. Its centers and institutes of excellence support the university's research mission and involve faculty from multiple disciplines in the arts, public policy, biotechnology and health care discoveries.

VCU enrolls more than 28,000 students in more than 200 degree and certificate programs in the arts, sciences and humanities, many of them crossing the disciplines of VCU's 17 colleges and schools. VCU has a full-time faculty of more than 2,400 who are nationally and internationally recognized for excellence in the arts, business, education, engineering, the humanities, the life sciences, social work and all the health care professions. With more than 25,000 employees, VCU and VCU Health also have a significant impact on Central Virginia's economy.

Through the guidance of its strategic plan, Quest 2028, VCU is dedicated to serving the needs of students and patients as an inclusive public research university and health care system where accessibility combines with excellence to produce exceptional educational and healing results.

VCU and the VCU Health System 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.

Nondiscrimination

VCU does not discriminate in admissions, treatment, employment or access to its programs or activities on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin (including ethnicity and actual or perceived shared ancestry), age, sex (including pregnancy, childbirth, lactation and related medical conditions), parenting status, marital status, political affiliation, military status (including veteran status), genetic information (including family medical history), sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, or disability, consistent with applicable law.

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