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VCU is a dynamic urban university in the heart of Richmond, Va., a city that welcomes more than 200,000 people to its downtown core daily. A fast-growing health sciences district is emerging around the Medical College of Virginia Hospital. VCU is actively engaged in neighborhood revitalization efforts.

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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.

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Today, VCU enrolls more than 31,000 students in 225 degree and certificate programs and encompasses one of the largest academic health centers in the nation, VCU Health, named the No. 1 hospital in Virginia in 2015 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

Enrollments Fall 2015

| Fall Headcount | 31,242 |
| Annual FTE (estimated) | 28,565 |

College/Schools
College of Humanities and Sciences
- Richard T. Robertson School of Media and Culture
- 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

Demographics

- Gender: Male - 41.36%, Female - 57.39%, Not Reported - 1.25%
- Race/Ethnicity: American Indian/Alaskan - 0.24%, Asian - 12.08%, Black/African-American - 15.87%, Hawaiian/Pacific Islander - 0.13%, Hispanic/Latino - 6.93%, International - 5.45%, Two or more races - 4.63%, Not reported - 3.69%, White - 50.79%
- Residency: In-state - 83.89%, Out-of-state - 16.11%

Physical Capacity
- The 94.7-acre Monroe Park Campus is located in Richmond’s Fan District, and the 55.5-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 235 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.
- Estimated capital replacement cost: $2.91 billion
- Residence hall capacity: 6,285 students for academic year 2015-16

Assignable Space by Program

- Monroe Park Campus
- MCV Campus

- Instruction: 27.3% vs 26.2%
- Research: 5.6% vs 20.4%
- Academic Support: 10.4% vs 4.2%
- Student Services: 3.8% vs 0.7%
- Institutional Support: 4.9% vs 4.0%
- Physical Plant: 0.9% vs 1.7%
- Hospitals: 0.3% vs 32.9%
- Auxiliary Enterprises: 45.9% vs 74.8%
- Other: 1.3% vs 2.5%

- Total: 100.0% vs 100.0%

Indicators of student success continue to improve against Quest for Distinction targets:
- Six-year graduation rate increased from 53% to 62.3% since 2011-12.
- Overall quality of the incoming freshman class has continued to improve.
- Baccalaureate degrees awarded in 2014-15 reached an all-time high, at 5,043.
- Number of full-time faculty has grown by 16% since Quest launched in 2011-12.
- VCU is one of 28 public universities with an academic medical center nationwide to receive Carnegie Foundation designations of “Very High Research Activity” and “Community Engaged.” Our students contributed more than 1 million hours of service to the region in 2013-14.
- VCU sponsored research awards amounted to $270.3 million in FY 2014-15, the highest award total in our history.