



George Mason University Is Providing Access to Excellence

## KEY FACTS FOR 2020

### ACCESS, AFFORDABILITY, AND RETENTION

- Mason is the largest public research university in the commonwealth, with 38,000 students from all 50 states and 130 countries.
- *U.S. News & World Report* ranks Mason as Virginia's most diverse and innovative public university.
- Nearly 3,000 of Mason's incoming students each fall are transfer students, with nearly 700 students currently enrolled in Mason's award-winning ADVANCE transfer pathway program.
- 39 percent of Mason students are first generation; 33 percent are eligible for Pell Grants.
- Mason's Early Identification Program boasts nearly 1,600 graduates and has 600 students currently enrolled. The program provides access to educational resources for middle and high school students who will be the first in their families to attend a college or university.
- 80 percent of Mason students in fall 2019 were in-state students.
- Mason's six-year graduation rate is more than 70 percent, with little to no disparity based on ethnicity or economic status.
- Mason offers many paths to degree completion for working adults who may have some college credit, including online education and the Online Virginia Network partnership with ODU, to provide lifelong learning options.
- 87 percent of 2019 graduates were satisfied or very satisfied with their Mason experience.
- Mason has the lowest tuition among Virginia's R1 research universities.

## Mason Is a Partner in the Region and the State

### ECONOMIC IMPACT, RESEARCH, AND VALUE

- Mason is the largest producer of tech talent in the commonwealth.
- Almost 40 percent of Mason students major in STEM fields.
- Mason graduates earn among the highest starting salaries of graduates from Virginia public universities, and its student loan default rate of approximately 2.1 percent is among the lowest in Virginia and the nation.
- Mason is a globally ranked R1 research university that has increased research expenditures by more than 50 percent over the last two years.
- Mason incubated and supported or accelerated more than 1,600 Virginia companies in fiscal year 2019.
- There are more than 200,000 Mason alumni worldwide, two-thirds of whom stay in Virginia.
- In partnership with the commonwealth's Tech Talent Initiative, Mason will expand its programs in computer science and related fields by a third at the undergraduate level and threefold at the graduate level.



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