

George Mason University Is Providing Access to Excellence

OPPORTUNITY AND IMPACT

- Mason is the largest public research university in the Commonwealth of Virginia with 39,150 students from all 50 states and 130 countries.
- During the pandemic, from 2019-2022, Mason's undergraduate enrollment grew 5.2%, and graduate enrollment grew by 6%.
- *U.S. News & World Report* ranked Mason as Virginia's most diverse and innovative public university.
- 77% of Mason students in fall 2022 were in-state students.
- The incoming freshman Class of 2026 boasted the highest averages for GPA and SAT scores of any incoming class (3.8 GPA, 1240 SAT).
- Mason's six-year graduation rate is well above the national average, with no disparity based on ethnicity or economic status.
- 86% of Mason's 2021 bachelor's degree graduates are employed in Virginia, Maryland, or Washington, D.C.
- Mason has more than 220,000 living alumni with two-thirds of them living in Virginia.
- Mason produces more tech graduates than any other four-year institution in Virginia.
- Almost 40% of Mason students major in STEM fields.
- Mason graduates earn among the highest starting salaries of graduates from Virginia public universities.

AFFORDABILITY AND ACCESS

- Nearly 2,800 of Mason's incoming students in fall 2022 were transfer students, including more than 700 students in Mason's award-winning ADVANCE transfer pathway program with Northern Virginia Community College.
- More than 3,000 students have enrolled in the ADVANCE program since it began in 2018.
- The Mason Virginia Promise will extend the ADVANCE partnership to community colleges across Virginia, providing guaranteed admission to students who meet milestones and earn their associate degrees.
- 24% of Mason undergraduate students are first generation; 29% are eligible for federal need-based Pell Grants, which is greater than the state average.
- Mason's Early Identification Program, which 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, boasts more than 2,100 graduates and has more than 700 students currently enrolled.

Mason Is a Partner in the Region and the State

RESEARCH AND EDUCATION

- Mason is a nationally ranked R1 research university. Total research expenditures for FY22 were \$178 million, a 12.4% increase over FY21.
- Mason's research expenditures with its federal partners grew 12.2% from FY21 to FY22. Mason's biggest federal partners included the U.S. Department of Defense, the National Science Foundation, and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.
- Cutting-edge research conducted at Mason has led to groundbreaking advancements in cancer detection, treatment of Lyme disease, concussion protocols, and COVID-19 early detection.
- Mason has 10 colleges and schools and offers 78 undergraduate degrees, with programs that promote undergraduate research opportunities, internship and work-based learning, and accelerated degree programs.
- Mason offers 132 degree programs at the master's, doctoral, and professional level, and more than 100 graduate-level certificates.

PARTNERSHIPS AND NETWORKS

- Mason Enterprise Center is a university-based economic development enterprise that focuses the energy, skills, and intellectual capital of George Mason University on enterprise creation and expansion.
- Mason's network of 27 Small Business Development Centers (SBDC) has served more than 11,000 customers, providing no-cost counseling and training services to local entrepreneurs across the state.
- Mason hosts 500+ employers through recruitment networking events, Career Fairs, and the On-Campus Interviewing Program.
- Mason's entrepreneur and small business programs have had an estimated economic impact in Virginia of more than \$1.6 billion.
- Mason leads the Commonwealth Cyber Initiative NoVa Node (Northern Virginia Region) facilitating partnerships with higher education, corporations, small businesses, nonprofits, P-12 schools, and economic development organizations to prepare future generations of innovators and research leaders.

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