

George Mason University Is *All Together Different*

OPPORTUNITY AND IMPACT

- George Mason is the largest public research university in the Commonwealth of Virginia with **40,449** students from all 50 states and 130 countries.
- *U.S. News & World Report* recognized George Mason as Virginia's most diverse and innovative public university.
- George Mason is the top public university in Virginia for upward mobility, according to *U.S. News & World Report*, the *Wall Street Journal*, and *Washington Monthly*.
- **77%** of George Mason students in fall 2024 were in-state students.
- George Mason's incoming Class of 2028 has the highest average GPA to date, with 27% earning a 4.0 or higher and 73% earning a 3.5 or higher. About 6% of George Mason students are enrolled in the university's Honors College.
- George Mason's six-year graduation rate is well above the national average, with no disparity based on ethnicity or economic status.
- **83%** of recent George Mason graduates are employed in Virginia, Maryland, or Washington, D.C.
- George Mason has more than **235,000** alumni with two-thirds of them living in Virginia.
- George Mason produces more tech graduates than any other four-year institution in Virginia, with **34%** of graduating students in 2024 earning STEM degrees.
- George Mason graduates earn a median starting annual salary of **\$74,000**, among the highest starting salaries of graduates from Virginia public universities.

AFFORDABILITY AND ACCESS

- Nearly 3,000 of George Mason's incoming students in fall 2024 were transfer students, including more than 900 students in George Mason's award-winning ADVANCE transfer pathway program with Northern Virginia Community College.
- More than 5,000 students have enrolled in the ADVANCE program since it began in 2018.
- The Mason Virginia Promise extends the ADVANCE partnership to community colleges across Virginia, providing guaranteed admission to students who meet milestones and earn their associate degrees.
- About 1 in 4 George Mason undergraduate students are first generation; 34% are eligible for federal Pell Grants, which is greater than the state average.
- George 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 2,200 graduates and has more than 800 students currently enrolled.

George Mason Is a Partner in the Region and the State

RESEARCH AND EDUCATION

- George Mason is a nationally ranked R1 research university. Total research expenditures for FY24 were **\$255 million**.
- George 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 George Mason has led to groundbreaking advancements in cancer detection, treatment of Lyme disease, concussion protocols, and COVID-19 early detection.
- George Mason has 10 colleges and schools and offers 69 undergraduate degrees, with programs that promote undergraduate research opportunities, internship and work-based learning, and accelerated degree programs.
- George Mason has the first College of Public Health in the commonwealth, meeting a critical need for skilled health professionals and research in Virginia.
- George Mason is nationally recognized for its work in cybersecurity and is a leader in Virginia in quantum science education and research, robotics, autonomous systems, and AI education and research.
- George Mason offers 201 degree programs at the master's, doctoral, and professional level, and more than 100 graduate-level certificates.

PARTNERSHIPS AND NETWORKS

- Mason Enterprise is a university-based economic development program that focuses the energy, skills, and intellectual capital of George Mason University on business creation and expansion.
- George Mason's network of 25 Small Business Development Centers has served more than 11,000 customers, providing no-cost counseling and training services to local entrepreneurs across the state.
- George Mason hosts 500+ employers through recruitment networking events, Career Fairs, and the On-Campus Interviewing Program.
- George Mason's entrepreneur and small business programs have had an estimated economic impact in Virginia of more than **\$1.6 billion**.
- George Mason leads the Commonwealth Cyber Initiative NoVa Node (Northern Virginia Region) facilitating partnerships with higher education, corporations, small businesses, nonprofits, PreK-12 schools, and economic development organizations to prepare future generations of innovators and research leaders.
- The George Mason Center for Health Workforce leads collective efforts in health workforce planning and development for the commonwealth through data analysis and research, training and education, and business and technology development.



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