

George Mason University

City of Fairfax Footprint

University Fast Facts

- George Mason is the largest public research university in Virginia with **40,449** students from all 50 states and 130 countries.
- George Mason produces more tech graduates than any other four-year institution in Virginia.
- George Mason's entrepreneur and small business programs have had an estimated economic impact in Virginia of more than **\$1.6 billion**.
- The City of Fairfax is home to **490** Mason students and **2,485** alumni.

City of Fairfax Impact

Economics & Business

- **Mason Enterprise Center** - business incubator supporting entrepreneurs through mentoring, business training, and providing space
- **Maker Faire Collaboration** - roundtable discussions focusing on the food and beverage industry, ongoing talks on how to engage/collaborate with food and beverage businesses that are part of the student Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurship program
- **Experiential Learning Opportunities** – Costello School of Business and the City collaborate to pair students with local businesses to learn and practice leadership skills across several industries

Public Safety

- **Training Facilities** - City of Fairfax Fire Department uses George Mason's gyms and aquatics facilities for PT and swim testing
- **Joint Training** - several law enforcement agencies partner with George Mason Police to participate in an active shooter-rescue task force training
- **Special Event Coverage** – George Mason Police assists the City during special events, when the City's staffing levels are low, or if multiple officers are occupied with a particular event and allows the City to utilize its drones for special events
- **National Night Out** - George Mason Police participates in the event to promote police-community partnerships

Transportation

- **Cue Bus** – a venture between George Mason and the City that provides free public transportation to the university, other locations within the City, and the Vienna/Fairfax-GMU Metrorail Station
- **Capital Bikeshare University Program** - system of bikes students, faculty/staff, and City residents can access on the Fairfax Campus for a small fee

Health

- **Center for Community Mental Health** - offers a range of evidence-based treatment services on a sliding scale so all members of our community have the opportunity to access care for as low as \$5 per session

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Community Outreach

- **Mason Speakers** - George Mason faculty and staff volunteer to share their expertise with community and business organizations
- **Discover George Mason** - a guidebook featuring George Mason resources and services available to the public
- **Mason Rock the Block** - a partnership with the City for the September Rock the Block event to share George Mason resources and services available to the public
- **Mason Trunk-or-Treat** - a festive fall celebration (free and open to the public) that brings together residents, students, faculty, and staff on the Fairfax Campus

Lifelong Learning

- **Senior Tuition Waiver** - senior citizens, aged 60 and older, can audit classes for free or enroll for credit based on income eligibility through the Nondegree Studies Program
- **Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI)** - adults, aged 50 and older, can experience stimulating educational, social, and cultural courses, clubs, trips, and events

Environment

- **Water Monitoring** - George Mason provides water quality monitoring services to satisfy testing requirements for the City's municipal stormwater permit and quarterly stream water quality monitoring services

Arts & Entertainment

- **Spotlight on the Arts** – partnership between George Mason, the City, and the business and arts community to promote visual and performing arts, emerging artists, cultural and entertainment opportunities, and provide scholarships to art students at George Mason
- **EagleBank Arena** - George Mason's sports and entertainment venue hosts family-friendly events year-round, over 150+ events are hosted annually

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