

UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH FACTS

- » The University of Pittsburgh, founded in 1787, is one of the oldest institutions of higher education in the United States.
- » In terms of overall performance, for the second consecutive year, Pitt ranks in the very top cluster of U.S. public research universities (one of only seven), according to the 2007 edition of *The Top American Research Universities*, issued by the Center for Measuring University Performance.
- » In 2007, *The Times Higher Education Supplement*, in its annual “World University Rankings,” for the second year in a row, ranked Pitt ninth among U.S. public universities.
- » Pitt is the only public university among nine universities, and the three national service academies, to claim both a Rhodes and Marshall scholar in 2007. Since 1995, Pitt undergraduates have won two Rhodes Scholarships, six Marshall Scholarships, five Truman Scholarships, four Udall Scholarships, one Churchill Scholarship, 31 Goldwater Scholarships, and three Mellon Humanities Fellowships.
- » Annual applications to the Pittsburgh campus increased from 7,825 in 1995 to 20,685 in 2007.
- » In research, Pitt ranks sixth among all U.S. universities in terms of the competitive grants awarded to members of its faculty by the National Institutes of Health. Pitt also is among the top 10 U.S. university recipients of federal science and engineering research and development obligations, according to the National Science Foundation’s 2008 annual survey, based on figures for FY 2006.
- » In FY 2008, the \$640 million Pitt spent on sponsored research and other sponsored research programs supported an estimated 23,000 jobs.
- » As one of Western Pennsylvania’s largest employers, Pitt contributes more than \$1.65 billion annually in local expenditures and employs more than 12,000 people on five campuses. Since 1995, total employment at Pitt has increased by more than 25 percent.
- » Pitt was one of just seven Association of American Universities-member research universities to be designated “Saviors of Our Cities” by the president of the New England Board of Higher Education in 2006.
- » In a typical year, the University certifies more than 300 teachers, half of whom accept positions in area school districts.
- » In FY 2008, 36 new patents were issued to University researchers, up more than 71 percent from FY 2007, bringing Pitt’s 13-year patent total to 339.

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