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LEADER IN EDUCATION

- The University of Pittsburgh, founded in 1787, is one of the oldest institutions of higher education in the United States.
- In its recent re-accreditation report, the Middle States Commission on Higher Education noted that “over the past 15 years, the University of Pittsburgh’s reputation as a world class research university has been advancing steadily. By any measure, this reputational advance reflects reality. From the undergraduate education it provides to the research it produces to the external awards and honors its faculty and students earn, the University can be proud of where it stands.”
- Pitt consistently ranks among the country’s leading U.S. public research universities, according to *The Top American Research Universities* report issued by the Center for Measuring University Performance.
- Pitt is one of the nation’s best institutions for undergraduate education, according to the Princeton Review’s 2014 edition of its annual college guide, *The Best 378 Colleges*.
- For the ninth consecutive year, *Kiplinger’s Personal Finance* ranks Pitt as the top value among all public colleges and universities in Pennsylvania. *Kiplinger’s* also ranks Pitt as the 19th-best value among public universities in the country for out-of-state students.
- Pitt is the only Pennsylvania public college or university included in the Princeton Review/*USA TODAY* national “Best Value Colleges for 2014” list, based on academic quality, cost, and financial aid.
- Annual freshman applications to the Pittsburgh campus increased from more than 7,825 in 1995 to more than 30,000 applications for next fall’s entering class.
- Last year, more than 7,700 undergraduate, graduate, and professional degrees were conferred upon students on the Pittsburgh campus and nearly 1,100 upon students on the Bradford, Greensburg, Johnstown, and Titusville campuses, for a total of nearly 8,900 degrees awarded.
- Seventy-seven percent of the undergrads across Pitt’s five campuses come from Pennsylvania, and Pitt has more than 307,000 living alumni.
- Since 1995, Pitt undergraduates have won four Rhodes Scholarships, six Marshall Scholarships, five Truman Scholarships, seven Udall Scholarships, two Churchill Scholarships, one Gates Cambridge Scholarship, and 41 Goldwater Scholarships.

PIONEER IN RESEARCH

- In a recent five-year analysis of National Institutes of Health funding, the University of Pittsburgh and its affiliates ranked fifth in number of awards received. In FY 2011, the University and its affiliates received more than \$463 million in total funding. The School of Medicine is ranked fifth, up from seventh in FY 2009, with total funding of more than \$352 million.
- In 1995, Pitt ranked 24th among the nation’s universities in terms of the federal research support attracted by members of our faculty. By 2010, we had risen as high as fifth nationally.
- Through its research program alone, the University imported about \$760 million into its home region last year, and those research dollars support more than 27,000 jobs.
- Pitt faculty members conduct life-altering medical research in areas such as Alzheimer’s disease, diabetes, transplantation, cancer, and regenerative medicine.
- In the past decade, Pitt faculty members have earned the very highest national honors in a wide variety of disciplines.
- In January 2014, Pitt announced the creation of the new Brain Institute, which aims to unlock the mysteries of normal and abnormal brain function and then use this new information to develop novel treatments and cures for brain disorders.

PARTNER IN REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- Each year, Pitt spends more than \$1.74 billion in the community and supports nearly 33,800 jobs in Allegheny County alone.
- Pitt students spend more than \$389 million annually on goods, services, and rental payments.
- As one of Western Pennsylvania’s largest employers, Pitt employs more than 13,200 people on its five campuses.
- Pitt is the nation’s top-ranked public university in *Saviors of Our Cities: 2009 Survey of Best College & University Civic Partnerships*.
- In FY 2013, 51 new patents were issued to the University, bringing Pitt’s patent total to 541. Since FY 1996, Pitt technologies have formed the basis of 98 start-up companies
- More than 17,000 students participate in community service projects annually, devoting more than 450,000 hours of volunteer service.
- Since 1997, more than 600,000 students have been connected to Pittsburgh’s vibrant arts community through PITT ARTS, a partnership to develop the next generation of patrons of the arts through special events and free or discounted tickets.
- Annually, 300,000 social work student internship hours are served in human service, nonprofit, and community-based organizations and agencies.
- Pitt is responsive to the needs of current and former members of the U.S. armed forces. *Military Advanced Education* magazine has named Pitt one of the country’s top military-friendly universities.