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 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 Pennsylvania’s only public institution in the Princeton Review’s 2012 list of 150 “Best Value” public colleges and universities.
- Pitt ranks as the top value in Pennsylvania for in-state and out-of-state students, the nation’s 15th-best value for out-of-state students, and the country’s 29th best value for in-state students in “Best Values in Public Colleges 2011-12,” published in Kiplinger’s Personal Finance.
- Annual applications to the Pittsburgh campus increased from more than 7,800 in 1995 to more than 24,800 in 2012.
- Each year, more than 7,700 undergraduate, graduate, and professional degrees are conferred to students on the Pittsburgh campus and more than 1,200 on the Bradford, Greensburg, Johnstown, and Titusville campuses, for a total of more than 8,900 degrees awarded.
- Seventy-eight percent of Pitt’s undergrads come from Pennsylvania; 60 percent of Pitt’s more than 295,000 living alumni live in the state.
- Since 1995, Pitt undergraduates have won four Rhodes Scholarships, seven Marshall Scholarships, five Truman Scholarships, six Udall Scholarships, one Churchill Scholarship, one Gates Cambridge Scholarship, and 38 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.
- Pitt also ranks in the top 5 nationally in terms of total federal science and engineering research and development support, according to the National Science Foundation.
- Through its research program alone, the University imports nearly $800 million into its home region each year, and those research dollars support more than 28,000 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 for medical research as well as research in history; literature, culture, and literacy; mathematics; philosophy; and poetry.

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 13,300 people on its five campuses.
- Pitt is the nation’s top-ranked public university in the 2009 edition of Saviors of Our Cities: A Survey of Best College and University Civic Partnerships.
- In FY 2012, 49 new patents were issued to the University, bringing Pitt’s 16-year patent total to 490. Since FY 2003, Pitt technologies have formed the basis of 53 start-up companies.
- More than 4,000 students participate in community service projects annually, devoting more than 53,000 hours of volunteer service.
- Since 1997, more than 327,000 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.