

# 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, Pitt ranks for the second consecutive year 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 prestigious Center for Measuring University Performance.
- » *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, and *Newsweek International* ranked Pitt 10th among U.S. public universities and 37th among universities of the world.
- » In its most recent review, the National Research Council—the most respected evaluator of academic programs in the United States—ranked the University’s Department of Philosophy second nationally and the Department of History and Philosophy of Science fifth nationally.
- » 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, four Truman Scholarships, four Udall Scholarships, one Churchill Scholarship, 29 Goldwater Scholarships, and three Mellon Humanities Fellowships.
- » Annual applications to the Pittsburgh campus increased 143 percent from 1995 to 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 is the country’s top-ranked institution in terms of support received from the National Institute of Mental Health (FY 2005). Pitt also ranked 12th nationally in terms of total federal obligations for science and engineering research and development by the National Science Foundation (FY 2004).
- » As one of Western Pennsylvania’s largest employers, Pitt contributes more than \$1.7 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.
- » In its 2005 survey of licensing and commercialization activities, the Association of University Technology Managers ranked Pitt in the top 10 in the nation in the number of startup companies created that year.
- » 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 2007, 21 new patents were issued to University researchers, bringing Pitt’s 13-year patent total to 321.

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