Greetings from the Chancellor

Welcome to the University System of Maryland. We are 12 institutions, three regional centers, and more than 200,000 people—students, faculty, and staff—dedicated to improving lives and strengthening communities across the state and around the world.

Each of our institutions is unique—in the students they serve and the missions to which they pledge themselves. We are powerful not despite this diversity but because of it—because we can join our different assets, expertise, and passions to expand the system’s reach and amplify our impact.

In these pages, you will see how each institution contributes to the USM’s strength. I’m so glad you’re getting to know us better.

Jay A. Perman
Chancellor
University System of Maryland

About the University System of Maryland

The University System of Maryland (USM) is the state’s public higher education system. The USM’s 12 institutions, three regional higher education centers, and system office work closely together to leverage their collective expertise and resources, share best practices, increase the system’s effectiveness and efficiency, and advance our mission to improve the quality of life in Maryland.
Connecting Maryland to Opportunity

The USM is making an impact in every corner of Maryland. Our presence extends from the Appalachian highlands to the Atlantic coast, and from the urban skylines of Baltimore to our state’s oldest county in southern Maryland.

With 12 universities spanning the state, the USM fulfills Maryland’s need for excellent, affordable, and accessible higher education. At our three regional higher education centers, the USM delivers our most in-demand programs to meet the needs of the workforce. Our institutions operate research incubators and technology parks that spark innovation and facilitate partnerships with local businesses.

USM faculty and students are involved in collaborative research at several multidisciplinary centers throughout the state, including the Institute of Marine and Environmental Technology and the Center for Biomedical Engineering and Technology. The University of Maryland Extension offices, administered through a partnership between the University of Maryland, College Park and the University of Maryland Eastern Shore, deliver USM research and problem-solving expertise to citizens in 23 Maryland counties and Baltimore City.

The USM is firmly rooted in Maryland, but our reach is boundless. Our institutions welcome thousands of international students to their campuses each year. In addition, the University of Maryland Global Campus delivers education programs at more than 140 locations worldwide through its longstanding partnership with the U.S. military.

USM Overview

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS: 132,186
GRADUATE STUDENTS: 38,944
FACULTY: 16,628
STAFF (VARIOUS CATEGORIES): 25,240
FACILITIES: 100 sites
BUILDINGS: Nearly 1,000, including 20 libraries
OPERATING BUDGET: $5.8 billion (FY 2020)

These are the latest figures available at the time of publication. Data are from the USM Office of Administration and Finance and reflect data presented to the Board of Regents. Student enrollment data are for fall 2020. Operating budget totals (including state appropriations, tuition and fees, and contract and grant revenue) are for FY 2020 and subject to revision. These are the latest figures available at the time of publication.
Leading Maryland to Excellence

The USM creates a dynamic and innovative environment that is helping to power Maryland, the nation, and the world forward. We are guided by our mission to pursue excellence in scholarship and teaching; research and innovation; economic and workforce development; community service; and diversity, equity and inclusion. In each of these areas, the USM is a recognized leader.

Scholarship and Teaching
Outstanding scholarship and teaching are the hallmarks of our USM institutions, which offer nationally- and world-renowned undergraduate, graduate, and professional programs. Recent higher education rankings—from publications such as U.S. News & World Report, MONEY, and Princeton Review—have lauded USM institutions for their high-quality academic programs, innovation, and value. In fact, every eligible degree-granting institution from the USM has been singled out for praise by respected national publications.

Research and Innovation
USM faculty, staff, and students drive discovery across the state and around the globe, advancing research and understanding in many fields, including bioinformatics, cybersecurity, environmental science, food science, artificial intelligence, autonomous vehicles, social sciences, and vaccine development. Under the MPower initiative, the USM’s two largest research institutions—the University of Maryland, Baltimore and the University of Maryland, College Park—generated nearly $1.1 billion in grants and awards during FY2020. Through this unified effort, these two institutions, which now share a single vice president of research, rank in the national top 10 in external research funding.

Economic Growth and Workforce Development
USM institutions have a major impact on economic and workforce development throughout Maryland and the Mid-Atlantic region. Our system is home to three major research parks and ten business incubators that support more than 300 tenants and eleven thousand jobs. In partnership with the State, the USM has launched a $33 million workforce development initiative that will generate 3,000 new high-demand credentials per year in cybersecurity, healthcare, engineering, and other critical and emerging fields. The USM’s Maryland Momentum Fund, an early-stage investment fund supporting promising commercial research at USM campuses, has invested in 18 Maryland startup companies to date.

Community Outreach and Service
The USM is committed to improving Maryland communities by engaging with the citizens who live and work near our universities. Our institutions partner with local public schools, businesses, and nonprofits to strengthen PreK-12 education, improve access to health care, offer cultural programs, and provide other solutions that enhance the quality of life for all. In fact, USM students, staff, and faculty contribute more than two million hours of service to the community each year.

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion
The USM believes that our institutions have a responsibility to advance equity and social justice both on campus and in society as a whole. We strive to create diverse learning environments that welcome and recognize the value of each member of the community. In the past ten years, the USM has achieved a 36 percent increase in enrollment by minority populations and a 65 percent increase in the number of faculty positions held by minority populations. The USM is committed to dismantling structural racism and ensuring that each person receives fair treatment and equitable opportunities.

The USM and the COVID-19 Pandemic: Responding to the Challenge of Our Time
Since the moment the COVID-19 virus hit Maryland, USM institutions have been at the forefront of the response, including research to develop critical vaccines, therapeutics, and diagnostic tests. The USM established the COVID Research & Innovation Task Force to focus our institutions’ expertise and resources on rapidly advancing and scaling solutions to the current pandemic and future crises. Throughout the USM, leading experts in medicine, public health, engineering, information technology, and other key areas are collaborating to find ways to prevent COVID-19 transmission, improve its treatment, inform public health policies, and help communities and businesses recover from the effects of the pandemic.
Bowie State University

Bowie State University (BSU) provides emerging leaders with a strong foundation for success. As the oldest historically black institution in Maryland, BSU has a rich history of excellence in education that empowers students from diverse backgrounds to take charge of their future.

In addition to its 23 undergraduate majors, Bowie State offers 35 master’s, doctoral, and advanced certification programs with specific focus on science, technology, business, education and related disciplines. The campus is located in one of the nation’s most exciting metropolitan areas, within easy reach of Washington, DC, Baltimore, and Annapolis.

FOUNDED: 1900
LOCATION: Baltimore
PRESIDENT: Anthony L. Jenkins
UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS: 2,108
GRADUATE STUDENTS: 240
FOR MORE INFORMATION: 410.951.3000 | coppin.edu

Coppin State University

Founded in 1900, Coppin State University is a modern urban, comprehensive historically black institution. Located in the City of Baltimore, Coppin serves Baltimore residents as well as students from around the world and has a rich history of providing outstanding educational programs and outreach services to local communities. The vibrant and diverse academic community—offering programs in the arts and sciences, teacher education, business, social and behavioral sciences, nursing, and graduate studies—provides a high-quality education at an affordable cost. Coppin offers 53 academic programs, including 32 bachelor’s degrees, 11 master’s programs, nine certificate programs, and one doctorate, and flexible course schedules include convenient day, evening, and weekend classes and distance learning courses.

FOUNDED: 1865
LOCATION: Baltimore
PRESIDENT: Aminta H. Breaux
UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS: 5,354
GRADUATE STUDENTS: 896
FOR MORE INFORMATION: 301.860.4000 | bowiestate.edu

#3 among public historically black colleges and universities (HBCUs) ranked as best-value schools. (Money.com)
One of the nation’s top 100 producers of minority degrees. (Diverse: Issues in Higher Education)
One of the nation’s top 50 HBCUs. (U.S. News & World Report)
Top 20 Best Value University in the nation. (College Consensus)
Top 5 Best Value Online Program in the nation. (Online School Center)
Frostburg State University

Frostburg State University (FSU) is a comprehensive, student-centered institution dedicated to providing a quality education that leads to real-world success. More than 100 innovative programs are offered at the undergraduate, master’s, and doctoral levels at the Western Maryland campus, at sites around Maryland, and online. Frostburg has been recognized as a College of Distinction, a Military Friendly School, and with the President’s Honor Roll for Service. Frostburg State University is one university—with a world of experiences. Members of Frostburg’s diverse student body receive personal attention from excellent professors and have opportunities for prestigious internships, exciting research with faculty, service-learning, and study abroad.

FSU was recognized by Washington Monthly as a “Best Bang for the Buck” and for contributing to the public good in social mobility, research, and public service. By their senior year, 97 percent of FSU students have participated in high-impact activities such as an internship, research with a faculty member, or study abroad. Frostburg serves as a cultural, economic, and workforce development hub of Western Maryland and its surrounding region.

The Princeton Review has ranked SU’s Patricia R. Guerrieri Academic Commons among the top 20 university libraries in the U.S. A record six SU students earned the prestigious Fulbright Award for 2020-21, and The Chronicle of Higher Education has spotlighted SU as a Fulbright Top Producing Institution for three consecutive years. Each year, SU provides $300,000 in support for entrepreneurs and business startups through its Ratcliffe Foundation Shore Hatchery program and Student Entrepreneurship Competitions.

Frostburg State University

Founded: 1898
Location: Frostburg
President: Ronald H. Nowaczyk
Undergraduate Students: 4,119
Graduate Students: 738
For More Information: 301.687.4201 | frostburg.edu

Salisbury University

Salisbury University (SU) is a comprehensive institution located on Maryland’s Eastern Shore offering excellent, affordable education in undergraduate liberal arts, sciences, business, nursing, health sciences, social work, and education as well as applied master’s and doctoral programs. Over the past 15 years, SU has grown in size, become a top producer of Fulbright faculty and students, and been designated by the National Science Foundation as a center for undergraduate research. Consistently ranked one of the nation’s best in quality and value by U.S. News, The Princeton Review, and others, Salisbury University is a Maryland University of National Distinction.

Founded: 1925
Location: Salisbury
President: Charles A. Wight
Undergraduate Students: 7,150
Graduate Students: 974
For More Information: 410.543.6000 | salisbury.edu

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Towson University

Towson University (TU) is recognized as a top public university with a 150-year history of academic excellence and world-changing research. As Greater Baltimore’s largest and Maryland’s fastest-growing university, TU offers more than 110 bachelor’s, master’s, and doctoral degree programs in the liberal arts, sciences, and applied professional fields. With a deep commitment to equity and inclusion, TU is one of only a handful of institutions in the nation where graduation and retention rates are the same for all students. TU is a community-engaged anchor that partners with hundreds of organizations in the region to fuel positive change in communities.

- One of the nation’s top 100 public universities. (U.S. News & World Report)
- The largest producer of undergraduate health professionals in Maryland.
- One of only nine institutions in the U.S. with 85 percent or more of students registered to vote. (Washington Monthly)

University of Baltimore

The University of Baltimore (UB) is located in Baltimore’s Mount Vernon cultural district and offers career-focused education for aspiring and current professionals. The university is actively involved with its surrounding communities through its legal clinics and its centers, including the Schaefer Center for Public Policy; the Sayra and Neil Meyerhoff Center for Families, Children, and the Courts; the Center for Entrepreneurship and Innovation; and The Bob Parsons Veterans Center. Each of its four schools—the Merrick School of Business, the Yale Gordon College of Arts and Sciences, the College of Public Affairs, and the School of Law—plays vital roles in the progress of the city and of the state.

- One-third of Maryland’s state court judges are UB alumni.
- UB is the only campus in the nation to receive the Gold Seal Award from the “ALL IN Campus Democracy Challenge” for its voter participation rate of greater than 70 percent.
- UB’s Division of Student Success and Support Services helps to develop students as citizens and critical thinkers and prepare for careers in an evolving marketplace.
University of Maryland, Baltimore

The University of Maryland, Baltimore (UMB) is the state’s only health, law, and human services university and features six nationally ranked professional schools—medicine, law, dentistry, pharmacy, nursing, and social work—and the interdisciplinary Graduate School. UMB is a leading academic health center, combining cutting-edge biomedical research and exceptional clinical care. The university attracted a record-setting $687.7 million in grants and contracts in Fiscal Year 2020 and its faculty are among the nation’s most productive researchers. The University of Maryland BioPark, Baltimore’s biggest biotechnology cluster, fuels the commercialization of new drugs, diagnostics, and devices, giving more than 1,000 researchers and entrepreneurs space to create and collaborate.

Through its Community Engagement Center and programs such as CURE Scholars, UMB provides its West Baltimore neighbors with access to health care, employment support, and more.

Together with the University of Maryland Medical Center and affiliated physician practices, UMB generates nearly 18,000 jobs and $7 billion in annual economic activity.

The Center for Vaccine Development and Global Health and the Institute of Human Virology are leading the way in the fight against infectious diseases worldwide.

UMBC’s newest facilities—the Interdisciplinary Life Sciences Building, Performing Arts and Humanities Building, and UMBC Event Center—were built with sustainability in mind. One is already LEED Gold certified.

UMBC is among 45 doctoral universities to be named Fulbright Top Producing Institutions and has one of the highest acceptance rates of Fulbright applicants.

UMBC alumni include leaders at all levels, from U.S. surgeon general, to speaker of the Maryland House of Delegates, to Baltimore City health commissioner.
University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science

The University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science (UMCES) is a leading research and educational institution working to understand and manage the world’s resources. Through its network of four regional laboratories—the Appalachian Laboratory in Frostburg, the Chesapeake Biological Laboratory in Solomons, the Horn Point Laboratory in Cambridge, and the Institute of Marine and Environmental Technology in Baltimore—UMCES provides sound scientific advice to help state and national leaders manage the environment and prepares future scientists to meet the global challenges of the 21st century.

- UMCES’ scientists provide unbiased research to inform public policy and key leadership in the Chesapeake Bay restoration effort.
- UMCES works across disciplines in diverse, global settings, seeking solutions that address environmental challenges and improve people’s lives.
- UMCES students work side-by-side with faculty from day one and go on to careers in the public and private sectors, research, and environmental advocacy.

University of Maryland, College Park

The University of Maryland, College Park (UMCP) is USM’s flagship institution and a leading public research university. The only public research university inside the Washington, D.C. Beltway, UMCP has forged strategic partnerships with national institutions and federal agencies to uniquely position the university’s faculty and students. Welcoming students from every U.S. state and 123 countries, UMCP is top-ranked in undergraduate entrepreneurship, hailed as a best value, and is named a top 20 public research institution by U.S. News and World Report. A campus dedicated to excellence in research and academia, UMCP rigorously pursues an inclusive and welcoming environment. It was recently named the No. 1 university in the country for LGBTQ+ students. The university also established the Do Good Institute—a campus-wide hub of social innovation and entrepreneurship—that has made UMCP a global leader in advancing social change, philanthropy, and nonprofit leadership.

- #19 among best public research institutions by U.S. News & World Report
- #11 among Forbes’ Top Public Colleges
- Faculty includes 2 Nobel laureates, 3 Pulitzer Prize winners, 1 Emmy winner, and 1 Tony winner
University of Maryland Eastern Shore

The University of Maryland Eastern Shore (UMES) is a historically black institution and a land-grant university. UMES offers bachelor’s degrees in 37 areas, spanning physical and biological sciences, social and behavioral sciences, engineering, education, mathematics, information technology, humanities, and golf management. Cybersecurity and pharmaceutical sciences are among the 15 master’s degree programs in UMES’ graduate school, which also offers two post-baccalaureate certificates and eight doctoral degrees. UMES provides individuals, including first generation college students, access to a holistic learning environment that fosters multicultural diversity, academic success, and intellectual and social growth. UMES has been recognized for its focus on developing programs to serve critical workforce needs.

University of Maryland Global Campus

University of Maryland Global Campus (UMGC) offers open access with a global footprint and a specific mission: to meet the higher education needs of adult learners whose responsibilities may include jobs, family, and military service. UMGC offers bachelor’s and master’s degrees, a doctoral program, and certificate programs online and at more than 20 locations in the metropolitan area. Offerings include award-winning online programs in high demand disciplines such as biotechnology, cybersecurity, data analytics, and information technology. A global force with a presence in more than 20 countries and territories internationally, UMGC has also served the educational needs of the U.S. military around the world for more than 70 years.

Legend

One of the nation’s top 20 HBCUs (U.S. News & World Report)
The lone land-grant school that awards graduate degrees in the physician assistant and pharmacy fields.
One of 15 HBCUs with Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology credentials.
Legislation signed in 2019 changed the university’s 50-year-old name to University of Maryland Global Campus, reflecting the institution’s public mission and worldwide reach.
UMGC ranked in the top 10 of “Most Innovative Schools” among regional universities by U.S. News & World Report.
UMGC partnered with Amazon to be its premier online education partner, advancing IT skills for thousands of Amazon employees nationwide.
USM Regional Higher Education Centers

USM’s three regional centers are the result of a visionary partnership between USM and campus leaders, elected officials, and business professionals. These are not “satellite” campuses of a single university, but rather conveniently and strategically located sites where multiple universities deliver their most in-demand undergraduate, graduate, professional, and certificate programs. Students at USM regional centers receive their degree from the university in which they enroll, and they benefit from the same curricula, courses, and professors as students pursuing the same program on the university’s main campus.

The Universities at Shady Grove

The Universities at Shady Grove (USG) offers approximately 80 undergraduate and graduate degree programs from nine Maryland public universities on one convenient campus in Montgomery County. USG helps prepare students for rewarding careers in the region’s most high-demand fields such as accounting, biotechnology, cybersecurity, hospitality, nursing, social work, and many more.

University System of Maryland at Hagerstown

University System of Maryland at Hagerstown (USMH) offers more than 20 programs of study from five USM institutions. Since opening in 2005, USMH has added undergraduate and graduate programs over the years, most recently hospitality and tourism management, community health, and physician assistant studies.

University System of Maryland at Southern Maryland

University System of Maryland at Southern Maryland (USMSM) focuses on providing highly-developed and comprehensive academic and professional development educational opportunities, offering 42 degree and certificate programs—primarily offered at the graduate level—from five USM institutions and an additional 63 degree and certificate programs offered by 4 non-USM institutions.
USM Leadership

Board of Regents

A 21-member Board of Regents, including two students, governs the University System of Maryland. Appointed by the governor, president of the Maryland Senate, and the speaker of the Maryland House of Delegates, the regents oversee the system’s academic, administrative, and financial operations; formulate policy; and appoint the USM chancellor and the presidents of the system’s 12 institutions. With their experience in many fields—including education, business, service, and law—regents volunteer their expertise and time to help the university system meet the diverse needs of its students and the state.

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University System of Maryland Office

The USM Office is headquartered in Baltimore and maintains locations in Adelphi, Annapolis, and Columbia. Under the leadership of the chancellor, the system office serves as staff to the Board of Regents, advocates on behalf of the institutions and regional centers, and facilitates collaboration and efficiencies among institutions.

Officers

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University System of Maryland Foundation

The USM Foundation promotes, galvanizes, and supports the advancement of public higher education in Maryland through leadership and engagement in philanthropy, asset management, and stewardship. For more information about the Foundation, visit www.usmf.org.

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1 Public Higher Education System
3 Convenient Regional Education Centers
12 Nationally and World-Renowned Universities

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