University of Missouri System

Pride Points

The mission of the University of Missouri System – the state’s only land-grant, public research and doctoral-level institution – is to discover, disseminate, preserve and apply knowledge. UM facilitates lifelong-learning by its students and Missouri’s citizens; fosters innovation to support economic development; and advances the health, cultural and social interests of Missouri and beyond.

The UM System is focused on affordability and access to financial aid

- With less than a 1 percent increase in tuition for FY16, the UM System remains the national leader in terms of affordable education, and has now increased tuition on average only 2.4% annually the past five years compared to 5.4% by similar institutions in surrounding states.
- The UM System provided $174.7 million in institutional grant aid to undergraduates last year – a nearly $100 million increase from just a decade ago. (The state provided $19.7 million in financial aid to UM students last year.)
- More than 75% of Missouri undergraduate students receive some type of financial aid.

The UM System is committed to academic quality

- The 2014 freshman average ACT score of 26, compared to a national average of 21, while nearly a third of incoming freshmen were in the top 10% of their class.
- Our flagship campus, in Columbia, is one of 34 leading public research universities in the U.S. with membership in the esteemed Association of American Universities.
- Rapidly expanding eLearning program has more than 1,400 courses and 100 degree programs.

The UM System campuses account for 96% of all research by public universities in Missouri

- In FY14, UM campuses attracted $287 million in grants and contracts, and in 2014 received 176 invention disclosures, was issued 53 U.S. patents and formed four startups.
- UM campuses are home to dozens of research centers and institutes, including those that focus on the life sciences, ocular diseases, public policy and materials engineering.
- With $10.8 million in licensing income, UM campuses are among the top 30% of universities in licensing revenue generated from research-developed intellectual property.

The UM System graduates are leading Missouri businesses

- MU: Brett Begemann, President & COO, Monsanto; Brock Bukowsky, Owner, Veterans United Home Loans; Pamela Nicholson, CEO, Enterprise Holdings, Inc.; Rodger Riney, President & CEO, Scottrade, Inc.
- S&T: Thomas Voss, Chairman of the Board, Ameren Corporation; Robert Brinkmann, Founder and CEO, Brinkmann Constructors; Gary Forsee, retired Sprint Chair, President and CEO, and retired UM System President
- UMKC: Esther George, President & CEO, Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City; Steve Bernstein, President & COO, Bernstein-Rein; Julie Wilson, Chief People Officer, Cerner
- UMSL: Warner Baxter, President & CEO, Ameren Missouri; George Paz, Chairman & CEO, ExpressScripts; Sandra Van Trease, Group President, BJC HealthCare