Solution Driven

NC State is one of the nation’s preeminent research institutions, attracting top faculty and students from around the world. Fueled by strong partnerships in both the public and private sectors, NC State’s culture of collaboration inspires faculty and students to confront society’s toughest challenges. For students, every day brings new opportunities to put learning into action and to master the skills they’ll need to succeed in life. The result is a vibrant community, creating economic, societal and intellectual prosperity.

For more NC State facts, visit: ncsu.edu/about-nc-state/quick-view

Academic Excellence

At the core of our success is a focus on academic excellence. The quality of NC State’s students, faculty and staff is exceptional, making the university a national leader in teaching, research and outreach that makes a difference.

- Our graduates leave ready to succeed in the workforce: the Wall Street Journal names NC State graduates in the top 20 most desired by recruiters
- 21 faculty are members of the prestigious National Academies
- 3rd-ranked veterinary school in the country
- 100+ student national scholars and fellows over the last five years, including three Goldwater Scholars, a Udall Scholar and 17 National Science Foundation graduate research fellows in 2014

A Great Value

The value of an NC State education sets us apart from other universities. We are consistently recognized as a best value for our combination of outstanding academic quality and affordability.

- A U.S. News & World Report top-five best value among public universities
- Among a handful of U.S. colleges — and the only one in North Carolina — to be named a top value by Fox Business
- Regularly named by Princeton Review/USA Today and Kiplinger Magazine as a national top-20 best value university
- Because of our value, U.S. News recently ranked us among the top national universities with the lowest debt load for students upon graduation
A Recognized Leader in Higher Education

NC State is one of the nation’s leading universities, recognized for the strength of its scholarship, research and service. Some examples include:

- 10 graduate programs among the top 30 nationally (U.S. News & World Report, 2015)
- 8th in graduate nuclear engineering
- 8th in industry support among all U.S. universities without a medical school
- A top-10 “up-and-comer” among public universities (U.S. News & World Report, 2014)

A Powerhouse for Research, Innovation and Economic Impact

As a major public research university, NC State has the expertise to advance practical knowledge, transfer technology to the private sector and find solutions to the world’s most pressing problems. Our high level of research support attracts top faculty, creates unsurpassed learning opportunities for students, draws industry partners and creates tremendous economic benefit for North Carolina.

- In FY 2012 we expended $404 million in research activities, placing NC State among the most productive U.S. research universities
- The only university in the nation leading two active National Science Foundation Engineering Research Centers
- Generating $1.7 billion statewide in direct annual economic impact
- More than 800 U.S. patents and more than 1,500 worldwide, yielding more than 400 consumer products
- In the top 15 nationally with more than 800 license agreements with industry partners
- 100+ spin-off companies — eight in the last year alone — creating thousands of new jobs in North Carolina and across the nation
- Venture capital topping $1.5 billion

Winning in Competition and in the Classroom

NC State is experiencing a transformation of its athletics program, achieving new levels of success in competition and in the classroom.

- 381 student-athletes were named NC State scholar athletes (GPA of 3.0 or higher)
- Ranked 34th in the national Director’s Cup competitive standings, up 55 spots from 2010

Transformational Alumni

Alumni may leave NC State, but NC State never leaves them. They carry NC State’s mission of education, research and outreach to every field of inquiry and every corner of the globe.

- More than 200,000 living alumni; 120,000 in North Carolina
- Alumni account for $5.6 billion of income in North Carolina annually (2008)
- 64 NC State graduates have gone on to become generals and flag officers in the U.S. military
- Our alumni include a Nobel Peace Prize winner, a former chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and leaders in business, technology, politics, education and a range of other fields

Recent Accolades and Achievements

- From the largest applicant pool in university history, NC State welcomed its academically strongest freshman class ever, with average SAT scores over 1,200 and weighted GPAs over 4.4
- Completed the best fundraising year in university history, raising more than $198 million, including a $10-million gift naming the Prestage Family Department of Poultry Science
- Awarded a five-year, $25 million federal grant to lead a research consortium to combat the spread of nuclear weapons
- Entered into a six-year, $10 million agreement with Eastman Chemical Company to conduct cutting-edge research in chemistry, materials science and other scientific disciplines
- The U.S. Department of Energy has selected NC State to lead the $140 million Next Generation Power Electronics National Manufacturing Innovation Institute
- The Hunt Library was honored with an innovation award in the 2013 AIA/ALA Library Building Awards