

Clemson is South Carolina's major land-grant university. Our mission encompasses teaching, research, service and economic development. The University was founded in 1889 through a bequest from Thomas Green Clemson who believed that the way to rebuild the war-ravaged state was through scientific education. With that goal, Clemson left his home and fortune to the state of South Carolina to create the public institution that bears his name.

- Dr. James P. Clements became 15th president of Clemson University on Dec. 31, 2013.
- Today, Clemson ranks among the nation's top public universities:
 - No. 21 among all national public universities (*U.S. News & World Report*, 2016)
 - No. 8 among "up-and-coming schools" (*U.S. News & World Report*, 2015)
 - One of 11 colleges that make writing a priority across all disciplines (*U.S. News & World Report*, 2016)
 - No. 7 among the nation's top public and private universities whose graduates get the best return on their tuition dollars (*SmartMoney*, 2012)
 - One of 75 best values in public higher education (*The Princeton Review*, 2014)
 - No. 25 among universities that pay you back without aid (*The Princeton Review*, 2015)
 - No. 7 among national universities for operating efficiency (*U.S. News & World Report*, 2015)
 - Accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and School (SACS) and the Accrediting Board for Engineering and Technology Inc. (ABET)
 - No. 29 among public colleges and universities delivering a quality education at an affordable price (*Kiplinger's Personal Finance*, 2015)

STUDENTS

- 21,857 total enrollment (2015-16): 17,260 undergraduate students; 4,597 graduate students
- No. 1 choice of South Carolina's best high school graduates (Palmetto Fellows)
- More than 55 percent of incoming freshmen ranked in the top 10 percent of their high school class
- No. 10 among national public universities for highest ACT scores of incoming freshmen (*U.S. News & World Report*, 2016)
- Average SAT of the 2014 entering freshman class was 1253
- 91 percent of seniors would attend Clemson if they started over again
- 92.4 percent freshman retention rate; 81.8 percent six-year graduation rate
- 42 National Science Foundation (NSF) Graduate Research Fellows, 17 Goldwater Scholars and 8 Fulbright Scholars, 2008-09
- No. 7 in the country for happiest students (*Princeton Review*, 2015)

ACADEMIC OFFERINGS

- More than 80 undergraduate and 110 graduate degree programs offered
- 5 colleges – Agriculture, Forestry and Life Sciences; Architecture, Arts and Humanities; Business and Behavioral Science; Engineering and Science; and Health, Education and Human Development – plus the Eugene T. Moore School of Education
- 8 interdisciplinary academic emphasis areas – advanced materials; automotive and transportation technology; biotechnology and biomedical science; family and community living; general education; information and communications technology; leadership and entrepreneurship; sustainable environment

FACULTY

- 1,121 full-time, permanent faculty
- 88 percent of instructional faculty with Ph.D. or equivalent
- 5 faculty members received the NSF CAREER Award in 2013-2014
- 40 faculty members have been awarded NSF CAREER Awards
- 65 faculty members have been elected Fellows of national or international academic societies since 2000
- 5 Clemson educators are profiled in “The Best 300 Professors” (*Princeton Review*, 2012)
- 17:1 student-to-faculty ratio

RESEARCH

- \$97,534,861 in research expenditures (FY14)
- 20 percent increase in number of Ph.D. degrees awarded over the last five years
- In the top 5 list of university-owned supercomputers in the country (*TOP500.org*, 2014)
- 15 spinoff companies, 147 active patents generating \$28 million in revenue and \$1.29 billion in research awards in the past 10 years

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND PUBLIC SERVICE

- Clemson University-International Center for Automotive Research in Greenville, S.C. – a 250-acre “technopolis” with advanced university research and education programs coupled with industry partners generating over 700 jobs to date, with an additional 2,000 anticipated jobs
- Clemson University Advanced Materials Center in Pendleton, S.C. – an interdisciplinary facility housing state-of-the-art equipment including one of the nation’s most advanced electron microscope facilities
- Clemson University Restoration Institute in North Charleston, S.C. – a magnet for the multi-billion-dollar restoration and renewable energy economy
- 5 major agricultural research and education centers across the state focus on agricultural productivity and sustainability aimed at new and emerging economic opportunities such as bio-fuels and ecological restoration
- Economic and community development extension agents serve every county in South Carolina
- The Center for Workforce Development, funded by the NSF, collaborates with state technical colleges to prepared skilled workers needed by South Carolina’s industries
- 295-acre South Carolina Botanical Garden on campus
- 7 off-campus research centers in South Carolina and educational programs in Charleston, S.C.; Genoa, Italy; Brussels, Belgium; and the island of Dominica

ALUMNI

- More than 140,000 living alumni
- No. 6 in the country in alumni giving among national public universities (*U.S. News & World Report*, 2015)
- 96 Clemson clubs and special-interest groups in the U.S. and abroad

ATHLETICS

- National Collegiate Athletic Association Division 1 school
- 9 men’s and 10 women’s intercollegiate sports
- No. 5 among colleges where “everyone plays intramural sports” (*Princeton Review*, 2016)

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