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. 23 among all national public universities (U.S. News & World Report, 2017)
  - One of 11 colleges that make writing a priority across all disciplines (U.S. News & World Report, 2016)
  - Named No. 12 best public college and No. 21 among all public and private colleges by Money magazine in 2016-2017 for offering a great education, at an affordable price, that prepares students for rewarding careers.
  - 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. 24 for Best Public College Value, delivering a quality education at an affordable price (Kiplinger’s Personal Finance, 2016)
  - Clemson is ranked R1, “Doctoral Universities-highest research activity,” by the Carnegie Classification of Institutions of Higher Education.

STUDENTS
- 22,698 total enrollment (2015-16): 18,016 undergraduate students; 4,682 graduate students
- No. 1 choice of South Carolina’s best high school graduates (Palmetto Fellows)
- More than 56 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, 2017)
- Average SAT of the 2016 entering freshman class was 1251
- 92 percent of seniors would attend Clemson if they started over again
- 91.3 percent freshman retention rate; 81 percent six-year graduation rate
- 18 National Science Foundation (NSF) Graduate Research Fellows, 7 Goldwater Scholars, 6 Gilman Scholarship winners and 8 Fulbright Scholars, 2013-2016
- No. 3 in the country for “Their Students Love These Colleges,” (Princeton Review, 2017)
- No. 11 in the country for happiest students (Princeton Review, 2017)

ACADEMIC OFFERINGS
- 80 undergraduate and more than 110 graduate degree programs offered
- 7 colleges – Agriculture, Forestry and Life Sciences; Architecture, Arts and Humanities; Business; Science; Engineering, Computing and Applied Sciences; Education; Behavioral, Social and Health Sciences
- 6 interdisciplinary academic research emphasis areas – advanced materials; cyber-infrastructure, analytics and big data science; energy, transportation and advanced manufacturing; human resilience; health innovation; sustainable environment
ClemsonForward will position Clemson for the next 50 years and make an impact on real issues facing the people of our state and nation. Clemson Forever supports the goals of ClemsonForward through its unrelenting mission to strengthen the University by building a solid financial base of private giving, providing exemplary stewardship of those gifts and clearly communicating to donors the impact of their gift and the gratitude of the Clemson Family.

FACULTY
- 1,431 full-time, permanent faculty
- 87 percent of instructional faculty with Ph.D. or equivalent
- 4 faculty members received the NSF CAREER Award in 2015-2016
- 44 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)
- 17:1 student-to-faculty ratio

RESEARCH
- Total amount spent on all sponsored activity in FY2015 was $73.1M, an increase of nearly 5 percent since FY2013
- Since 2010, the number of master’s degrees awarded increased 30.8 percent while the number of doctoral degrees awarded increased 22.2 percent.
- 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
- 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 145,000 living alumni
- No. 6 in the country in alumni giving among national public universities (U.S. News & World Report, 2017)
- 90 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. 10 among colleges where “everyone plays intramural sports” (Princeton Review, 2017)