OUR STORY

UNC Greensboro creates remarkable real-world impact, every day.

You see it every day. In the hard work, inventive ideas and powerful collaborations that define our communities. In schools, hospitals and businesses. The everyday and extraordinary achievements that add up to the remarkable impact of UNC Greensboro.

You see it in our students – those who have excelled their entire lives and those bursting with potential that needs to be cultivated. Students from right next door and around the globe share a beautiful and growing campus seamlessly woven into our community and deeply connected to our city. UNC Greensboro is home to a rich array of students who find one thing in common – a welcoming campus, and a place to belong, thrive and achieve their best, each in their own way. Here they immerse themselves in a transformative experience that combines rigorous learning with tenacious, intentional support. They develop their abilities, deepen their understanding and hone their work ethic.

You see it in faculty who – in the classroom, the lab and the community – create and share the knowledge that makes our region and our world healthier, more vibrant and more prosperous. Faculty with the vision to do great research, and the commitment to be great teachers.

You see it in the engagement of our faculty, staff and students with our hometown – in the center of our state – where we are an engine of prosperity, innovation, creativity and service.

It is as true today as it has been since 1891: UNC Greensboro is relentlessly focused on helping each student unleash their potential and make a meaningful impact with their life, in our community and around the world, every day.
ABOUT UNC GREENSBORO

UNC Greensboro opened its doors as a college for women on Oct. 5, 1892, with 198 students, 15 faculty members and three academic departments: commercial, domestic science and pedagogy. In 1932, it became one of the “original 3” institutions to form the UNC System. The University flourished as the Woman’s College until 1964, when it expanded to include men and began an era of expansion.

Now, UNC Greensboro is a growing higher-research university as classified by the Carnegie Foundation, with noted strengths in health and wellness, visual and performing arts, nursing and education.

With more than 20,000 students and 2,800 faculty and staff members representing more than 90 nationalities, UNC Greensboro is one of the most diverse universities in the state. UNC Greensboro has been honored as a military-friendly institution and recognized as a minority-serving university – nearly half of the student body are people of color.

UNC Greensboro is committed to creating transformational experiences for its students. It is a member of the prestigious Gates Foundation “Frontier Set” to drive success for low-income, first-generation students, as well as students of color – a clear recognition of its tenacious commitment to student success. It has been recognized by the Education Trust for closing the achievement gap between white and African American students and has been featured in The Chronicle of Higher Education for its innovative work around student success.

With a new five-year strategic plan focused on transforming students and improving graduation rates for low-income, underrepresented, first-generation and rural students, UNC Greensboro is poised to take giant steps forward, emerge as one of the state’s strongest, most productive institutions, and meet the needs of students and communities for years to come.
FACTS

GROWTH
- 20,106 students enrolled in fall 2018
- 11% increase in enrollment since 2013
- 5 consecutive years of enrollment growth
- New Millennial Campus initiative with two districts: Health and Wellness and Visual and Performing Arts

STUDENT BODY
- 16,598 undergraduates
- 3,465 graduate students
- 38% first generation students
- 51% of undergraduates are Pell grant eligible
- 51% of students are racial minorities
- Top 3 in UNC System for Hispanic/Latino enrollment

ACADEMICS
- 100+ undergraduate areas of study
- 100+ master’s and doctoral programs
- 18:1 student-to-faculty ratio
- 187 spaces dedicated to hands-on learning
- 450+ students study abroad
- 700+ undergraduates conduct faculty-sponsored research
- Multiple co-admissions programs with NC community colleges
- $1.2 million UNCG-McNair Scholars Program prepares first-generation, low-income and underrepresented undergraduate students for doctoral studies

UNC Greensboro graduates 400+ educators and 300+ nurses every year.

CAMPUSS LIFE
- 250+ student groups
- 17 Division I athletic teams
- 7 living-learning communities; 3 residential colleges
- 1 million community service hours

RESEARCH
- More than $35 million in external funding annually
- I-Corps Site – one of just four in the state – in conjunction with N.C., A&T
- One of only 50 doctoral universities in the nation classified by the Carnegie Foundation for higher research activity and community engagement

STATEWIDE IMPACT
- $1 billion economic impact in Piedmont Triad
- 94% of undergraduates are from North Carolina
- 75% of alumni stay in North Carolina
- 35,000 alumni live within 25 miles; 80,000 within 100 miles
- Alumni will grow by 50,000 in the next decade

FACTS

“At UNCG there is no completion gap between Black and White students. What’s even more impressive is that when compared with comparable institutions …UNCG’s Black student graduation rate is 18.6 percentage points higher.” – The Education Trust

U.S. News and World Report’s “Best Colleges”
28 straight years

Princeton Review’s “The Best 382 Colleges”
20 straight years

College Choice’s “25 Best Colleges in North Carolina”
Top 3 in NC