Mason’s tuition and room and board rates are lower than the state average for four-year schools, an unexpected benefit when coupled with our status as the largest public research institution in Virginia.

Students who invest in their future at Mason become part of one of the Top 50 public colleges in the nation and study with world-renowned faculty who lead the way in their respective fields. Mason’s campus offers the best of a large university atmosphere—22 NCAA Division I teams, 460+ student groups, and daily activities and events—yet carries the feeling of a small school where every student can make a difference.
The more you learn, the more you earn. Based on data from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics*, college graduates earn $26,000 more per year than high school graduates. That’s almost $780,000 over a 30-year career. Higher education carries lifelong benefits.

The data also shows Mason graduates earn a starting salary higher than the average of their counterparts at any other Virginia public university. Plus, 84 percent of Mason graduates start working in positions directly related to their career goals.

**Attending Mason is about common sense as much as it is about common cents.**

### 2019-20 Tuition and Fees

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Federal Work Study

Flexible part-time jobs, either on Mason’s campus or with university partners, can help with the expense of college and build experience that aligns with your future career goals. Need-based aid is made available to students who have submitted the required FAFSA form. Students must apply and interview for positions that are part of the work-study program. Jobs are limited and should be sought as early as possible.

Earning potential varies and work is capped at 20 hours per week, while classes are in session, and 29 hours during breaks. Students can use paychecks for tuition, fees, room and board or day-to-day living expenses.

Eligibility and Important Dates

Students must complete the FAFSA form each year they attend Mason. Tuition assistance can vary year-to-year and there are deadlines for submitting the required documents.

15 JANUARY
FRESHMAN FAFSA DEADLINE
Whether you plan to teach or simply know the direction your career is headed in, you can make quick work of your graduate studies and earn two degrees in five years. Applicants get their graduate application fee waived, and admitted students may obtain both a bachelor’s and a master’s degree after satisfactory completion of 144 to 150 credits. (The number of required credits depends on the degree program.)

Get Ahead with an Accelerated Master’s Program

MARCH 1
TRANSFER FAFSA DEADLINE

MORE THAN 25 DIFFERENT ACCELERATED MASTER’S PROGRAMS
Scholarships for Entering Students

Both one-time and continuing merit scholarships are awarded by the Office of Admissions to eligible admitted students. Eligibility can be based on a number of factors, including GPA, standardized testing (if applicable) and degree program. Students who apply by the November 1 deadline are automatically considered for these awards. Application information will be distributed to continuing Mason students each year.

Grants

Mason participates in multiple need-based federal and state-funded grant programs that can assist first-year and transfer students. Grants are based in part on academic achievement and expected family contributions. They do not have to be repaid and often come with standards of attainment in order to be renewed.

- Federal Pell Grants
- Federal Supplementary Educational Opportunity Grant

Outside Scholarships

Tuition assistance is available through a wide array of local, state and national awards that reduce the cost of attendance. The general rule is to apply early and seek as many scholarships as possible. The Mason Admissions and Student Financial Aid Offices maintain a list of specific resources our students can access to pay for college.

The Out-of-State-Grant

This grant is based on your demonstrated level of need, which is determined after your FAFSA is filed each year. This grant will be prorated if your enrollment drops below full-time. Students must also meet the following conditions:

- Demonstrate financial need as determined by the FAFSA
- Maintain Satisfactory Academic Progress Standards
- Maintain out-of-state residency

More than 60% of Mason students receive financial aid.
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