We enlighten and inspire, build on human discovery, and transform the future.
The Jayhawk community is united by tradition and by our commitment to creating a better world.

The University of Kansas is a major public research university and one of just 62 members of the prestigious Association of American Universities (AAU).

PROVIDING HEALING AND RESEARCH
The KU Cancer Center is one of 70 National Cancer Institute-designated cancer centers in the United States, allowing Kansas and regional patients to be treated with the best care close to home.

PROMOTING HEALTHY BRAIN AGING
The KU Alzheimer's Disease Center is one of only 29 NIH-designated centers.

FINDING TECHNOLOGY SOLUTIONS
KU research has led to 39 active startup companies. Businesses have entered into 137 active license agreements to commercially use KU inventions.

ENLISTING RENEWABLE ENERGY
Beginning in 2020, all of the university's electric power will be supplied by a Kansas wind farm.
We consistently earn high rankings for academics and recognition as a premier research university.

9 other graduate programs rank in the top 10 among public universities:
- Education
- Family medicine
- Occupational therapy
- Petroleum engineering
- Physical therapy
- Public affairs
- Public management and leadership
- Speech-language pathology
- Urban planning and policy

48 programs rank in the top 50.

U.S. News & World Report rankings

#1 overall local government management

#1 among public universities special education

3 Top 50 online programs: nursing, graduate education, MBA

KU is ranked 30th among public universities for Best Value Schools.

Winning federal funds

School of Pharmacy ranks #4 in NIH research funding ($11 million) and has been in the top 10 for 23 consecutive years.

Supporting our veterans

For the second year in a row, Military Times has ranked KU as the #5 best college for veterans and military-affiliated students.
$6.3 million in federal education grants will help KU centers for international studies and foreign language studies to enhance instruction and outreach for students in an increasingly interconnected world.

With a $17.6 million grant from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, KU researchers are part of an international project to cut the cost in developing countries to fight diseases like hepatitis B, HIV, human papillomavirus, malaria, and rotavirus. Researchers from KU, MIT, and University College London are collaborating to create new vaccine manufacturing approaches to lower the cost to less than 15 cents per dose.

KU will be able to provide research and increased awareness of chronic health conditions among African and African-descendant populations with a prestigious $225,000 Andrew W. Mellon Foundation Sawyer Seminar Award. The 2019-20 seminar will provide eight scholarly lectures and four performances at sites across Kansas.

KU’s National Security Laboratory, a 7,000-square-foot facility in the Bioscience & Technology Business Center, will expand KU’s research portfolio in federal defense contracts to as much as $20 million in upcoming years. The NSL can house sensitive engineering, computer science, and cybersecurity research equipment, including radar, remote sensing, unmanned aerial vehicles, signal processing, and sensors.

$17.2 million federal education grant allows KU’s SWIFT Education Center to train 70 principals and boost school achievement in high-needs schools across the country.

We push the boundaries of knowledge and create solutions through innovative research.

A new ultrasensitive diagnostic device invented by researchers at the University of Kansas, the KU Cancer Center, and KU Medical Center could allow doctors to detect cancer quickly from a droplet of blood or plasma, leading to timelier interventions and better outcomes for patients.

The "lab-on-a-chip" for "liquid biopsy" analysis detects exosomes — tiny parcels of biological information produced by tumor cells to stimulate tumor growth or metastasize.

A $335,000 grant from the National Science Foundation will enable KU geologists and engineers to better understand earthquakes and to help build safer structures in earthquake-prone Nepal.

KU scientists colead a $20 million National Science Foundation project to study the microbiomes of aquatic, plant, and soil systems across Kansas.

$236.1 million in externally funded research in FY 2017

60+ interdisciplinary research centers and institutes
Our highly ranked faculty provides the foundation for arts, scholarly research, and technology innovation.

FACULTY IN NATIONAL ACADEMIES AND ASSOCIATIONS:
1 - National Academy of Medicine
5 - National Academy of Engineering
3 - National Academy of Sciences
5 - National Academy of Inventors
6 - National Academy of Public Administrators
48 - American Association for the Advancement of Science Fellows

In 1958, KU established its merit-based Distinquished Professorship program to honor outstanding faculty who rank among the top teaching scholars in their fields.

In 2014, KU established 12 prestigious Foundation Distinguished Professorships to ensure it remains a top-tier public international research university.

KU professor Sarah Deer has been chosen for the National Women’s Hall of Fame for her work on federal laws to protect Native American women from violence. Deer, a professor with joint appointments in women, gender, and sexuality studies, and in public affairs and administration, was named a MacArthur Fellow in 2014. Her work has also been recognized by the American Bar Association and the Department of Justice.

JOANNA SLUSKY, assistant professor of molecular biosciences and computational biology, is continuing her efforts with an NIH early career award of $2.3 million to advance innovative research into antibiotic resistance.

JIM THORP, professor of ecology and evolutionary biology, is the lead principal investigator for a five-year, $4.2 million National Science Foundation funded project to study and compare the river macrosystems of North America and Asia. Researchers from nine universities in the U.S. and Mongolia will continue the project through 2020.

KEVIN WILLMOTT, professor of film and media studies, won an Oscar for best adapted screenplay for co-writing “BlacKkKlansman,” a film based on the memoir of a black Colorado Springs police detective who infiltrated the Ku Klux Klan. Willmott and co-writer Spike Lee are collaborating on another film, “Da 5 Bloods,” a drama about black Vietnam War veterans.

CHRISTOPHE ROYON, Foundation Distinguished Professor of physics and astronomy, has won the Humboldt Research Award, the highest scientific award given by the German government. Royon’s work in Germany focuses on the small-scale structure and high-energy interactions of protons and nuclei.
Our students create a vibrant and diverse community, inspiring each other toward success.

KU’s 45-plus sororities and fraternities regularly perform in Rock Chalk Revue, a campuswide variety show, now in its 70th year, which has raised more than $1 million for Douglas County charities.

27
Rhodes scholars

474
Fulbright grants

65
Goldwater scholars

1ST PLACE DESIGN FOR PROBING PLUTO
A team of 10 aerospace engineering students earned first place in an international American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics competition for designing a space probe that could travel 4.67 billion miles to Pluto in 22 years. KU students have earned more first, second, and third-place AIAA awards than any other university in the world.

EXCELling TOGETHER
The School of Pharmacy’s 2018 graduating class posted a 100 percent pass rate on the North American Pharmacist Licensure Exam.

KU at a glance

28,510
Total enrollment

7,214
degrees granted
in 2017-18

2018 FRESHMAN CLASS
Composite ACT: 25.8 (national average: 22.7)
Diversity: 22.2% minority

KU provides $379 million in financial aid to nearly 22,000 undergraduates and graduate students.

13 academic schools
offering over 420 degree & certificate programs

Architecture & Design
Law
Arts*
Liberal Arts & Sciences
Business
Medicine
Education
Music
Engineering
Nursing
Health Professions
Pharmacy
Journalism & Mass Communications
Public Affairs & Administration*
Languages, Literatures & Cultures*
Social Welfare

* A unit of the College of Liberal Arts & Sciences

PRIVATE GIVING
Established in 1891, KU Endowment was the fundamental prototype for public college and university foundations in the U.S.

In the 2018 fiscal year, KU Endowment provided $191 million in direct support to KU through private philanthropy, strengthening virtually every aspect of the university.
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