

Excellence, Leadership & Service

- Every USM institution has been ranked among the nation's best by publications such as *U.S. News & World Report*, *Kiplinger's*, *The Princeton Review*, *Washington Monthly*, and others.
- The USM Effectiveness and Efficiency (E&E) initiative has resulted in cumulative direct budget savings of nearly \$600 million.
- The USM has maintained favorable debt ratings from bond-rating agencies, including a rating of Aa1 from Moody's Investors Service, saving millions of dollars annually compared to a less favorable rating.
- Every year, faculty, staff, and students from USM institutions contribute millions of hours to Maryland communities through cultural programs, legal and medical clinics, partnerships with public schools and the business community, and other initiatives.



12 INSTITUTIONS 3 REGIONAL CENTERS 1 SYSTEM OFFICE

UNIVERSITIES

Bowie State University
Coppin State University
Frostburg State University
Salisbury University
Towson University
University of Baltimore
University of Maryland, Baltimore
University of Maryland, Baltimore County
University of Maryland, College Park
University of Maryland Eastern Shore
University of Maryland Global Campus
University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science

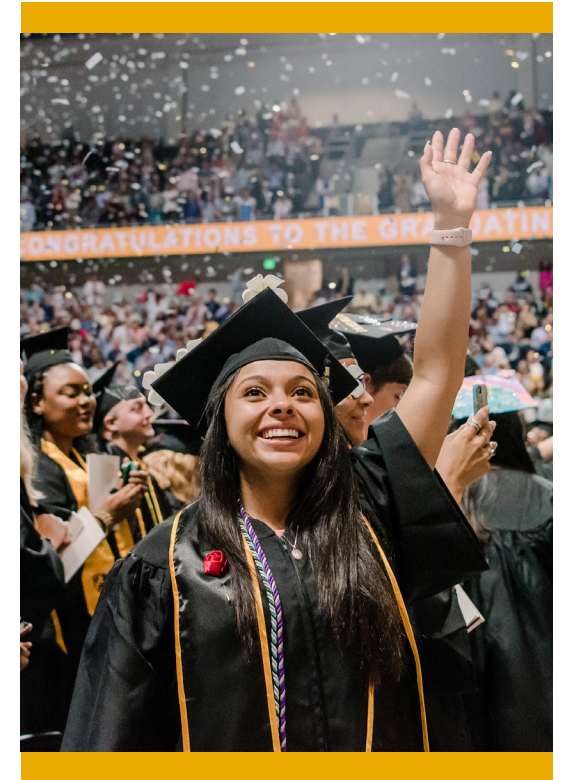
REGIONAL CENTERS

Universities at Shady Grove
University System of Maryland at Hagerstown
University System of Maryland at Southern Maryland

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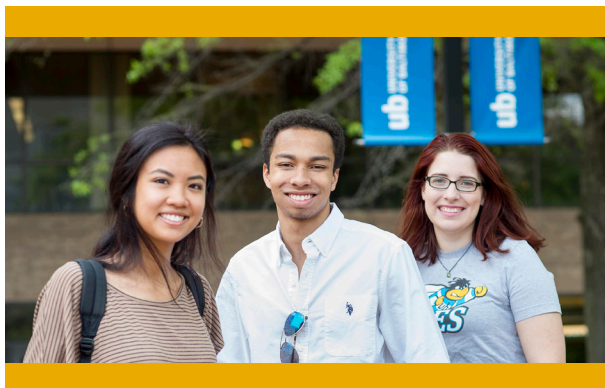
The University System of Maryland (USM) is the state's public higher education system, consisting of twelve universities, three regional higher education centers, and a system office working together to help lead Maryland toward new opportunities and a brighter future.

Access, Retention, Completion & Inclusion

- More than 170,000 students were enrolled in USM institutions in Fall 2019.
- For first-time, full-time freshmen, USM's average second-year retention rate stands at 87 percent and USM's average six-year graduation rate stands at a 72 percent, both record highs.
- USM institutions award 78 percent of all bachelor's degrees in Maryland, awarding more than 27,000 bachelor's degrees last year, a 36 percent increase over the past 10 years.
- USM institutions awarded 41,758 total degrees last year.
- Last year, underrepresented minority students (African American/Black, Hispanic, American Indian, and Native Hawaiian) accounted for 36 percent of the USM's undergraduates, earning 8,351 bachelor's degrees.
- In total, 50 percent of USM undergraduates are underrepresented or other minorities.

Affordability

- 15 years ago, Maryland had the 6th highest tuition and fees in the nation. Today, in-state tuition and fees for public four-year institutions have dropped to the 24th highest—and are now below the national average.
- Almost half of all USM undergraduate students graduate without any tuition debt.
- For several years, the USM has limited tuition increases to a modest 2 percent for in-state, undergraduate students.
- Last year, the USM awarded \$161 million in institutional financial aid and more than half of this institutional aid was awarded to students with unmet financial need.
- The Maryland Open Source Textbook initiative has saved approximately 65,000 students more than \$10 million in textbook costs.



Economic Growth & Workforce Development

- USM institutions are awarded more than \$1.4 billion in external research funding annually.
- The USM includes three research parks supporting 275 tenants and 9,800 jobs, as well as 10 business incubator/co-working facilities with 174 corporate tenants.
- Over the past 10 years, the USM has generated more than 700 new startup companies.
- The Maryland Momentum Fund, an early-stage investment fund in USM-connected companies, has made 10 investments totaling \$3 million, matched by more than five-to-one with almost \$16 million from co-investors.
- Last year the USM awarded 11,588 STEM degrees, including more than 7,200 cyber degrees and almost 4,000 healthcare profession degrees.
- The USM-State Workforce Development Initiative is on track to generate an additional 3,000 new STEM and healthcare graduates per year.