

## **About the University of Missouri-St. Louis**

The University of Missouri-St. Louis (UMSL) is a premier, public research university providing access to quality and affordable education and research opportunities to a diverse student body. Founded in 1963, UMSL serves over 16,000 students from 49 states and over 70 countries. UMSL occupies a unique role among public research institutions. Over 75% of its alumni live and work in St. Louis, making the institution a vital and trusted workforce development partner for the region. Over 76% of undergraduate students come to UMSL as transfer students from regional community colleges, among the highest of all U.S. institutions.

Designated by the Carnegie classification system of higher education as a doctoral university with high research activity, in 2019, UMSL had \$27 million in research expenditures. UMSL has top ranked programs in Biology, Business, Nursing, Philosophy, and Psychological Sciences. UMSL is particularly strong in the social sciences including its Criminology and Criminal Justice program, which consistently ranks in the top five programs nationally. UMSL's world-class researchers actively collaborate across disciplines to generate new knowledge and translate research into practice to improve people's lives in real and tangible ways.

As a metropolitan land-grant institution, UMSL serves a critical role in preparing the workforce of the future, enhancing economic development, strengthening communities, fostering inclusion, and extending the reach of the university to citizens in all corners of the state and beyond. This impact is consistently recognized by UMSL's designation as a community-engaged institution by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching – one of only 119 such institutions in the U.S to receive this prestigious designation in the most recent cycle.

UMSL is driven by its powerful mission to transform student lives. UMSL leadership, faculty, and staff demonstrate an unwavering commitment to helping underrepresented students, particularly veterans and active military, first generation, low income, adult students, student parents, and students with disabilities to persist and complete college. UMSL was recently recognized by U.S. News and World Report as one of the top 100 colleges and universities in the U.S. for improving social mobility for its success in graduating low-income students, and was also ranked 5<sup>th</sup> nationally by Great Value Colleges as a best college for adult education. Over 94% of recent graduates employed or enrolled in graduate or professional school.