QUICK FACTS

Nation’s 1st public university – only public university to award degrees in the 18th century

18,862 undergraduates
11,049 graduate & professional students
8,765 staff
3,887 faculty

77 bachelor’s
111 master’s
65 doctorate
7 professional degree programs

322,000+ alumni living in 50 states and D.C. and 165 countries; more than 175,000 live in N.C.

Two Nobel Laureates:
Dr. Aziz Sancar, co-recipient of the 2015 Nobel Prize in Chemistry, and Dr. Oliver Smithies (1925-2017), co-recipient of the 2007 Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine

40,926 applicants to class of 2021 – 12th consecutive record of first-year applicants – 13.7% increase over 2016

13:1 student-faculty ratio
87% of classes have fewer than 50 students

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

Nearly one-third of Carolina undergraduates study in other countries before graduation – one of the highest study abroad rates among public universities nationwide – with 350+ programs in 70 countries

Two national championship teams (men’s basketball and women’s lacrosse) were among 16 teams to post perfect 1000 scores in the NCAA’s Academic Progress Rates for 2015–2016

Carolina athletics placed 5th in the 2016–2017 Learfield Directors’ Cup ranking of best collegiate athletic programs

- 49 Rhodes Scholars since the program began in 1904
- 38 Luce Scholars for internship in Asia – highest in the U.S. (as of 2017)
- 47 Goldwater Scholars, including 32 since 2000
- More than 250 Fulbright Student Program Awards for global research and study since 1973

WORLD-CLASS EDUCATION

among the 100 best U.S. public colleges and universities that offer students high-quality academics at an affordable price, according to Kiplinger’s Personal Finance magazine for the 17th time

- 3rd best public university in The Wall Street Journal/Times Higher Education rankings 2018
- 5th best public university in U.S. News & World Report’s 2018 “Best Colleges” guidebook for the 17th year
- 11th best public in Forbes’ “2017 America’s Top Colleges” rankings
- 1st – Eshelman School of Pharmacy tops U.S. News & World Report’s 2017 graduate rankings
- 7th overall in best undergraduate business programs in Bloomberg Businessweek’s 2016 rankings
RESEARCH & INNOVATION

Carolina’s research enterprise has doubled in the last decade, securing UNC-Chapel Hill’s prominence as a top national research university.

6th among research universities for federal funding ($632.4 million) devoted to research and development in all fields.

11th in annual research volume among U.S. public and private universities, according to the National Science Foundation.

767 UNC-Chapel Hill research projects directly addressed the health, education or well-being of N.C. citizens in 2016, attracting $242 million in funding.

11 winners – most in UNC-Chapel Hill history – of the National Science Foundation’s Early Career Development Awards for junior faculty members; combined grants worth $5.9 million.

Over $1 billion reached in annual research expenditures at Carolina.

ACCESSIBILITY

For over a decade, The Carolina Covenant has offered more than 6,500 lower-income students who earn admission the opportunity to graduate debt-free.

100% Carolina meets all of the documented need of undergraduates who apply for financial aid on time.

One of the 30 founding members of the American Talent Initiative, which aims to attract, enroll and graduate 50,000 additional high-achieving, lower-income high school students at the 270 colleges and universities with the highest graduation rates by 2025.

DIVERSITY

Received the 2017 Higher Education in Diversity Award from INSIGHT Into Diversity — oldest, largest, diversity-focused publication in higher education.

Created 21 need-based undergraduate awards and graduate fellowships in 2016 named after noteworthy “firsts” to honor those from various backgrounds that make up our rich Carolina community.

OUTREACH & SERVICE

56 advisers of the Carolina College Advising Corps are serving 77 N.C. high schools in the 2017–18 academic year to help students find colleges where they will thrive.

Peace Corps ranks Carolina 7th in 2017 list of top volunteer-producing large colleges and universities.

Named to the 2015 President’s Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll; during 2014-2015, students, faculty and staff engaged in 1.08 million hours of public service.