Today, complex social challenges will be addressed at the interfaces of the disciplines and through collaborative work. Essential to this is the coupling of basic scholarship with experiential learning, applied solution-oriented work, and external partners. Comprehensive research universities are uniquely capable of achieving this coupling, which is essential to high performance in American creativity and innovation. University research has built the intellectual and economic basis for societal well-being in our nation which is today the aspirational ideal of other nations around the world.

**SCHOLARSHIP**

12,000 faculty & staff

$26M corporate partners research awards

$311M sponsored research awards

$5.3B endowment

1.5 M square ft. of research, laboratory, and studio space

2 research parks

1 national laboratory headquarters: National Radio Astronomy Laboratory

20 members of the national academies (NAE, NAS, IOM)

**TOTAL RESEARCH**

$311 million

UVa’s federal ($199 M)

UVa is the No. 2 best public university in the 2014 edition of the U.S. News and World Report rankings. Princeton Review ‘Best Value’ Rankings Lists UVa as No. 1 Public university. UVa’s faculty embody Jefferson’s vision of having the best scholars in the nation. Our federal research expenditures are 8.2 times the combined state and institutional research expenditures, compared with a national average of all public universities of only 2.7 times (NSF survey data). UVa is #1 among our peer group in this research performance metric.

UVa’s 10 highest-ranking science and engineering programs spanning 3 of our schools (SOM, CLAS, and SEAS) had rankings of #4-#16 among national peers, in the U.S. National Research Council’s recent research activity rankings. UVa’s architecture school has programs ranked between #3-#6 nationally (not treated explicitly by the NRC). Nursing hosts a top 10 PhD. program, and UVa conducts research in four top 10-ranked schools of business, commerce & law.

**11 SCHOOLS**

Architecture

Education

Arts & Sciences

Engineering

Public Policy

Law

Commerce

Nursing

Darden
CORPORATE PARTNERSHIPS

$26M in annual corporate research funding.

UVa enjoys a vibrant group of corporate partners, providing real work experiences for students and shared research with faculty.

Advanced manufacturing, led by a major Rolls-Royce consortium, the CCAM (Commonwealth Center for Advanced Manufacturing) and AstraZeneca, working with the to develop innovative treatments for cardiovascular disease are two examples of these promising partnerships.

COLLABORATION

OpenGrounds serves as a catalyst for creative cross-disciplinary scholarship at the University, connecting fellows, faculty, students and partners across disciplines to collaborate, and inspire creative action that makes impact on the world. A state-of-the-art studio space on the Corner was launched in March 2012 and expanded in 2014.

what we did

615 events were held, including sponsored programs, performances, flash seminars, workshops, retreats, OpenTables, receptions, and dinners.

who participated

750 faculty & staff who organized, hosted, and engaged in programming.

50 departments and 75 university organizations were participants or contributors at OpenGrounds.

4,494 people attended the OpenGrounds-initiated exhibition, Ariel Adams: A Legacy, setting an attendance record for The Fralin Museum of Art.

who partnered

7 Alliance for Arts in Research Universities
Federal Executive Institute
Global Water Games
Hearst Business Media
The Phillips Collection
U.S. Department of State
Vonage

$83,000 in prizes and scholarships were disbursed.

who benefited

36 universities and institutions have requested information about what OpenGrounds is doing and how they are benefiting it.

LICENSING & VENTURES GROUP

Advancing promising UVa research discoveries to the marketplace through licenses with industry and new venture formation. 862 jobs created, 50+ active spin out companies formed 342 products in development or on the market, 92 UVa Interns.

The UVa Economic Development Accelerator (UVEDA), is a program to enhance proof-of-concept research, promote economic development, and accelerate university innovations. Private, federal, and foundation contributions will match a $1 million investment by the Commonwealth to develop products, build companies, and create jobs.

BIG DATA

Harvesting information, understanding the world, and transforming society will be increasingly achieved via quantitative analyses of large and complex data. UVa’s strategic new “Big Data” initiative brings together the computational, analytic, and big data research communities at UVa. Over 170 faculty and UVa’s executive leadership have been involved in this emerging effort. A master’s of data science degree program will be in place by fall.

GRADUATE STUDIES

6,500 graduate students: 81 master’s degrees in 65 fields, 57 doctoral degrees in 55 fields, 6 education specialist degrees, and first professional degrees in law and medicine.

UNDERGRADUATE

14,867 students 64% of undergrads have research experience.

100+ CENTERS

Such as the Robert M. Berne Cardiovascular Research Center • Cancer Center • NanoStar • Miller Center • Center of Advanced Student of Teaching and Learning • Weldon Cooper Center for Public Service • Tibet Center • and many others.