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The University of Massachusetts has been providing high quality educational opportunities for Massachusetts residents and for students and faculty from all over the world for more than 140 years.

Mission

The University's mission is to provide an affordable and accessible education of high quality and to conduct programs of research and public service that advance knowledge and improve the lives of the people of the Commonwealth, the nation, and the world.

History

The University was established in 1863 as the Massachusetts Agricultural College, located in Amherst. It became known as the Massachusetts State College in 1932 and in 1947 became the University of Massachusetts. The Worcester and Boston campuses were established in 1962 and 1964, respectively. The Lowell and Dartmouth campuses (previously the University of Lowell and Southeastern Massachusetts University, respectively) were consolidated into the University under Chapter 142 of the acts of 1991.

Governance

The University of Massachusetts is governed by:

- A single [Board of Trustees](#) composed of 19 voting members and three non-voting members.
- The [President](#) of the University (located in Boston) oversees the five-campus system.
- Chancellors located at each University of Massachusetts campus:
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Funding

University of Massachusetts funding sources are diverse and consist of the annual state appropriation from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, student tuition and fee revenues and research grant funding from federal, state and private sources.

The University generates revenue through:

- [Commercial Ventures and Intellectual Property](#) division
- [UMassOnline](#) and
- Continuing and Corporate Education programs.

The University of Massachusetts [Foundation](#) manages endowment funds received from private donors and matching funds provided by the state government.

Accreditation

The University of Massachusetts campuses (Amherst, Boston, Dartmouth, Lowell and Worcester) are accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges, which accredits schools in the six New England states. Membership in the Association indicates that the institution has been carefully evaluated and found to meet standards agreed upon by qualified educators. Many of each campus' schools and colleges are also accredited by discipline-specific agencies.

System Wide Facts and Figures

The University's Institutional Research team compiles several [annual publications](#) with detailed information about the UMass system.

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