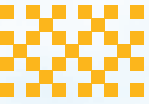




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Hail To Pitt



Hail To Possible



CHANCELLOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Pitt community,

We're delighted to share this report, which represents tremendous effort and outcomes from across this community. This report summarizes what we've done together to develop and deliver upon the University's strategic plan, the Plan for Pitt 2028. The plan is rooted in a core set of values that emerged from a robust and consultative shared governance process and brings those values into measurable impact.

That impact is broken down within the five pillars in the plan. For example, the first pillar, which focuses on cultivating student success, highlights what we've done in the past year to support students, from our new Finish Line Grants to our new WISHES Survey, among other initiatives.

You'll find many more concrete examples of Pitt's values in action in these pages, and we also hope that you see yourself and your contributions to Pitt's progress reflected. Broad and passionate participation in shared governance is a distinguishing strength of this institution, and it's one of the qualities that makes so many things uniquely possible at Pitt.

I appreciate everyone in the Pitt community who has played a role in our past year, and I look forward to even greater accomplishments and service in the year ahead.

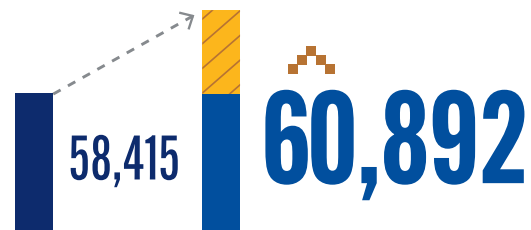
Hail to Possible and Hail to Pitt!

Chancellor Joan Gabel

WE WILL CULTIVATE STUDENT SUCCESS

A Pitt Education Is in Strong Demand

First-year applications surpassed last year's record.*



Placement Rates Surge to 98%

A record 98% of Pitt graduates had a job or graduate school placement within six months of earning their degree.*

Pitt Students Are Graduating With Less Debt

Among Fiscal Year 2024 degree recipients, 45% graduated without debt.*

Student Awards

Pitt students experienced a strong showing for top awards this year, including:

- 22 Gilman Scholars
- 5 Boren Awards
- 2 Goldwater Scholars
- 2 Voyager Scholars
- 1 Pickering Fellow

Pitt Is a Nine-Time Fulbright Top Producing Institution for U.S. Students

Pitt was named a Fulbright Top Producing Institution for U.S. Students. Since the 2013-14 cycle, the University has earned this prestigious accolade nine times and has produced 114 Fulbrighters.*

Record-High Four- and Six-Year Grad Rates

Pitt's four-year graduation rate rose to 73% and the six-year rate rose to 85.5%, setting new records for the University.*

Four-year graduation rate
LAST YEAR VS. THIS YEAR

71.7% ➔ 73%

Six-year graduation rate
LAST YEAR VS. THIS YEAR

84.3% ➔ 85.5%

29.3%

First-year Pell Grant Recipients Grew Nearly 30%*

KEY INITIATIVES LAUNCHED

Pitt Emphasizes Student Well-Being

The WISHES Survey, piloted in spring 2024, launched campuswide in fall 2024.

Pitt Excels Online

The newly created Center for Excellence in Online Education will enhance the University's online, hybrid and continuing education programs, increase accessibility and affordability, and address workforce needs locally and beyond.

Pitt Prioritizes Access and Affordability

Finish Line Grants began in fall 2024.

WE WILL PROPEL SCHOLARSHIP, CREATIVITY AND INNOVATION




Pitt Is #6 in NIH Funding

In federal FY 2023, Pitt was **No. 6 among U.S. universities in National Institutes of Health funding (\$658.3 million)**. The University was also ranked within the **top 10 in 11 different fields**, including psychiatry (No. 1, with more than \$130 million in funding).

Pitt Rankings Rise as R&D Expands

The University rose two spots to **No. 16** in the Higher Education Research and Development (HERD) Survey.

#16  **OUT OF 900**
INSTITUTIONS

FOR RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT EXPENDITURES

Between Fiscal Years 2021 and 2022, Pitt's **total R&D expenditures grew from \$1.14 billion to \$1.25 billion**—that's \$116.6 million, a 10.3% increase.

16.5% Growth in Industry-Sponsored Research

Industry-sponsored research agreements are up from \$44.9 million in FY23 to \$52.3 million in FY24.

Pitt Sees Sevenfold Increase in National Academy Membership

In FY24, seven members of the University community were elected to:

- **American Academy of Arts and Sciences**
- **National Academy of Engineering**
- **National Academy of Sciences**

Pitt Climbed Two Spots in National Patent Rankings

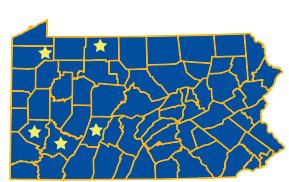
Pitt ranked **No. 14 among U.S. universities granted utility patents** in 2023, up two spots from No. 16 in 2022.

The number of patents the University was granted **increased by 8.5% over last year**.

**WE WILL BE
WELCOMING
AND
ENGAGED**



Pitt Is One of America's Best In-State Employers



Recognized by
Forbes

Pitt Reaches Historic Faculty Labor Agreement



The University reached our **historic first labor agreement with faculty** in May 2024, demonstrating the University's commitment to our outstanding faculty and to providing a high-quality, world-class education to students.

APLU Names Pitt Top in Community Engagement

The University received the **2023 C. Peter Magrath Community Engagement Scholarship Award** from the **Association of Public and Land-grant Universities (APLU)** for the outstanding community engagement work exemplified through **The Pittsburgh Study**.



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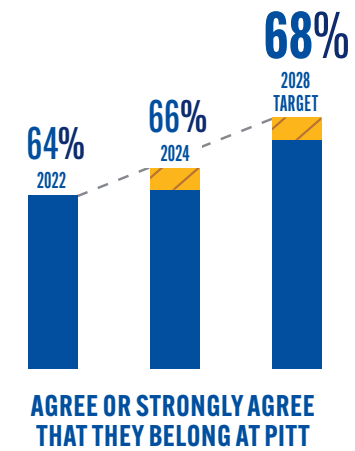


Pitt Pursues Supplier Diversity

The University launched a senior leadership steering committee as part of our work to update and expand the **Supplier Diversity Program** by 2025.

Pitt Focuses on Student Belonging

The University established a target of 68% for our results in the **Student Experience in the Research University survey** by 2028.



Pitt Is a Seven-Time Excellence in Diversity Award Winner

INSIGHT Into Diversity magazine recognized the University with a **Higher Education Excellence in Diversity (HEED) Award** for the seventh year in a row.

Pitt Is Elevating Global Engagement

The University entered into a memorandum of understanding agreement with the European University of Tirana following Chancellor Gabel's visit to Albania for the **Council on Competitiveness conference** in May 2024, establishing a relationship for collaborative exchanges and study abroad programs, joint research opportunities and future events.

WE WILL PROMOTE ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRUST



Pitt Powers \$6.6 Billion Economic Engine for Commonwealth

Data from an economic impact study completed ahead of its 2025 target shows that the University's **annual economic impact on Pennsylvania has increased 24% since 2021 to \$6.6 billion**. Pitt also generates \$356.2 million in state and local taxes and supports 48,978 jobs.

\$6.6B ↑ 24%

ECONOMIC IMPACT ON PENNSYLVANIA



Hot off the press: In the 2025 Best Colleges rankings, Pitt was No. 70 nationally and No. 32 among U.S. publics.



Niche Ranks Pitt #1 in PA

Pitt was **No. 25** out of 602 public universities nationwide and **No. 1 in Pennsylvania** in the 2024 Niche College Rankings.

KEY INITIATIVES LAUNCHED

Streamlining Administrative Overhead Through Benchmarking

Pitt is joining an **administrative cost benchmarking consortium** to compare expenses with peer institutions, expecting data for analysis in FY25, and will establish a baseline for the percentage of the budget allocated to administrative overhead by the end of 2024.

Aligned Framework for Future Campus Development

The assessment and update of the **Campus Master Plan (CMP)** was launched and will be completed by December 2025, and will ensure alignment with the Plan for Pitt 2028, institutional plans, University priorities and the evolving higher education landscape.

Year of Discourse and Dialogue Enters Year 2



During the 2023-24 Year of Discourse and Dialogue, **35 projects, programs and initiatives** across the University received funding, and more than **40 events were held** to foster the understanding, practice and demonstration of discourse and dialogue within the Pitt community.

New Brand Underscores What's Possible at Pitt

In January, Pitt refreshed the **brand and strategic communications platform** for the University.



Founding Member of College Presidents for Civic Preparedness

Pitt was one of the **founding members of College Presidents for Civic Preparedness**, an effort facilitated by the Institute for Citizens & Scholars that has grown to represent more than 70 colleges and universities that are committed to critical inquiry and civil discourse on university campuses.





Pitt BioForge Is Poised to Lead the Life Sciences Century

A fall 2024 topping-off ceremony marked the latest major milestone for **Pitt BioForge**, a facility that promises to transform how precision biological medicines are made and drive life sciences innovation in the region. BioForge is intended to activate breakthroughs in the way targeted cell and gene therapies are produced, making them more affordable and accessible.

Construction of the facility is on track to meet its targeted completion date of 2026, with progress aligned with the Plan for Pitt 2028 timeline.



KEY INITIATIVES LAUNCHED



Pitt Looks to the Future

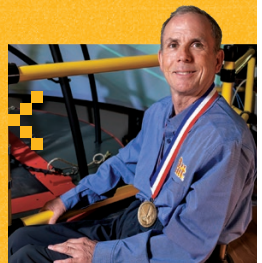
In 2024, Pitt Information Technology, the Office of the Provost and the Office of the Senior Vice Chancellor for Research began spearheading the **Digital Future Initiative**, which aims to advance the future of education through the responsible and ethical use of digital technology throughout the University.

Pitt Earns First Sustainable Development Impact Ranking

The University achieved a Plan for Pitt 2028 outcome in 2024 by **earning first-time recognition in the Times Higher Education's 2024 University Impact Rankings**, which measure global universities' success in delivering the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The University's best-performing categories were the SDGs focusing on gender equality, reduced inequalities, climate action and partnerships for the goals.

Leaders in Assistive Technologies

Rory Cooper, assistant vice chancellor for research for STEM-health sciences collaborations and founding director of the Human Engineering Research Laboratories, received the **National Medal of Technology and Innovation**, the nation's highest honor for technological achievement. Cooper and his researchers use technology to revolutionize the design, construction and use of powered and manual wheelchairs and other mobility devices.



José-Alain Sahel, Distinguished Professor and The Eye and Ear Foundation Endowed Chair of the Department of Ophthalmology, was awarded the **2024 Wolf Prize in Medicine**, one of the world's most prestigious honors in science. Sahel is a global leader in vision restoration techniques who is known for his breakthrough work in using optogenetics to partially restore sight to the blind.

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