George Mason University Rankings

Mason Makes List of "Up-and-Coming Universities"

George Mason University was ranked number 6 on U.S. News & World Report’s annual "Up and-Coming Institutions" list.

The list also featured Mason as number 141 overall and number 72 for public universities.

The list, comprising 68 colleges and universities across the country, identifies “schools that have recently made the most promising and innovative changes in academics, faculty, students, campus or facilities.” In its annual peer assessment survey, U.S. News asked education experts to identify schools that met those criteria. This is the third year in a row that a list of up-and-coming schools was created. Read more

Mason Recognized in Top 200 of Academic Ranking of World Universities

George Mason University was ranked in the top 200 by the Academic Ranking of World Universities, a ranking conducted annually by China’s Shanghai Jiao Tong University's Institute of Higher Education. Mason was ranked in the 151-200 group, among other institutions such as Dartmouth College, Louisiana State University and the University of Miami.

Mason was also ranked by the broad subjects of Social Science (number 44) and in the top 75 in Economics/Business among world universities.

Universities are ranked by several indicators of academic or research performance, including alumni and staff winning Nobel Prizes and Fields Medals, highly cited researchers, articles published in the journals Nature and Science, articles indexed in major citations indices and the per capita academic performance of an institution. Read more

Kiplinger's Names Mason to 'Best Values' List

Kiplinger's Personal Finance magazine again named Mason to its national list of the top 100 "Best Values in Public Colleges."

According to the magazine, it bases the rankings of public colleges on "a combination of outstanding academic quality plus an affordable price tag."

Academic quality is measured using the percentage of freshman scoring 600 or higher on the verbal and math components of the SAT or 24 or higher on the ACT, admission and retention rates, student-faculty ratios, and four- and six-year graduation rates.

Total tuition, fees, room and board and textbook expenses are factored in for both instate and
out-of-state students, along with financial aid and average student debt upon graduation. The magazine stated that academic quality carried more weight than costs in its scoring system. [Read more]

Mason Recognized by the Chronicle of Higher Education's Great Colleges to Work For Survey

For the sixth year in a row, the Chronicle of Higher Education, the premier publication for academic news and issues, named Mason one of the "Great Colleges to Work For."

The categories in which Mason excelled are: Work/Life Balance and Respect and Appreciation.

The survey of faculty and staff at 103 institutions across the country reported on 12 work environment issues considered the core attributes of a great academic workplace. Those that stood out in at least one of the categories made the list. [Read more]

Mason Ranks in World 'Webometrics' List

Mason was ranked number 94 among U.S. and Canadian universities on the “Webometrics Ranking of World Universities.” The rankings are determined using a survey conducted by a Spanish research group called the Cybermetrics Lab, which analyzes the web content and presence of a university.

On its worldwide list, which includes a total of 12,010 universities, Mason was ranked number 159. The list measures the impact and performance of universities according to their web presence.

The purpose of Cybermetrics Lab is to "provide extra motivation to researchers worldwide for publishing more and better scientific content on the web, making it available to colleagues and people wherever they are located." [Read more]

Mason Named One of America's Best College Buys

On Forbes' overall "Best Colleges" list of more than 650 undergraduate institutions, Mason was ranked number 197. The rankings also list Mason as number 96 in Research Universities and number 40 in the South. The report is based on the quality of the education they provide, the experience of the students and how much they achieve. Data was gathered from a variety of sources including student evaluations of courses and instructors, postgraduate success, graduation rates and the number of students or faculty who have won nationally competitive awards. [Read more]

Mason Ranked by Times Higher Education as Top “100 Under 50”
For the second year, the London-based Times Higher Education magazine has named Mason as part of their “100 Under 50” list of top university around the world that are under 50 years old. In 2013, Mason was ranked number 59.

Times Higher Education showcases “the rising stars which show great potential.” The list uses the same methodology the Times employs to create its World University Rankings, “re calibrated” to give less weight to subjective academic reputation. Read more

**Mason Recognized Among Schools with Highest Minority Graduation Rates**

Mason was recognized as one of the few universities in the nation with little or no disparity in graduation rates between African American and Hispanic students compared with white students, according to two recent reports by the Education Trust.

The reports focused on two underrepresented minorities: African Americans and Hispanics. According to the reports, Mason graduates 57 percent of white students, compared with 63 percent of African Americans and 59 percent of Hispanics. Mason was also one of four public universities in Virginia to have a very small graduation gap between whites and African Americans and whites and Hispanics. Read more

**Mason Ranks in Top 100 for Minority Degree Awards**

According to Diverse: Issues in Higher Education, Mason is ranked in the top 100 undergraduate degree producers awarding the greatest number of degrees to minority students. Mason ranked 28th for awarding bachelor’s degrees to Asian Americans and 54th for the number of bachelor’s degrees award to all minority groups. Out of all Virginia institutions on the list, Mason is ranked 75th for bachelor’s degrees awarded to Hispanic students. Read more

**Awards and Accolades for George Mason University’s Workplace Recognitions**

**AARP** has recognized Mason as a “Great Employer for Workers Over 50” list in 2007, 2008, 2009 (biannual), 2011, and 2013. In 2013, Mason ranked number 13 and only one of four employers in the state of Virginia. Read more

The **Chronicle of Higher Education** has recognized Mason for five years straight in its Great Colleges to Work for Program including Honor Roll Status in 2012. Read more

The **American Heart Association** has recognized Mason as a fit-friendly company every year since 2009. Read more

**University Business** recognized Mason as its Spring 2012 models of efficiency program for using an electronic W-2 process. Read more
Mason was awarded the Alliance for Work-Life Progress Seal of Distinction by World at Work in 2012 and 2013. Read more

In 2012, Mason received a $100,000 award from the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation to expand faculty retirement transition resources as part of the American Council on Education’s Best Practices in Faculty Retirement Transitions Program. Mason was one of only 15 university and colleges in the United States that received this prestigious recognition.

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