

MISSION

The mission of North Carolina State University is to serve its students and the people of North Carolina as a doctoral/research-extensive, land-grant university. Through the active integration of teaching, research, extension, and engagement, North Carolina State University creates an innovative learning environment that stresses mastery of fundamentals, intellectual discipline, creativity, problem solving, and responsibility. Enhancing its historic strengths in agriculture, science, and engineering with a commitment to excellence in a comprehensive range of academic disciplines, North Carolina State University provides leadership for intellectual, cultural, social, economic, and technological development within the state, the nation, and the world.

CAMPUS DESCRIPTION

NC State's campus is approximately 1.5 miles from downtown Raleigh and less than 15 minutes from the renowned Research Triangle Park. It consists of more than 2,000 acres of gently rolling hills and with nearly 34,000 students, is home to the largest student body in The University of North Carolina. The university's 2,100 faculty members include 16 members of the National Academies, and the university offers bachelor's degrees in 102 fields, master's in 106 fields, and doctorates in 61 fields plus a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine.

Within sight of the downtown Raleigh skyline, the university's world-renowned 1,120-acre Centennial Campus is home to more than 100 large and small companies, government agencies and NC State research and academic units. The campus is contiguous to the university's main campus and plays host to more than 1,500 corporate and government employees in addition to NC State faculty, staff and post-docs, NC State students and 600 middle school students.

Representatives from universities and research parks around the world visit the campus each month, hoping to copy the concept.

Raleigh is consistently rated one of the best places in the nation to live and offers myriad recreational and entertainment opportunities. Midway between North Carolina's magnificent mountains and beautiful beaches, Raleigh is indeed a beautiful city.

VOLUNTARY STANDARDS OF ACCOUNTABILITY REPORT (VSA)

<http://collegeportraits.org/NC/NC-State>

CAMPUS WEB SITE

<http://www.ncsu.edu>

MAJOR CONTRIBUTIONS TO UNC TOMORROW

NC State's mission and strategic plan are perfectly aligned with UNC Tomorrow's goals. With our land-grant history, a knowledge-based commitment to economic and social development in North Carolina is "in our genes." Our five strategic focus areas, which have shaped our investments since 2007, map directly to UNC Tomorrow: economic

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development, educational innovation, energy and the environment, student leadership development, and health and wellness. Recent initiatives include international programs, collaborative teaching programs with other NC institutions, increased need-based student aid, and strengthened research infrastructure to support these focus areas. Our plans to expand engineering and to strengthen multidisciplinary collaborations among STEM, social science, and humanities faculty demonstrate our continued commitment to economic development and to addressing the increasingly complex and global issues of our time.

Link to UNC Tomorrow report: <http://www.ncsu.edu/unctomorrow>

INSTITUTIONAL DISTINCTIVENESS

From Randy Woodson, chancellor since April 2010

NC State is one of only two comprehensive research-extensive universities in North Carolina, and we provide a high quality education in agriculture and life sciences, design, education, engineering, humanities and social sciences, management, natural resources, physical and mathematical sciences, textiles and veterinary medicine.

During the past four years, our Industrial Extension Service has created \$1 billion in economic value to manufacturers, helping businesses in 75 of North Carolina's 100 counties. Our Agricultural Extension Service has offices in all 100 counties with more than 2,000 employees throughout the state.

Our innovation and research have attracted more than \$336 million in research funding during the past year, and for every dollar we receive in state support, we return \$8 in total income to North Carolina.