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About

Radford University is a comprehensive public university of 7,718 students. Radford University serves the Commonwealth of Virginia and the nation through a wide range of academic, cultural, human service and research programs. The University offers 76 bachelor's degree programs in 47 disciplines, two associate degrees, and six certificates at the undergraduate level; 28 master's programs in 23 disciplines and six doctoral programs at the graduate level; and 17 post-baccalaureate certificates and one post-master's certificate. In addition to robust academic offerings and engaging student experiences on the main campus located in Radford, Virginia, Radford University also offers a clinical-based educational experience for more than 1,100 students living and learning in Roanoke, Virginia as part of Radford University Carilion, a public-private partnership focused on the cutting-edge delivery of health sciences programming, outreach and service.

The university atmosphere is residential. Most students live in university residence halls or in private apartments and houses within walking distance of the campus.

Radford University offers a number of grants and scholarships:

- Federal Pell Grant, Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant, Federal TEACH Grant
- Virginia Commonwealth Aware, Virginia Guaranteed Assistance Program, Virginia Transfer Grant
- Highlander Grant
- Whitehead Grants
- The Highlander Distinction Program, Red & White Scholarship, Academic Excellence Scholarship, Transfer Excellence Scholarship, Phi Theta Kappa Scholarship

- Foundation Scholarships
- Outside/Private Scholarships

Over 2,500 students received the Pell Grant in 2021-2022. 35% of our students are first-generation.

Goals

Radford University's involvement in the SCHEV Native Higher Education Summit is an early step in engaging with tribal and state leaders to intentionally support Native American and Indigenous students. We view the opportunity to participate in the Summit as a tremendous learning experience; one that will help us understand the needs of Native American and Indigenous students and the ways in which we can create an institution that provides deliberate services and resources for students with these identities.

Resources of interest

Currently, Radford University has a number of resources available to students, some of which are designed to provide support for students with specific identities.

Center for Diversity and Inclusion

A resource to all students, staff and faculty providing a variety of programs, activities and services. There is a concentrated focus on the progress, success and concerns of underrepresented populations on Radford University's campus, including African-American, Asian-American, LatinX and Native American students. Additionally, we offer programming and resources for faith and religion interests and the LGBTQIA+ community. Resources include the Laptop Loaner Program, free printing, and campus programming. Diversity Awareness Programming Board is one of many student organizations advised by CDI.

Center for Accessibility Services

CAS is committed to inclusion so that all individuals on campus can fully participate in the university experience. CAS serves and supports students, family members and visitors seeking reasonable accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Helping Eradicate Homelessness through Resources Opportunities and Supplies (HEHROS)

The HEHROS program is focused on supporting students who have food insecurities, are homeless, at risk for becoming homeless or in transition while on campus. HEHROS aims to mitigate the challenges students face, enhance quality of life by connecting them with available resources and empowering them to succeed. A food pantry is on campus and every community member is eligible to get food.

Highlander Success Center

At the HSC, students' academic achievement, engagement, and belonging are priorities. The HSC faculty and staff offer intentional academic support services of Academic Advising and Retention Services and keep students connected to important people on and off campus through Career and Talent Development and Student Connection Programs.

Office of Institutional Equity

OIE supports and advances the University's commitment to diversity, equity and access. We provide education, guidance and leadership to administrators, faculty & staff in their efforts to comply with Title IX of the Education Amendments Act of 1972, equal opportunity in education, programs, employment and ensure safety on campus and a campus free from discrimination and harassment for our students, faculty and staff.

First Gen Center

First-generation college students — the first people in their immediate families to pursue higher education — often must navigate the college education process on their own. The FGC was designed to lift and advance these students and their families.

Selu Conservancy

Radford University's Selu Conservancy is an impressive retreat/meeting center and classroom facility that offers 380 acres of natural beauty and charm. It's an "extended classroom" with a 4,000 square-foot "Barn" equipped with meeting rooms and an observatory.

Existing partnerships with Tribes

None currently. We are located on the land of the Yesan (Tutelo) peoples.