COST OF ATTENDANCE: WHERE THE TUITION DOLLARS GO

Undergraduate tuition and fees, including room and board, health insurance, and miscellaneous (estimated) expenses are added to create the cost of attendance for students living on and off campus. Various factors contribute to the annual determination of tuition and fees: competitiveness of faculty salaries at top-tier institutions, inflation and cost of living, the role of tuition revenue in the university's budget and the simultaneous commitment of the university to need-based financial aid, as well as national and international economic factors.

Like many of its peers, Carnegie Mellon is an expensive institution; at the same time, we are committed to making a CMU education attainable for students from all socio-economic backgrounds by applying over $78 million of CMU dollars (in 2015-16) for need-based financial aid.

Information below from CMU’s Institutional Research and Analysis Factbook can be found on the office’s website at www.cmu.edu/ira.

CMU Operating Revenue/Support (Unrestricted FY 2016)

Nearly 47% of the university's billion-dollar operating revenue ($1.156 in FY 2016) is provided by undergraduate and graduate tuition (net of financial aid) representing 41.7% and auxiliary services (primarily housing and dining) representing 5.2%.

The other significant revenue source, 33.3%, is attributable to sponsored projects - which represent the dollars secured for research by our dedicated faculty and researchers.

CMU Operating Expenses (FY 2016)

In comparison, if you add the amount that the university spends on instruction, academic support and student services, you see that CMU spends more than 50% of its operating expenses on providing direct educational and other services to our undergraduate and graduate students. That’s a good return on investment in terms of institutional commitment and spending for students and families – who contribute 47% of the university’s revenue.

Source:  CMU Finance Division Annual Report, FY 2016
www.cmu.edu/finance/reporting-and-incoming-funds/financial-reporting
2017-2018 Undergraduate Cost of Attendance

First-years who enter in Fall 2017 pay...

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Cost of attendance figures include direct, billable expenses based on average cost for students living on campus.
- There is no orientation fee for returning students.
- Books, supplies and miscellaneous costs are not included.
- Health insurance is required, but cost is not included because it varies and/or may be waived.

For more details about CMU's 2017-18 cost of attendance, visit [www.cmu.edu/hub](http://www.cmu.edu/hub).

Percentage of Operating Expenses Spent on Instruction

Carnegie Mellon provides a good value to our students in terms of annual expenditures that are committed to supporting student instruction. Based on calculations conducted by Institutional Research and Analysis, CMU spent 43% on student instruction in 2014-2015. At Carnegie Mellon, we dedicate funding to what matters most to our students and families – the quality of the instructional experience for our students.

![Percentage of Operating Expenses Spent on Instruction](image)

Source: Calculated by Institutional Research and Analysis (October 2016)