Undergraduate tuition and fees, room and board, health insurance, and miscellaneous (estimated) expenses create the cost of attendance. Like many peers, Carnegie Mellon is high-cost; at the same time, we commit to making a CMU education accessible for students from all socio-economic backgrounds by applying over $96 million of CMU dollars (in 2017-18) for need-based financial aid.

**CMU Operating Revenue/Support**
(Unrestricted FY 2018)

More than 46% of the university’s billion-dollar operating revenue is provided by undergraduate and graduate tuition (net of financial aid) representing 41.3% and auxiliary services (primarily housing and dining) representing 5.0%. Sponsored projects represent the dollars secured for research by our dedicated faculty and researchers.

- **41.3%** Tuition & Other Fees (Net of Financial Aid)
- **30.0%** Sponsored Projects
- **16.8%** Investment Income & Contributions
- **6.9%** Other & Net Assets

Source: CMU Finance Division Annual Report, 2018

**CMU Core Expenses**
(FY 2018)

The university spends nearly half of its core operating expenses on instruction; when added to research and academic support, you see that nearly 80% of these expenses go directly toward educational services for our undergraduate and graduate students. That’s a good return on investment.

- **44%** Instruction
- **21%** Research
- **13%** Academic Support
- **15%** Institutional Support
- **6%** Student Services
- **1%** Other Core Expenses

Source: Calculated by CMU Financial Reporting
2019-2020

Undergraduate Tuition, Fees, Room & Board

In addition to tuition, fees, room and board*, incoming first-year students are required to pay a one-time orientation fee. Health insurance coverage is also required.

Full undergraduate cost of attendance may be found on the Student Financial Services website at www.cmu.edu/sfs/tuition.

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