Undergraduate tuition and fees, room and board, health insurance, and miscellaneous (estimated) expenses create the cost of attendance. Like many peers, Carnegie Mellon is expensive; at the same time, we commit to making a CMU education accessible for students from all socio-economic backgrounds by applying over $85 million of CMU dollars (in 2016-17) for need-based financial aid.

CMU Operating Revenue/Support
(Unrestricted FY 2017)

Nearly 49% of the university's billion-dollar operating revenue is provided by undergraduate and graduate tuition (net of financial aid) representing 43.3% and auxiliary services (primarily housing and dining) representing 5.3%. Sponsored projects represent the dollars secured for research by our dedicated faculty and researchers.

CMU Core Expenses
(FY 2017)

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.
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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.