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 $104 million of CMU dollars (in 2018-19) for need-based financial aid.

CMU Operating Revenue/Support
(Unrestricted FY 2019)

More than 46% of the university’s billion-dollar operating revenue is provided by undergraduate and graduate tuition (net of financial aid) representing 41.2% and auxiliary services (primarily housing and dining) representing 5.0%. Sponsored projects represent the dollars secured for research by our dedicated faculty and researchers.

Source: CMU Finance Division Annual Report, 2019

CMU Core Expenses*
(FY 2019)

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

*Other core expenses make up less than 1% of the total expenses.
Source: Calculated by CMU Financial Reporting, January 2020
2020-2021

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](http://www.cmu.edu/sfs/tuition).