Carnegie Mellon University is a “military friendly” campus according to the G.I. Jobs website. With over 200 CMU students, faculty and staff identifying themselves as veterans, members of the military community contribute to the vitality and hard-working spirit of our campus. For almost 30 years, CMU has hosted a successful Naval ROTC program, a part of the Steel City NROTC Unit. This consortium includes students from the University of Pittsburgh and Duquesne University. CMU’s renowned educational experience and its financial stability provide military veteran and ROTC students with the tools to solve complex problems and shape the world before, during, and after their military experience.

Student Veterans: Financial Aid
Veteran and military students utilize federal benefits, including Yellow Ribbon funding and fee remissions. In 2015-2016, Carnegie Mellon had 84 Post-9/11 G.I. Bill beneficiaries. Shown below is funding received by the 80 undergraduate and graduate students receiving veterans/military benefits.

### 2015-2016

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Source: CMU Student Accounts Office & U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (www.benefits.va.gov)

ROTC Students: Financial Aid
Carnegie Mellon Naval ROTC (NROTC) students participate in the Steel City NROTC Unit, one of 63 units and consortiums at 77 schools across the United States. CMU students active in the Army or Air Force participate in a joint ROTC program through the University of Pittsburgh. Of the 22 ROTC students studying at Carnegie Mellon in 2017-2018, 20 received full tuition scholarships.

Undergraduate NROTC scholarship recipients receive an institutional grant of $8,000 for room and board from Carnegie Mellon - this is in addition to the scholarship funds provided by the Navy.

2017-2018

20 of 22 students received full NROTC scholarships

Source: CMU ROTC & Veterans Affairs Coordinator
Pell Grants Awarded

Often a measure of a school’s socioeconomic diversity, Pell Grants are given to families with high need based on information reported in their FAFSA. In 2016-17, 777 CMU undergraduates received Pell Grants totaling $3.5 million.

Source: CMU Student Financial Aid Office

Student Loan Commitment Upon Graduation

College graduate indebtedness is a topic that receives significant attention across the US and in the media. At CMU, taking out loans is part of the financial and bill payment equation. In 2015-16, 51% of CMU undergraduates borrowed student loans (including institutional, state, federal Perkins, subsidized/unsubsidized, and private loans certified by CMU) to support their educational expenses.

Average CMU Pell Grant Award in 2016-17

$4,511

Source: CMU Student Financial Aid Office

CMU Undergraduate Average Amount Borrowed

Class of 2016*

$30,866

*Class in this section is defined as the 2016 undergraduate class who graduated between July 1, 2015 and June 30, 2016, and those who started as full-time students and received a Bachelor's degree. This information excludes students who transferred to CMU and funds borrowed at other institutions.

Graduates’ Loan Default Rate

Our graduates - in the collective - have a very low loan default as compared to similar institutions – including the other prestigious, research institutions in the Association of American Universities (AAU). The AAU is an association of 62 leading public and private research universities in the United States and Canada.

CMU vs. National vs. AAU Average Default Rates

CMU Loan Default Rate

0.6%

2013

Sources: IRandA using data from Department of Education

Note: This information is the most recent available.