



THE UNIVERSITY of TENNESSEE

KNOXVILLE, CHATTANOOGA, MARTIN, TULLAHOMA, MEMPHIS

The University of Tennessee is the state's land-grant, higher education institution and flagship public university. It is comprised of campuses at Knoxville, Chattanooga, and Martin; the Health Science Center at Memphis; the Space Institute at Tullahoma; and the statewide Institute of Agriculture and Institute for Public Service.

The University of Tennessee System has a presence in each of Tennessee's 95 counties. Through the combined force of its education, research, and outreach, the University serves students, business and industry, schools, governments, organizations, and citizens throughout the state.

Facts & Figures

Statewide Enrollment	49,600
Faculty and Staff Statewide	14,000
Alumni	322,000
Alumni Living in Tennessee	184,300

History

The University of Tennessee is the state's oldest and largest public higher education institution, tracing its beginnings to the founding of Blount College in Knoxville in 1794, two years before Tennessee became a state. The UT System was formed in 1968. **Read more:** www.tennessee.edu/aboutut/history

Governance

The 24-member UT Board of Trustees governs the University of Tennessee System. Members include business and community leaders from across the state and UT students and faculty. **Read more:** <http://bot.tennessee.edu>

Strategic Initiatives

The University of Tennessee serves the people of Tennessee and beyond by providing access to and promoting success in undergraduate, graduate, and professional education; pursuing research and scholarly achievement and associated economic development; and ensuring educational outreach and preparedness for the global marketplace. The University's strategic plan describes benchmarks and goals for these mission-oriented priorities.

Read more: www.tennessee.edu/system/academicaffairs/strategic_plans

Accomplishing Excellence

The University is the managing partner, through UT-Battelle, of Oak Ridge National Laboratory (ORNL)—the nation's largest science and energy lab— which gives the University a front seat in helping solve some of the nation's and the world's largest challenges. The UT-Oak Ridge research enterprise, with a focus on computation, neutron science, nanomaterials, and biological sciences, is an unparalleled resource for the state. The UT-ORNL Joint Institute for Computational Sciences houses the nation's most powerful open-resource computer known as Kraken and has secured the University's entry into the ranks of the nation's elite in supercomputing. Kraken is the world's fastest university-managed supercomputer and was ranked 4th fastest of any type by the Top500 list in 2010.

Read more: www.tennessee.edu/ornl

The University's extraordinary assets include Cherokee Farm, a high-technology research center in the initial stages of infrastructure development in Knoxville. Cherokee Farm will serve as a platform for world-class academic and economic partnership. Cherokee Farm will position the University and the state as one of the world's most competitive areas for collaborative research. Drawing on leadership roles already established in the areas of neutron science, materials and computational sciences, and energy independence and sustainability, Cherokee Farm's researchers and public and private partners will form a hub of interdisciplinary scientific research and innovation committed to solving issues of global significance. **Read more:** www.tennessee.edu/system/cherokee

The Tennessee Biofuels Initiative is a state-sponsored program aimed at decreasing dependence on foreign oil while simultaneously increasing rural economic development and domestic energy production within Tennessee. By 2012, if research continues to be successful, Tennessee could have one of the first commercially successful cellulosic ethanol biorefineries and a vetted business model that could be duplicated throughout the nation. With DuPont Danisco Cellulosic Ethanol as a partner in the University of Tennessee's biofuels initiative, a biorefinery in Vonore, Tenn., began operations in January 2010. The state of Tennessee has invested in this work, which promises to ultimately create more than 4,000 jobs in rural Tennessee counties and more than \$400 million in new tax revenue.

Read more: www.utbioenergy.org/TNBiofuelsInitiative

Recent University Accomplishments

- Calendar year 2011 marks UT Chattanooga's 125th anniversary. As the campus looks forward to a bright future, plans are underway to honor its rich past.
- Calendar year 2011 marks 100 years of education and training at the UT Health Science Center. UTHSC has graduated more than 53,000 health care professionals since its founding in 1911.
- On January 1, 2011, Dr. Joe DiPietro became the 24th president of the University of Tennessee.
- In October 2010, the UT Board of Trustees approved the UTK-ORNL Center for Interdisciplinary Research and Education. The center will pool the resources of UT Knoxville and ORNL to increase academic and research activities in science, technology, engineering and mathematics.
- In September 2010, Gov. Phil Bredesen announced a \$20 million grant from the National Science Foundation's Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research (EPSCoR) Research Infrastructure Improvement Program to boost the state's energy-related research and education efforts.
- In August 2010, the Tennessee Solar Institute announced \$14.5 million in grant opportunities for solar innovation projects. The Tennessee Solar Institute furthers the UT-Oak Ridge partnership and provides assistance to the state's solar industry.
- In fiscal year 2010, UT's Institute for Public Service generated more than \$359 million in economic impact in Tennessee and helped create and retain 3,864 jobs.
- In June 2010, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services awarded the University of Tennessee College of Pharmacy \$3.36 million to fund its Minority Center of Excellence for the recruitment and retention of underrepresented minority students and faculty.
- In June 2010, the Top500 list of the world's fastest supercomputers named UT supercomputer Kraken the world's fastest academic supercomputer and fourth-fastest of any kind.
- In June 2010, the Campaign for Tennessee reached its \$1-billion goal 18 months ahead of schedule. The campaign was the most ambitious fundraising effort in the 216-year history of the University of Tennessee.
- In April 2010, the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation ranked UT Martin the safest of the four-year public institutions in Tennessee.
- The 2011 annual U.S. News & World Report rankings placed UT Knoxville 47th nationally among all public universities and 104th among all universities. The latter group includes 260 American universities that offer comprehensive bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees.
- In January 2010, UT Chattanooga broke ground on a \$48 million new library. The facility is expected to be completed in 2012.