There are no limits to the future we can create together.

There are limits to what we can fit inside this book.
You have the passion, ambition, and commitment.
We have the mentorship, muscle, and reach.
Imagine the impact we could have together.
Welcome to Richmond.

Set on 350 wooded acres, Richmond ranks #3 on The Princeton Review's “Most Beautiful Campus” list.

Bring your goals. We'll do our best to help you reach them. Bring your questions. We'll roll up our sleeves and tackle them with you. Bring your bold ideas. We'll fund your explorations. Most important, please bring your remarkable self. We'll introduce you to your second family.

We'll help you chart your brightest future.
FOR ALL OF US.

An academic powerhouse, unwaveringly committed to placing its resources within your reach – so you can help create knowledge, test it in the world, and shape the best future.
The courses you take will shape your discovery and transform your thinking in ways you’ve never imagined.
One university. Three schools. 100+ areas of study.

Our three undergraduate schools offer a broad and powerful range of topics and majors to choose among — and you don’t have to pick just one.

Our advice: Follow your interests and indulge your curiosity.

Explore. Discover. And then decide which school — or schools — are right for you.

SCHOOL OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

The University’s intellectual hub, the School is a liberal arts and sciences innovator, where students connect concepts, ideas, and personal passions through broad coursework exploration and funded research opportunities.

ROBINS SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

With courses and programs to prepare you for rapid advancement in fields across the global economy, Robins offers concentration areas ranging from business analytics to management entrepreneurship. You’ll have access to local-business consulting gigs through the Spider Hub, financial data analysis positions on the University’s own trading floor, and multiple pathways to internship opportunities at the nation’s top corporations and organizations.

JEPSON SCHOOL OF LEADERSHIP STUDIES

At the country’s first — and premier — school of leadership studies, Jepson students work alongside the field’s recognized faculty experts, examining the subject through the lens of ethics and exploring its considerable impact on topics as far reaching as environmental sustainability, social inequality, healthcare, international relations, and local and national politics.
The results are predictable.
The journey is anything but.

No matter your major and regardless of career path, your Richmond education will instill a broad and wide-ranging body of knowledge, a keen and analytical mind, and powerful communication skills.

You’ll specialize in one or more areas. You’ll have opportunities to apply your studies through research, internships, and community engagement. And you’ll likely extend your classroom learning in one of more than 60 countries through the University’s study abroad program.

These are the givens. But how you get there is entirely up to you, and that’s the point.

This is your experience.
We’re here to support, advise, and applaud.
Use what you’re learning to ask new questions.

Find guides to shape original answers.

This is how research happens.

Whichever one, or more, of the 100-plus areas of study you choose, research and inquiry are foundational Richmond opportunities.

You can join a team led by a Richmond professor — over 100 research-based courses were offered last year alone — or partner with a faculty mentor on a topic of interest to you. Either way, you’ll learn the ropes of research methods, and revel in the far-reaching potential of the solutions you’re exploring.
“Dr. Salisbury is an explorer, an adventurer, a Renaissance man, a teacher, a mentor, and a friend. I’m working with him and Dr. Spera on their NASA-funded project to research ecosystem services and road construction in the Amazon. Together we’ve mapped roads that threaten the rainforest and Indigenous communities.”

RILEY PLACE ’22, ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES AND GEOGRAPHY AND THE ENVIRONMENT DOUBLE MAJOR

“More learning results from the struggle than from the outcome.”

MEET DR. SALISBURY
DR. DAVID SALISBURY, ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF GEOGRAPHY, ENVIRONMENT, AND SUSTAINABILITY

What makes Richmond different?
Our faculty and staff are dedicated to working closely with students in and out of the classroom — and help facilitate opportunities for research, creative projects, and community-based learning.

What kind of student really thrives here?
Creative risk takers who are motivated more by process (the learning experience) and product (a useful map or geographic tool) than by grades. People who are self-motivated and work well in groups by pulling their weight and having a healthy respect for diverse ways of knowing and being.

What’s the dynamic between you and your students?
I like to find what my students are passionate about and then push them to explore these interests in new and applied ways. I’ve brought research students to the Peruvian and Brazilian Amazon and took a class to Chile. Two summers ago, five students and I participated in a transboundary mapping workshop in the Peruvian Amazon, working side-by-side with GIS analysts and professors from Brazil and Peru to map human-environment dynamics of the Amazon borderlands.

What do you hope your students take away from your class?
I hope they become life-long learners unafraid to take chances because they know more learning results from the struggle than from the outcome.
I hope they become empowered to address climate change and sustainability challenges with a can-do attitude that recognizes there are opportunities to be found in every obstacle.

LIKE MOST PROFESSORS, I WEAR MANY HATS.

MY THREE FAVORITE BOOKS:

MY BAG IS ALWAYS PACKED TO TEACH AND EXPLORE: GPS, WOODEN SPOON, WATER BOTTLE, FIELD NOTEBOOK, JOURNAL OF BORDERLANDS STUDIES, JOURNAL OF LATIN AMERICAN GEOGRAPHY. (ARROW FROM THE AMAZON WONT FIT IN BAG, ALAS.)

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MEET SANCHO, MY COMPANION FOR SUNRISE PADDLES.
We know you’re going to make an impact on the world. We just want to help you make it sooner. That’s why every Richmond undergraduate is eligible to receive up to $5,000 for an unpaid summer internship or faculty-mentored research project, on campus or anywhere else. What’s your idea? Doesn’t matter. We’re in.

LOGAN JONES-WILKINS ‘23 took a 1,500-mile cycling trip around Ecuador, putting his hobby to use to better understand the country’s roads and the politics surrounding them.

EMMA NASH ‘20 used her fellowship to work with the World Pediatric Project and make communication breakthroughs with young patients from abroad who had come to the U.S. for life-changing surgeries.

EMMA DAVIS ‘21 interned at Frontline, an investigative journalism program of the Public Broadcasting Service. Her work included fact-checking, researching, assessing fair use claims, transcribing interviews, and vetting story proposals. As an aspiring reporter, the attention to detail and multiple rounds of edits to ensure accuracy and journalistic integrity were rewarding and inspiring.
Football. Soccer. Lacrosse. Spikeball? If you’re looking for a way to compete, have fun, or stay active, we’ve got you covered. Whether playing on championship-caliber NCAA teams or joining a Tuesday night pickup game in the Weinstein Center, Spiders in motion tend to stay that way.

Intramurals welcome players of every background and skill level to compete with other teams within the University. For those moved simply by the love of the game, teams across 14 sports are open to every student.

The University’s intercollegiate programs compete at the NCAA’s highest level, making student-athletes eligible for athletic scholarships. Our 17 Division I teams are constant sources of campus-wide Spider pride and energy.

Square off against other colleges everywhere from the track to the court to the pool. The University fields more than 30 teams (and the list keeps growing).
Right here.

We’re bursting with enthusiasm — for classical music, Oxford-style debating, street art, Greek food, astronomy, and the countless other passions and pastimes our students bring to life. The Center for Student Involvement (CSI) provides funding, space, and resources to more than 180 recognized student organizations, each of which creates an opportunity to connect with fellow students while building leadership, budgeting, risk management, and marketing skills.

Where can I learn, create, respond, prepare, pledge, honor, communicate, belong, advocate, worship, serve, play, compete, lead, and break the mold with nearly 3,200 of the most incredible people I’ll ever meet?
Wherever you go, no matter how far, you’ll never go it alone.

We nurture the life of the mind — and the rest of your life. From the vast resources of our innovative Well-Being Center to campus-wide wellness initiatives to the Office of the Chaplaincy’s programs supporting a wide range of global faith traditions to award-winning dining services, we are committed to ensuring the mental, emotional, spiritual, and physical health of the University community.

TYLER HAYNES COMMONS
Home to our bookstore, the Bonner Center for Civic Engagement, and the world’s most picturesque foosball table, the Tyler Haynes Commons is also the bridge between the two halves of campus.
You’d think it was built to be a college town. 

Virginia’s hub of commerce, politics, and culture, Richmond, aka RVA, generously shares its energy with the University and its students.

In this capital city of eight Fortune 500 headquarters — at the East coast’s very center — internships, research opportunities, and just about everything else you’d want from your college hometown are all yours.

1 of “The 50 Best Places to Travel in 2021” (Travel + Leisure)

#7 The South’s Best Food Cities (Southern Living, 2020)

100+ Art venues in Richmond, making it VA’s creative capital, too.

#1 River Walk/Hike in the U.S. (River Travel Magazine, 2021)

Richmond’s James River features Class IV rapids — the only within an American city’s limits — and calm waters for dipping toes.
“Coming here has greatly expanded my network.”

How has UR’s location affected your college experience?

Because of our proximity to the city, I have been able to carry out my Bonner Scholars Program internship for three years without much stress. This internship has positively affected my college experience thus far.

I’ve been able to see the Richmond Ballet a couple of times at the Carpenter Theatre, which is very close to campus. Richmond is a city that encourages the arts, and different companies and groups perform here at an affordable price or even sometimes for free. I think anyone who appreciates the arts would thrive in the Richmond area.

As for Carytown, I think anyone who breathes will enjoy it! There are many restaurants catering to different tastes and price ranges. Who doesn’t like good food?

There are quite a few big companies with headquarters in Richmond, like Capital One, Dominion Energy, and Hamilton Beach. Being here, I am also close to Washington, D.C., and relatively close to New York, which gives me a broader range of possibilities after graduation.

What should people know about Richmond — the University and the city?

I’d say that coming here has greatly expanded my network. The academics here are rigorous and they are a priority for the typical student. But there are still plenty of opportunities to have fun and enjoy the college experience beyond the classroom.

With the city so close and the amount of activities and clubs the University of Richmond offers, Spiders end up being overbooked people because there is so much to do!
Further than you can imagine is closer than you think.

From where you are now, it might be hard to see all the good things your future might hold — the practical level-ups, intellectual wormholes, and technological breakthroughs that will help you make a bigger impact than you ever imagined. At Richmond, you’ll encounter new possibilities wherever you go, throughout every day. Those discoveries will transform your life and electrify your future.

How do we know? Just ask our graduates.
Spiders are everywhere.

WILL I BE ABLE TO STUDY ABROAD?
Try a semester, short-term, or summer program. In fact, studying abroad is not only a possibility — we'll actively support it by helping with travel expenses, covering international health and travel insurance, and arranging pre-semester orientation and language courses, if necessary. In addition to our exchange/direct enroll partner institutions in 35 countries, we have agreements with other programs around the world. Tell us where you want to study, and we'll find a way to get you there.

WHAT ABOUT THE FULBRIGHT?
The Fulbright Program funds research, teaching, and partner institutions in 36 countries, we have agreements with other programs around the world. Tell us where you want to study, and we'll find a way to get you there.

GLOBAL AMBASSADORS
No matter where you decide to go, when you travel the world chances are good you'll find other Spiders, ready to welcome you warmly, answer your questions, and show you around.
We help make an exceptional value affordable.

First, we admit the most talented, accomplished students. Then we do everything we can to help make a Richmond education possible — including financial aid assistance and multiple scholarship programs.

Most colleges want to help in this way. The critical distinction for Richmond: We’re among only a handful of U.S. colleges and universities that admit U.S. citizens and permanent residents through a need-blind admission process and meet applicants’ full financial need. What that means: 100% of your family’s demonstrated need will be provided through our financial aid packages.

Additionally, all first-year applicants are automatically considered for our Presidential Scholarship — equal to one-third of your tuition. Applicants who apply before December 1 are also considered for the Richmond Scholars Program, which awards full tuition, plus housing and food.

YOUR FUTURE SHOULDN’T HAVE TO WAIT.

When all your tests have been taken, essays written, and recommendations requested, send everything to us by one of the following dates.

NOVEMBER 1
Early Decision I
Early Action

DECEMBER 1
Richmond Scholars

JANUARY 1
Early Decision II
Regular Decision
Presidential Scholarship

Learn more about how we help with college costs. (Scan to visit our Office of Financial Aid.)

Get a quick estimate of your projected educational costs with the MyInTuition calculator. (Scan to go to the calculator.)
"Don't waste this time creating a boring story."

MEET ALEX

ALEX KELSO `12,
RHETORIC AND COMMUNICATION STUDIES MAJOR
(RELIGIOUS STUDIES MINOR)

Where are you today?
I'm the senior manager for Uber Eats business practices and standards. Even nine years into my job, I continue to find daily learning experiences and engaging problems that have real impact on how people move through the world.

To be honest, I had no idea what I wanted to do after graduation. I decided to take a year or so to go explore interests I had cultivated during my time at UR. In that year, I led long-distance teenage bicycle tours between Maine and Quebec City, I lived in rural Spain teaching English to primary school students, and I bicycled from California to Maryland.

Just before my cross-country trip, I stayed with a fraternity brother in San Francisco who worked at Twitter. Something clicked while he toured me around the office. I loved the buzz, the energy, the attitude. I needed to be a part of it.

What else should we know about Richmond?
You don't need to know your major, what clubs you want to join, or even who your friend group will be during your first year. The breadth of experiences offered — both inside and outside the classroom — helped me cultivate the ability to think critically and communicate effectively.

Let college be a process of trial and error. This is the one time in your life where you have time, energy, and relatively few responsibilities. Don't waste it creating a boring story.

"Alex’s work in the Seminar in Theory & Pedagogy was exemplary, and he went on to serve as an outstanding peer mentor to his undergraduate colleagues. Joining Uber in its earliest phase and then serving loyally as the company has enjoyed tremendous success combines the daring and dependability in Alex’s personality.”

LINDA HOBGOOD,
RHETORIC AND COMMUNICATION STUDIES FACULTY MEMBER AND ALEX’S FACULTY MENTOR
This place stays with you.

Those who visit our campus often fall in love. They cite the friendly welcome. The open doors. The tree-lined walkways. If you are interested, schedule a tour or register for a virtual admission event.

However you choose to come “see” us, just don’t say we didn’t warn you. You might decide to stay for the rest of your life.

admission.richmond.edu/visit