Virginia Tech Advantage

What is Virginia Tech Advantage?

The Virginia Tech Advantage is a universitywide, multiyear commitment to offer a broad educational experience to undergraduate students from Virginia who have financial need.

As a reflection of our land-grant mission and our university motto of Ut Prosim (That I May Serve), the initiative will provide a significant amount of new scholarship dollars to reduce unmet financial need and increase support for students’ basic needs, career preparation, and transformational learning experiences.

Learn more at vt.edu/advantage.

Why it matters

- Offering a rich and full educational experience to all Virginia students, including those with financial need, is a foundational part of our land-grant mission.

- We must offer this support to continue being a destination for talent. While Virginia Tech is more affordable overall compared to our peers, we fall short on offering need-based aid to qualified students.

A commitment to fundraising

Virginia Tech will raise $500 million in the next 10 years.

- $450 million for scholarships for in-state undergraduates who are eligible for Pell grants and state grants

- $50 million for student success (basic needs, career preparation, transformational learning experiences)
What Virginia Tech Advantage will do

Increase affordability for students with unmet financial need

- Close the gap between financial resources and the cost of attendance for in-state undergraduates who have financial need
- Double the number of Hokies in the Presidential Scholarship Initiative to 800 students

Support for basic needs

- Grow the number of students that can be served by The Market of Virginia Tech
- Increase emergency funds available to students to avert circumstances that may otherwise limit their ability to make progress toward their degrees

Resources for career preparation

- Provide more opportunities for paid internships and co-ops
- Offset the hidden costs of internships
- Enhance mentoring and advising

Transformational learning experiences

- Provide study abroad, on- and off-campus undergraduate research, and summer experiences