

# SLICE *of* LIFE



U.S. News & World Report Rankings

**#16**  
Best Public School of Education

**#15**  
Best Online Master's Education Program

Fortune Magazine

**#7**  
Best Public Online Doctorate in Education Program

## Congratulations on your Acceptance!

The VCU School of Education is excited to welcome you into our "Ramily" where you get the best of both worlds: large top research university resources blended with small school community support. Get to know how you can make the most out of your academic experience with a journey through our values: **innovative, inclusive, community-focused and collaborative.**

### Innovative

Do you want to be on the cutting edge of innovation in your field?

With more than **\$45 million of external funding**, the VCU School of Education is one of the top per-faculty earning research schools in the country. This translates into endless opportunities for innovative research, policy analysis, and practical applications to improve the way we understand and practice education, counseling, training, leadership, and the intersection of research across disciplines.

More than **\$45 million** in external awards.

Our research informs our curriculum and policy to create sustainable change. VCU's location in Richmond, the seat of Virginia political decision-making, helps drive this change.

**Ejanna Barnett**, Ph.D. in Education with a concentration in Curriculum, Culture and Change (May 2023); Holmes Scholar



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## Inclusive

### How can you be a change agent for inclusion and equity?

From our mission and vision to our community engagement initiatives, inclusion is at the heart of our work. Our **Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Belonging committee** brings together faculty, staff and students across programs to continually improve how we meet the diverse needs of our community.

If you are looking for resources, opportunities to engage with affinity groups, and/or join an upcoming event or training, the School of Education is here to support and challenge you.

## Community-focused

### What community-driven need inspires you?

The city of Richmond is steeped in history, culture, food, nature, and art. With **eight affiliate centers** from STEM education to the Partnership with People with Disabilities, you are able to connect with cross-disciplinary, community-focused teams engaged in meaningful initiatives a short distance from the State Capital. There are more opportunities than can possibly be included in your program, which is a good problem to have!

Faculty and staff advisors are critical resources for you to build connections and maximize your academic experience. We have a team that is ready to respond and support your needs as you move through your program.

## Collaborative

### Who can you partner with to make your experience UNmatched?

From day one, you are able to engage in relevant and applied learning through classes, internships, research, volunteering and more. You have a dedicated **Career Center** advisor who can support you in connecting with community and professional opportunities specific to your future career goals.

Research across disciplines by adding your interest areas to the **Research Information Network** that matches you to faculty and grant opportunities across the university. Learn more about our affiliate center, **MERC**, who is collaborating with regional school districts on immediate impact research projects that investigate everything from equitable access to advanced coursework to teacher retention and morale.



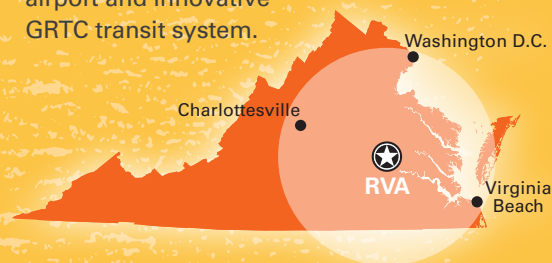
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**Richmond**, the capital of Virginia and commonly called RVA by locals, was founded in 1737.

**Population:** 1.2 million+ (Richmond Metropolitan Area)

Visitors to RVA will find easy interstate access via I-95 and I-64. RVA is also served by two Amtrak stations, an international airport and innovative GRTC transit system.



**Within a two-hour drive of RVA** you'll find surf and sandy beaches along the Atlantic Coast, skiing and fall color in the scenic Blue Ridge Mountains, and all the cultural offerings available in our nation's capital!

The SOE's location in RVA's thriving city center provides students, faculty, and staff with a wide variety of cultural, entertainment, arts, international, and culinary options, many within easy walking distance of campus.

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| Virginia Museum of Fine Arts | Monroe Park                            |
| The National                 | Iron Blossom Music Festival            |
| Altria Theater               | Belle Isle                             |
| First Fridays                | Institute for Contemporary Art         |
| Richmond Ballet              | Shockoe Slip                           |
| Carytown                     | Main Street Station                    |
| Canal Walk                   | Libby Hill Park                        |
| Byrd Park                    | Richmond Folk Festival                 |
| Richmond Flying Squirrels    | VA Pride Fest                          |
| The James River              | Dominion Riverrock                     |
| Maymont                      | Virginia Museum of History and Culture |
| Science Museum of Virginia   | Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden          |
| Virginia State Capitol       | Richmond Jazz Festival and much        |
| The Jefferson Hotel          |  |
| Virginia Capital Trail       |  |

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