Superior Academics  Through our seven academic divisions, Brown School, McKelvey School of Engineering, Olin Business School, Sam Fox School of Design & Visual Arts, School of Arts & Sciences, School of Law, and School of Medicine, each ranked in the top 20 selection of national and global surveys, WashU is among the world’s leaders in teaching, research, patient care, and service to society. We provide opportunities for in-depth study in a range of subjects and collaboration across disciplines.

Innovative Research  Positioned to meet national and global imperatives in energy, environment security, health and economic prosperity, we take our responsibility seriously. Through innovative research, $711.8 million/year total support, and $522.4 million/year of federal support, we are committed to creating the new knowledge necessary to achieve a bright and sustainable future.

Global Leadership  Global outreach has been a key priority over the last decade in order to ensure we are known as a university of global standing, give our students an education of what it means to be US citizens within a global environment, that we recruit talented students, collaborate with the best minds across the world, and have impact that spans from St. Louis to the U.S. to the rest of the world.

Through the McDonnell International Scholars Academy, we incubate new ideas and mentor future leaders while promoting global awareness and social responsibility. Our international network of 34 University Partners includes 22 in Asia, 3 in Latin America, 4 in the Middle East, 2 in Europe, 2 in Australia, and 1 in Africa. Our distinguished faculty, exceptional leaders in their fields, lead ground-breaking research projects and contribute a wealth of knowledge and expertise to this collaborative effort. Through their experience, projects, and networks, research universities foster the collaborative efforts required to address complex global challenges; and in addition to being engines of research and innovation, they are charged with educating future global leaders.

The McDonnell Academy affirms the United States’ interest in attracting talented international and domestic students for advanced educational pursuits. McDonnell Scholars are graduate and professional students from our network of 34 University Partners, who come to WashU for an extraordinary educational experience as they pursue doctoral and professional master’s degrees in: architecture, business, engineering, law, medicine, neuroscience, sociology, or any of the the 120+ academic programs offered. The Academy aspires to having one Scholar from each university partner in residence at WashU at all times, reflecting the diversity found in our cohorts. To ensure the highest quality, the Academy is focused and small, with currently 85 Scholars in residence, and 112 Scholar alumni. The core mission to foster close relationships among the Scholars, ensures alumni will continue to rely on Academy networks and track-two diplomacy throughout career paths in academia, corporate, professional, and entrepreneurship, to address global issues.
SOLIDIFYING THE PARTNERSHIP
Our partners are a select group of premier research universities from around the world. Universities that become partners in the Academy are committed to excellence in education and research, and to the importance of international collaboration. In turn, Washington University is committed to having at least one Scholar from each University Partner in residence at all times.

- Provides graduate and professional students from university partners around the world with an extraordinary educational experience at Washington University.
- Strengthens relationships between Washington University and alumni, parents, friends, corporations, and governments of the Scholars’ partner university city.
- Recruits future global leaders from partner universities and supports them as they pursue doctoral and professional master’s degrees at Washington University.

85 Current Scholars
McDonnell Academy strives to have at least one Scholar from each partner University in residence at all times.

34 University Partners
A select group of research universities around the world partner with Washington University, sharing the same commitment to excellence in research and to the importance of international collaboration.

112 Academy Alumni
The McDonnell Academy alumni come from different degree programs and different partner universities, facts that reflect the diversity found in our cohorts.