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UMR's 284-acre campus is located in the eastern foothills of the beautiful Missouri Ozarks. Founded in 1870 as the Missouri School of Mines, UMR is ranked among the nation's top technological research universities. The university offers over 65 B.S., M.S. and Ph.D. degree programs through its College of Arts and Sciences, School of Engineering, School of Management and Information Systems and School of Materials, Energy and Earth Resources. The campus has 23 research centers, labs and institutes. During the 2003-04 academic year, UMR earned over \$30 million in research awards and grants. UMR enrolls 5,500 extremely talented students from 45 states and 63 foreign countries. Over 70 percent of students study in engineering, science and the computer fields. Many of the nation's top companies and graduate schools actively recruit UMR graduates. Between 2000 and 2003, more than 95 percent of UMR graduates secured a position in the field of their choice or enrolled in graduate school within three months of graduation. The class of 2003 had an average starting salary of over \$47,300.

Campus Life

UMR offers a number of campus living options, ranging from traditional residence halls to fraternity and sorority houses and the new Residential College. The university has more than 200 student organizations including 10 student design teams, a competitive NCAA Division II varsity sports program, student professional societies, theater and music programs and a student radio station. A highlight of the campus calendar is the one of the largest college St. Pat's celebrations in the country.

University of Missouri Structure & History

The four University of Missouri campuses are located in Rolla, Columbia, Kansas City and St. Louis. Governing these campuses is the Board of Curators whose members are appointed by the Governor of Missouri and confirmed by the Missouri Senate. The president of the university directs and coordinates programs of all four campuses with assistance from staff in finance, business management, academic affairs, research, extension, development, public information, and other university services. The activities of each campus are under the supervision of a chancellor, who directs campus affairs within policies established by the UM Board of Curators and the president.

The University of Missouri has a long and proud history. It was established at Columbia in 1839, only 18 years after Missouri became a state. A land-grant university, UM is recognized as the first state university west of the Mississippi River. The university remained a single campus institution until 1870 when the University of Missouri School of Mines and Metallurgy (UMR's former designation) was established at Rolla. Campuses at St. Louis and Kansas City were added in 1963.

On July 1, 1964, the UM Board of Curators took action to rename the University of Missouri School of Mines and Metallurgy to the University of Missouri-Rolla. The UMR campus encompasses about 284 acres and combines both old and new architecture.

