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THE UNIVERSITY

The University of Maryland is the State university and the "Land-Grant" institution of Maryland.

The present University of Maryland is the result of the merger of the former privately owned University of Maryland located in Baltimore with the former Maryland State College at College Park. The former University of Maryland was founded in 1807 as the College of Medicine of Maryland (Chapter 53, Acts of 1807). In 1812, it enlarged its curriculum and changed its name to the University of Maryland (Chapter 159, Acts of 1812). Subsequently, it added faculties of law (1823), dentistry (1882), nursing (1889), and pharmacy (1904).

The Maryland State College of Agriculture was founded by Chapter 114, Acts of 1856, as the Maryland Agricultural College, a private institution at College Park, and became the beneficiary of the Land-Grant Act of 1862 (Chapter 178, Acts of 1865). By Chapter 129, Acts of 1914, the State assumed complete control of the school and in 1916 the Legislature granted it a new charter, which renamed the school the Maryland State College of Agriculture (Chapter 372, Acts of 1916). The General Assembly consolidated the University of Maryland and the Maryland State College of Agriculture in 1920 and gave the name University of Maryland to the new institution (Chapter 480, Acts of 1920).

In accordance with 1963 legislation authorizing the University to establish a branch in Baltimore County, the University of Maryland, Baltimore County Campus (UMBC) opened initially to freshmen students in September 1966 (Code 1957, 1969 Repl. Vol., Art. 77, sec. 18).

The University is under the administration of a Board of Regents consisting of thirteen members appointed by the Governor by and with the advice and consent of the Senate. By Chapter 615, Acts of 1969, the present members of the Board will serve terms of five years from the date of their appointment. These members shall each be eligible for reappointment for one additional term of five years. The terms of all members appointed in 1969, and thereafter shall be for five years from the first Monday in June of the year of appointment. Members appointed to fill vacancies occurring during a term shall serve for the remainder of the term, and they shall be eligible for reappointment to two full terms of the Board. Three members shall be selected from lists of nominees, which shall be submitted to the Governor by the Maryland Agricultural Commission and shall contain the names of at least two nominees for each office to be filled (Code 1957, 1969 Repl. Vol., 1970 Supp., Art. 77, sec. 77a).