

## **Standard Descriptions of Marquette University**

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Most proposals call for a brief description of the applicant institution to show how the institution's mission relates to the area of need being addressed and to establish the institution's overall strength as a platform for the research, training, or outreach project being proposed. Here are short and long versions of a standard institutional description for Marquette University, culled from annual reports and catalogues. These paragraphs are suggestions only: you will want to adapt them to suit your particular situation. For example, in most cases you will want to add a brief description of your department or academic unit. Depending on the sponsor and the nature of your project, your institutional description might also include the number of doctorally prepared faculty in your department, enrollment or placement data, a summary of significant accomplishments of the faculty, or special distinctions earned by the unit.

Don't hesitate to call on ORSP staff to help you shape your proposal draft so that it accurately and effectively describes Marquette's strengths in the context of your specific proposal.

### **Short Version**

Marquette University is Wisconsin's largest independent educational institution and enjoys a national reputation for excellence in both teaching and research. Founded in 1881 by the Society of Jesus (the Jesuits), Marquette is governed by an independent Board of Trustees consisting of prominent community, business, and education leaders. The University offers over 60 undergraduate majors, 38 master's programs, 18 doctoral programs, and three professional programs. The University's current enrollment is approximately 11,500 and includes students from all 50 states and more than 80 countries.

### **Long Version**

Marquette is a national, urban, Jesuit, Catholic university located near downtown Milwaukee. As Wisconsin's largest independent educational institution, the University provides substantial leadership in teaching and research. The University offers over 60 undergraduate majors, 38 master's programs, 18 doctoral programs, and three professional programs. Marquette currently enrolls approximately 11,500 students from 50 states and over 80 countries who represent a spectrum of ethnic and religious heritages.

Marquette is devoted to the Jesuit tradition of *cura personalis* and seeks to aid all of its students in their intellectual, spiritual, emotional, social, and physical development. Marquette encourages its students to seek positions and attitudes of leadership and service to others.

As an urban university, Marquette invests substantial resources to maintain and enhance its relationships within a vibrant city and state while building and nurturing national and

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international relationships. Students, faculty, and staff devote more than 100,000 hours annually to community service, earning Marquette a national reputation for helping. The University's economic impact on the greater Milwaukee area is estimated at \$420 million annually. Marquette contributes its unique intellectual and educational resources to the common good of all members of the community and reflects its Catholic and Jesuit character by reaching out in service, especially to the poor and less fortunate.