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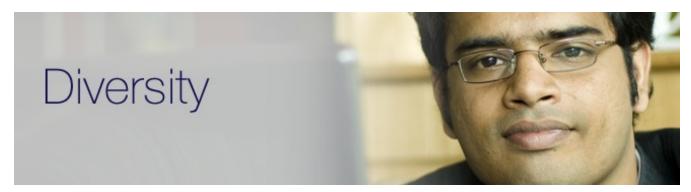
Description

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Pitt has been placed in the top cluster of seven leading U.S. public research universities and among the clusters comprising the overall top 25 research universities, is ranked among U.S. News & World Report's top public universities, has been placed among the best for the quality of life of its students, has been named as a "best value" by various publications, and has appeared in multiple rankings of the world's top universities. The goals of the University of Pittsburgh diversity and inclusion commitment are to:

achieve diversity in the racial/ethnic and sex composition of its workforce at all levels; enhance opportunities for enrolling, retaining, and graduating students from underrepresented groups;

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