North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University (N.C. A&T) is a public, land-grant university and constituent member of the University of North Carolina system (UNC). It is a historically black college/university (HBCU). The university is located on 200 acres in Greensboro, North Carolina, 300 miles south of Washington, D.C., and 350 miles north of Atlanta. It was established in 1891.

The university’s history as one of only eighteen HBCU 1890 land-grant universities is reflected in its strengths in agriculture, animal science, engineering, and environmental science. A growing student enrollment reflects the demand for North Carolina A&T’s programs in those areas as well as in the arts and sciences, business and economics, education, nursing, and technology.

N.C. A&T also has a rich civil rights legacy. In 1960, four freshman students, now known as the Greensboro Four, are credited with sparking the nationwide sit-in movement at the Woolworth’s lunch counter in downtown Greensboro. Civil rights leader Jesse Jackson is an alumnus of the university.

**Vision:** N.C. A&T aspires to be recognized as a preeminent land-grant university and the institution of choice for high-achieving students who are inspired by outstanding teaching and learning, civic engagement, transformative research, and creative scholarship to solve societal challenges.

**Research** ([research.ncat.edu](http://research.ncat.edu)): N.C. A&T is a doctoral research institution as classified by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching. It has ranked third in the UNC system in research funding since 2005. Fiscal year 2014 funding for research was $52.8 million.

**Education** ([http://www.ncat.edu/academics/index.htm](http://www.ncat.edu/academics/index.htm)): For Fall 2014, N.C. A&T enrolled 10,700 students, making the university the largest HBCU in the nation. N.C. A&T offers 55 undergraduate degrees, 31 master’s degree programs, and nine Ph.D. degrees (in mechanical, electrical, and industrial engineering; nanoengineering; computational science and engineering; computer science; energy and environmental studies; rehabilitation counseling and rehabilitation counselor education; and leadership studies). Academic programs are offered through the College of Arts and Sciences, College of Engineering, School of Agriculture and Environmental Sciences, School of Business and Economics, School of Education, School of Nursing, School of Technology, and the Joint School of Nanoscience and Nanoengineering. More than 90 percent of full-time, tenure-track faculty members have doctorates.
The university’s graduate programs in nanoengineering are offered through the Joint School of Nanoscience and Nanoengineering in collaboration with the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. The school is located at the Gateway University Research Park south campus. Gateway is another joint initiative of N.C. A&T and UNCG. It consists of two campuses, both of about 75 acres.

N.C. A&T leads the nation in the number of African American students who receive bachelor’s, master’s and doctoral degrees in engineering and technology. N.C. A&T also has been successful in encouraging women to pursue degrees in traditionally male-dominated disciplines.

N.C. A&T’s doctoral programs in Computational Science and Engineering and in Nanoengineering are the only such stand-alone doctoral programs in the UNC system and among the nation’s HBCUs.

N.C. A&T also is one of the largest producers of African American certified public accountants in the nation. The School of Business and Economics is accredited by the nation’s premiere accrediting agency for business programs, AACSB International. N.C. A&T was the first HBCU with an AACSB accredited accounting program.

N.C. A&T’s Department of Journalism and Mass Communications is home to one of only two accredited journalism programs in the state.

The School of Education offers NCATE-accredited teacher education programs. All of its graduates complete the teachers’ licensure examination. It has CACREP national accreditation in counseling. The school leads the nation in the number of African Americans with bachelor’s degrees in teacher education and master’s degrees in counseling, adult education, instructional technology and leadership.

N.C. A&T’s School of Agriculture and Environmental Sciences is largest among all HBCUs, with six nationally accredited programs: landscape architecture, bioenvironmental engineering, child development, agricultural education, dietetics, and family and consumer science education. It administers the Center for Excellence in Post-Harvest Technologies (CEPHT) at the North Carolina Research Campus. CEPHT conducts cutting-edge research in post-harvest technologies and food science with hopes of continuously finding new ways to make food safer, extend shelf life and preserve health-promoting nutrients.
The university was ranked No.2 in the nation for social mobility in the Washington Monthly 2014 National Universities Rankings for the third year in a row. Social mobility measures how well a university performs as an engine for improved social status.