

BOUNDLESS

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But what separates us from the pack is our culture.





ONE CULTURE, INTERTWINED

Any self-respecting research university embraces interdisciplinary collaboration. That's how many important discoveries are made. We are no different at Boston University. We have dissolved barriers, built bridges, and stoked a broad spectrum of intellectual passions.

But where we diverge is in our culture.

Ours is very much informed by scale. With 17 schools and colleges, we are unleashing a flood of knowledge from which we are surfacing countless ideas and solutions, even entirely new fields. At the same time, our schools and colleges have remained vibrant and distinct, each powered by a pool of talented faculty scholars and researchers, inspiring thousands of curious young minds. Over the years, these strands of intellectual prowess have become intertwined, working both independently and together, moving us ever forward.

As you'll see in the pages of this year's annual report, our unique interwoven culture has led to a \$450 million BU-based global partnership to combat superbugs, prompted a record-shattering donation for life sciences and engineering research, seen the opening of a new science center that mixes cutting-edge disciplines, and is bringing about a new undergraduate curriculum that facilitates collaboration, equipping students for the ever-shifting world that awaits.

The bottom line is this: when we connect people who motivate, challenge, and inspire us, the distance we can travel is truly boundless. I hope you like where we're headed.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in white ink that reads "Robert A. Brown". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of each name being capitalized and prominent.

Robert A. Brown
President, Boston University

COMBINING DISCIPLINES

IT'S NOT JUST ABOUT REPLACING WALLS WITH BRIDGES. It's about unlocking unique combinations of thought and creativity. It's about starting conversations between philosophers and journalists, between painters and doctors, between biologists and engineers. What sets us apart from other research institutions is our size, the sheer volume of knowledge humming up, down, and across both our campuses. We're convinced that exploring the uncharted spaces between our myriad disciplines will yield surprising, powerful, and life-altering results.

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EQUIPPING STUDENTS

TODAY, THE WORLD SPINS FAST, changing constantly. It's an exhilarating, tumultuous, and radically different place from even five years ago. Media, politics, communications, education, and the economy have all been transformed. Students can expect to change jobs, even fields, multiple times during their professional lives. That means learning to pivot—mastering a diverse skill set, an intellectual range, and an experiential track record. So BU is leveraging the collective brainpower of our 17 schools and colleges. We are offering a unique education to develop new kinds of graduates, prepared to succeed no matter what the world throws at them.



One Culture, Intertwined

Combining Disciplines

Equipping Students

Infusing Industry

Designing the Future

Financials

