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public research universities
as institutions of higher education
that receive a portion of
their funding from state and
local appropriations, educate
undergraduate and graduate
students, are Carnegie-classified
as Very High and High Research
Activity universities, and are
located in one of the fifty states.

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