

Is cmu.edu legit? TrustSniffer's high-trust assessment: 100/100

cmu.edu

Verdict

100

OUT OF 100

HIGH TRUST

cmu.edu appears legitimate.

Our checks found nothing pointing to fraud. Ordinary care still applies when you pay or sign in.

Not Scam

Low Risk

Assessed 2026-08-13 by automated analysis. Classification confidence 55%.

What this site appears to be

Official Carnegie Mellon University site pages describing institutional information: academics, research, admissions, campus life, news and events. Includes address, contact, and cookie/privacy notices.

Evidence status and limitations

Evidence completeness: UNKNOWN

- The real-world operator identity was not independently verified.
- Module-level completeness metadata is unavailable for this legacy report.

At a glance

The checks that decide most of this verdict.

Malware engines	None flagged it VirusTotal	CLEAR
Google Safe Browsing	Not listed Google	CLEAR
Abuse reports on the host	0 reports AbuseIPDB; shared hosting inflates this count	NOTED
Domain age	41 years old Registered history	CLEAR
Web archive	Never archived No public history of this site	WATCH
Certificate	Encrypted connection Issued by InCommon RSA Server CA 2	NOTED

The page as captured

No screenshot is retained for this report.

Key findings

- Automated classification: Not Scam.
- Domain age: more than 10 years (registration continuity).
- No flags from the reputation services TrustSniffer consulted at assessment time.
- The operator behind the site could not be independently connected to a real-world brand or person.

Full analysis

Overview

This website presents Carnegie Mellon University's institutional web presence, covering academics, research, admissions, campus life, news, events, leadership, and university services. Its apparent purpose is to provide authoritative educational and institutional information, supported by a conventional university operating model involving tuition, grants, endowments, donations, and institutional partnerships.

Scam/Impersonation Risk

No contradictions were observed. The homepage and institutional pages consistently identify the site with Carnegie Mellon University, present substantial university content, and show no phishing, impersonation, malicious-form, cryptocurrency, or other abuse indicators. Independent reputation coverage is clean, and the site has a top-tier global traffic footprint, which is consistent with an established institutional presence rather than a deceptive or disposable website.

EVIDENCE

- The homepage identifies “Carnegie Mellon University | CMU” and provides institutional sections for About, Academics, Admission, Campus Life, Research, and News & Events.
- The site's observed forms are limited to search and cookie consent; no login form, hidden form, password-external form, wallet connection, or malicious browser behavior was detected.
- The domain was registered on 1985-04-24 and is approximately 41.33 years old.
- The site has a traffic rank of 1770 and is within the top 1,000,000 globally.

Regulatory Verification Notes

The available content is consistent with an academic institution rather than a financial, brokerage, or investment service. The About, leadership, contact, privacy, and cookie-related content provides institutional context and contact information, but the supplied evidence does not independently verify the real-world operator identity. No financial license or registration number is identified in the reviewed content; for this stated educational model, that is a disclosure and applicability question rather than evidence of a scam. The absence of a broker-dataset match provides contextual reassurance only and is not a legal or regulatory determination.

EVIDENCE

- The About and Leadership pages describe Carnegie Mellon University, its mission, history, values, and institutional structure.
- The contact and privacy-related pages include an address, contact information, and standard privacy and cookie notices.
- The site is served from AS9, CMU-ROUTER - Carnegie Mellon University, US.
- TLS uses an OV certificate issued by InCommon RSA Server CA 2 for Carnegie Mellon University, valid through 2027-01-18.

What to Verify Next

Before credential or payment interactions related to admissions, donations, or other services, an independent party should confirm the relevant university contact route through an authoritative offline or separately sourced channel. Any proposed activity outside the stated educational and institutional purpose should be checked separately for the applicable organization, payment destination, refund terms, and authorization requirements.

EVIDENCE

- The homepage and About pages establish the site's stated purpose as university information and services rather than a regulated financial offering.
- The contact and privacy pages provide the specific institutional channels and policy context needed for independent confirmation.

Summary Verdict

Available evidence supports a high-trust, low-risk posture consistent with an established, apparently legitimate institutional website. The assessment supports normal informational use, but it does not constitute independently verified proof of the real-world operator identity.

Infrastructure Integrity

The site resolves directly to Carnegie Mellon University infrastructure through AS9 and the CMU-ROUTER organization in the United States, with no CDN or WAF identified. Its transport security uses organization-validated TLS issued by InCommon RSA Server CA 2 and is valid through 2027-01-18; this infrastructure alignment is a mitigating signal, not proof of identity by itself.

Closing Assessment

Routine informational browsing is proportionate; ordinary independent identity, policy, and payment-protection checks should precede credential submission or financial interaction.

Written analysis generated 2026-08-13 by the TrustSniffer Analysis Engine from the evidence in this report.

What the analysis found

No rule findings contributed to this verdict.

Identity verification

Status	UNVERIFIED
Identity score	55/100
Identity verification confidence	60%

- Identity verified on page

Identity verification measures whether the site can be independently connected to a real-world brand or person. It is separate from the classification confidence.

What TrustSniffer observed

First-party facts recorded during the assessment of cmu.edu.

- The request stayed on cmu.edu. It was not redirected to another domain. CLEAR
- The registration is paid up to 2027-07-31. NOTED
- It is hosted on CMU-ROUTER, from a server in US. NOTED

Domain intelligence

Registrar	Not available
Hosting	CMU-ROUTER - Carnegie Mellon University, US
Country	US
Server IP	128.2.42.52
Name servers	Not available
SSL issuer	InCommon RSA Server CA 2
SSL expiry	2027-01-18
Domain age	41.33 years (continuous registration)
Domain expiry	2027-07-31
Archive first seen	Not available
Archive snapshots	0
Reputation	VirusTotal: 0 flagged AbuseIPDB: 0 reports Google Safe Browsing: 0 matches

About this assessment

A trust score summarises the evidence TrustSniffer could collect about cmu.edu at assessment time. It is a starting point for your own judgement, not a guarantee: a high score means the signals were consistent with a legitimately operated site, a low or critical score means several risk patterns were present.

TrustSniffer assesses a website from the evidence it can collect at a point in time: domain registration and age, hosting and certificate, the content the site served, and third-party reputation feeds. A score is a summary of that

evidence, not a guarantee and not a legal finding. There is no human rating and no user review in it. A site can change after it is assessed.

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