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The Annamalai University is a unitary, teaching, and residential university. It was founded by the munificence of the farsighted and noble hearted philanthropist and patron of letters the late Hon'ble Dr. Rajah Sir Annamalai Chettiar of Chettinad, Kt, LL.D., D.Litt.

He started several colleges, and ultimately, the University in 1929. Since its inception, it has progressively tried to realize the aims of the noble Founder Pro-Chancellor. After him, his illustrious son, Padma Bhushan Dr. Rajah Sir Muthiah Chettiar of Chettinad, was the Pro-Chancellor from 1948 to 1984, and he sedulously nurtured the growth and development of the University.

The University has had the unique good fortune of having a succession of eminent Vice-Chancellors to guide its destinies.

During the last eighty two years the University has grown rapidly and has consolidated its position as a unitary and residential University with forty-nine Departments of Study and over 3240 members on its teaching staff. Annamalainagar is already a busy and full-fledged University town, east of Chidambaram, the abode of Lord Nataraja.

The University campus, including the colleges, hostels, and playgrounds, occupies an area of about thousand acres.

Annamalai University offers one of the highest number of scholarships and awards for eligible students. A total of 356 scholarships and awards are given to eligible candidates every year.

In 2006, Annamalai University opened its first Study Center in Toronto, Canada, offering programs in Music, Dance, Tamil and Yoga. Other overseas centres include the Al Mihad Institute, Dubai and the Al Hilal Education Centre, Sharjah in the United Arab Emirates as well as the Al Noor Education Centre in Muscat, Oman.