

# RANKINGS AND FACTS

The University of Iowa is among the top public research institutions in the nation—offering a world-class education in over 200 areas of study. From a nationally recognized academic medical center to the most prestigious creative writing program in the United States, our balanced excellence in the arts and sciences encourages innovation and creative exploration across the disciplines.



**31,000+**  
students enrolled in Fall 2021



**15:1**  
student-to-faculty ratio



**500+**  
student organizations



**294,000+**  
alumni living and working in 158 countries and all 99 Iowa counties



**45+**  
Pulitzer Prize winners among UI faculty and alumni



**20**  
NCAA Division 1 athletic teams

## Most notable U.S. News & World Report rankings

- #33** Best public university
- #1** Hospital in Iowa for 32 years
- #24** Best public business school
- #1** Public university for writing across the disciplines
- #10** Best Bachelor of Science in Nursing program
- 12** Graduate programs ranked among the top 10 in the nation

## Firsts

- 1st institution of higher education in the state of Iowa (1847)
- 1st college of law west of the Mississippi (1868)
- 1st to award MFA degrees (1940)
- 1st public university to admit men and women on an equal basis (1860)
- 1st coeducational medical school (1870)
- 1st state university to officially endorse an LGBTQ+ student group (1970)

## Research

- \$702.4 million raised in external research funding in FY 2021
- 288% increase in NASA funding in FY 2021
- 31% increase in total research funding in FY 2021
- 1 in 3 undergraduate students participate in research

## Around Campus

- Top Ten College Town (*USA Today*)
- Iowa City is one of 42 UNESCO Cities of Literature in the world, and one of only two in the U.S.
- 50+ parks, natural areas, and open spaces surrounding campus
- 1,700-acre, bicycle-friendly main campus with 18 major bus routes

## Outcomes and Impact

- 93% of graduates find a job or are accepted to grad school within six months of graduation
- 88% first-year retention rate
- 4,300+ employers have hired Iowa graduates in the past three years
- 17 consecutive years on the *Fiske Guide to Colleges* "Best Buy" list