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 the most prestigious creative writing program in the United States to a nationally recognized academic medical center, our balanced excellence in the arts and sciences encourages innovation and creative exploration across the disciplines.

**Firsts**

1. **Institution of higher education in the state of Iowa** (1847)
2. **Public university to admit men and women on an equal basis** (1860)
3. **College of law west of the Mississippi** (1868)
4. **Coeducational medical school** (1870)
5. **To award MFA degrees** (1940)
6. **State university to officially endorse an LGBTQ+ student group** (1970)
7. **1st Public university for writing across the disciplines**
8. **Hospital in Iowa for 32 years**
9. **Best Bachelor of Science in Nursing program**
10. **Best public business school**
11. **Graduate programs ranked among the top 10 in the nation**

**Research**

- $654.4 million raised in external research funding in FY 2022
- 2,400 projects secured research funding in FY 2022
- 150+ centers and institutes devoted to research and discovery
- 1 in 3 undergraduate students participate in research

**Around Campus**

- Top 10 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**

- 95% of graduates find a job or are accepted to grad school within six months of graduation
- 87% first-year retention rate
- 4,300+ employers have hired Iowa graduates in the past three years
- 18 consecutive years on the Fiske Guide to Colleges “Best Buy” list