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.

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

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### 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)**

### 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
- 89% first-year retention rate
- 4,400+ employers have hired Iowa graduates in the past three years
- 18 consecutive years on the *Fiske Guide to Colleges* “Best Buy” list