

# 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 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.



**31,000+**  
students enrolled in fall 2022



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



**600+**  
student organizations



**298,000+**  
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

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

## Firsts

**1st** institution of higher education in the state of Iowa (1847)

**1st** public university to admit men and women on an equal basis (1860)

**1st** college of law west of the Mississippi (1868)

**1st** coeducational medical school (1870)

**1st** to award MFA degrees (1940)

**1st** 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