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**

- **#47** Best public university
- **#1** Public university for writing across the disciplines
- **#1** Hospital in Iowa for 34 years
- **#1** Public nursing program
- **#24** Best public business program
- **10** Graduate programs ranked among the top 10 in the nation

**Firsts**

1. **1st** institution of higher education in the state of Iowa (1847)
2. **1st** public university to admit men and women on an equal basis (1860)
3. **1st** college of law west of the Mississippi (1868)
4. **1st** coeducational medical school (1870)
5. **1st** to award MFA degrees (1940)
6. **1st** state university to officially endorse an LGBTQ+ student group (1970)

**Research**

- $561.3 million raised in external research funding in FY 2023
- 2,100+ projects secured research funding in FY 2023
- 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**

- 97% 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
- On Money’s 2023 Best Colleges list, recognized for quality and affordability