

# 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.



**32,000+**

students  
enrolled in  
fall 2024



**15:1**

student-to-  
faculty ratio



**600+**

student  
organizations



**301,000+**

alumni living and  
working in 141  
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

**#46** Best public university

**#1** Public university for  
writing across the disciplines

**#1** Hospital in Iowa for 35 years

**#1** Public nursing program

**#17** Best public business program

**21** Graduate programs ranked  
among the top 25 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

\$683.8 million raised in external  
research funding in FY 2024

2,100+ projects secured research  
funding in FY 2024

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 53 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

90% first-year retention rate

96% of graduates find a job or are  
accepted to grad school within  
six months of graduation

4,300+ employers have hired Iowa  
graduates in the past three years

On Money's 2024 Best Colleges list,  
recognized for quality and affordability