

**Stanford University**  
Stanford, CA

The sunny campus of Stanford University is located in California's Bay Area, about 30 miles from San Francisco. The private institution stresses a multidisciplinary combination of teaching, learning, and research, and students have many opportunities to get involved in research projects.

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**#2 Georgia Institute of Technology**  
Atlanta, GA

Georgia Institute of Technology is a public institution that was founded in 1885. The school has 41.0 percent of its classes with fewer than 20 students, and the student-faculty ratio at Georgia Institute of Technology is 17:1.

In-state tuition and fees: \$10,098 (2012-13)  
Out-of-state tuition and fees: \$29,402 (2012-13)  
Enrollment: 13,948  
Setting: urban

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**#3 University of California--Berkeley**  
Berkeley, CA

The University of California--Berkeley overlooks the San Francisco Bay in Berkeley, Calif. Students at this public school have more than 700 organizations to get involved in, including more than 55 fraternity and sorority chapters.

In-state tuition and fees: \$11,767 (2011-12)  
Out-of-state tuition and fees: \$34,645 (2011-12)  
Enrollment: 25,885  
Setting: urban

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**#4 University of Illinois--Urbana-Champaign**  
Champaign, IL

A public institution, University of Illinois--Urbana-Champaign was founded in 1867. University of Illinois--Urbana-Champaign offers a Greek system, where 21.0 percent of the student body is involved in a sorority and 21.0 percent is involved in a fraternity.

In-state tuition and fees: \$14,428 (2012-13)  
Out-of-state tuition and fees: \$28,570 (2012-13)  
Enrollment: 32,256  
Setting: city

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**#5 University of Michigan--Ann Arbor**  
Ann Arbor, MI

University of Michigan--Ann Arbor has a total undergraduate enrollment of 27,407, with a gender distribution of 51.0 percent male students and 49.0 percent female students. At this school, 37.0 percent of the students live in college-owned, -operated, or -affiliated housing and 63.0 percent of students live off campus.

In-state tuition and fees: \$13,437 (2012-13)  
Out-of-state tuition and fees: \$39,109 (2012-13)  
Enrollment: 27,407  
Setting: city

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**#6 University of Texas--Austin**  
Austin, TX

Founded in 1883, University of Texas--Austin is a public institution. University of Texas--Austin follows a semester-based academic calendar and its admissions are considered more selective.

In-state tuition and fees: \$9,792 (2012-13)  
Out-of-state tuition and fees: \$33,060 (2012-13)  
Enrollment: 38,437  
Setting: city

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**#7 Massachusetts Institute of Technology**  
Cambridge, MA

Tuition and fees: \$42,050 (2012-13)  
Enrollment: 4,384  
Setting: urban

Though the Massachusetts Institute of Technology may be best known for its math, science, and engineering education, this private research university also offers architecture, humanities, management, and social science programs. The school is located in Cambridge, Mass., just across the Charles River from downtown Boston.

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**#8 Johns Hopkins University**  
Baltimore, MD

Tuition and fees: \$43,930 (2012-13)  
Enrollment: 5,980  
Setting: urban

Johns Hopkins University is a private institution in Baltimore, Md. that offers a wide array of academic programs in the arts, humanities, social and natural sciences, and engineering disciplines. The Hopkins Blue Jays men's lacrosse team is consistently dominant in the NCAA Division I; other sports teams at Hopkins compete at the Division III level.

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**#9 Carnegie Mellon University**  
Pittsburgh, PA

Tuition and fees: \$45,124 (2012-13)  
Enrollment: 6,281  
Setting: urban

Carnegie Mellon University, a private institution in Pittsburgh, Pa., is the country's only school founded by industrialist and philanthropist Andrew Carnegie. The school specializes in academic areas including engineering, business, computer science, and fine arts.

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**#10 Cornell University**  
Ithaca, NY

Tuition and fees: \$43,413 (2012-13)  
Enrollment: 14,167  
Setting: rural

Cornell University, a private school in Ithaca, N.Y., started the country's first colleges for hotel administration, industrial and labor relations, and veterinary medicine. Cornell now offers a wide variety of undergraduate programs and runs interdisciplinary research centers for nanotechnology, supercomputing, and more.

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