Northwestern University
A PRIVATE INSTITUTION ESTABLISHED IN 1851

THE NORTHWESTERN DIFFERENCE

Northwestern is a comprehensive research university that is deeply interdisciplinary across multiple schools and units. Our rigorous yet empathetic academic environment provides a robust mixture of theory and practice, with an emphasis on top-tier research, new knowledge, creative expression, and practical application. At Northwestern, you’re part of an innovative, collaborative, and multidimensional community, delivering an impact that is rare in higher education.

NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL RECOGNITION

Northwestern is one of only four US universities ranked in the top 20 across all graduate education categories and in the top 10 overall.

#9 NATIONAL UNIVERSITY
#24 GLOBAL UNIVERSITY
#12 LAW SCHOOL
#15 MEDICAL SCHOOL
#8 ECONOMICS

Rankings from U.S. News & World Report (except global ranking from Times Higher Education) as of September 2021

ARTS AND HUMANITIES

- 35 Weinberg College of Arts and Sciences programs across the humanities, fine arts, social sciences, natural sciences, and mathematics
- Among Playbill’s top 10 most represented universities on Broadway
- Bienen School of Music alumni and faculty have won 10 Grammy Awards since 2015, and 21 music students and alumni have earned top honors in 16 international competitions
- Block Museum of Art named a top US campus museum by the New York Times

JOURNALISM AND INTEGRATED MARKETING COMMUNICATIONS

World-renowned programs in journalism and integrated marketing communications (IMC):

- Undergraduates complete journalism residencies at 120+ media outlets and companies in the US and abroad.
- Journalism graduate students choose to specialize in one of seven topic areas or reporting formats.
- The IMC program at Northwestern is a pioneer in blending creativity and data to build brands for the digital age.

RESEARCH

National Institutes of Health Funding

$434M

More than $893M in annual sponsored research awards

127% increase over the past 10 years

#15 in total NIH awards among AAU universities

INNOVATION AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

- 100+ innovation-based courses taught each year
- $2.2 billion in revenue from patents and intellectual property licensing revenue
- More than 10 million patients impacted by Northwestern Therapeutics
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**SCHOLARSHIPS**

Undergraduates
Northwestern awarded $209 million in scholarships to students in 2020–21.

Fulbright Scholars
Northwestern is one of a handful of universities to appear on every “top-producing” Fulbright US Student Program list published by the Chronicle of Higher Education since 2005.

**AWARD-WINNING COMMUNITY**

Northwestern faculty and alumni include recipients of Pulitzer and Nobel Prizes; MacArthur Genius Grants; Tony, Grammy, Emmy, and Academy Awards; and Guggenheim Fellowships as well as members of the National Academy of Sciences and numerous other honorary and professional societies.

**NOTABLE ALUMNI**

- Stephen Colbert
- Gillian Flynn
- Claudia Lopez
- Julia Louis-Dreyfus
- Meghan Markle
- George R.R. Martin
- Seth Meyers
- J.B. Pritzker
- Patrick G. Ryan
- Roxana Saberi
- Gwynne Shotwell
- John Paul Stevens
- Michael Wilbon
- Andrew Youn

**ATHLETICS**

- Founding member of the Big Ten Conference
- 2020 Big Ten West football champion and winner of four consecutive bowl games and six consecutive Land of Lincoln trophies
- Seven NCAA women's lacrosse titles since 2005
- Recent conference championships in basketball, soccer, field hockey, golf, tennis, wrestling, fencing, swimming, and diving
- Northwestern's 98% NCAA graduation success rate has ranked no. 1 among Football Bowl Subdivision schools for the past three years
- One of five private AAU members/top research universities to compete in NCAA Power Five conferences

**ENDOWMENT**

- $11B

**ENROLLMENT**

- 8,000+ undergraduates
- 13,000+ graduate students
- 6:1 Students to Faculty