



RICE

What They're Saying About Rice

Rice University is considered one of the nation's premier institutions of higher education. Here's why:

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Key Rankings

- Consistently ranked among top 20 universities in U.S. overall
- Top Carnegie classifications for “very high research activity” and “comprehensive doctoral program”
- One of only three Tier One universities in Texas
- No. 1 best quality of student life
- No. 1 lots of race/class interaction
- No. 1 worldwide in materials science research
- No. 1 global university business incubator
- No. 2 most international university in U.S.
- No. 4 best value among private universities nationally and No. 1 in Texas
- No. 9 happiest students
- Top 5 overall Best Colleges in America
- One of 25 healthiest colleges (2016)
- One of “50 Schools That Launch Careers by Going Beyond the Classroom”
- One of U.S. Department of Education’s 23 four-year schools with low costs that lead to high incomes
- Two Nobel Prize winners in chemistry
- Two National Medal of Science faculty winners

School Facts

- 3,888 undergraduate and 2,610 graduate students
- Students and scholars representing 89 countries and regions
- Undergraduate student-faculty ratio approximately 6:1, with median class size of 14
- 90 percent of reporting freshmen graduated in top 10 percent of high school class
- 20 consecutive years of NCAA conference championship athletic teams

Undergraduate Education

U.S. News & World Report

- Ranked among top 20 national universities every year since first ranked in 1988; currently tied for No. 18 (2016).
- Tied for No. 10 among national universities with strong commitment to undergraduate teaching (2016).

Princeton Review

- No. 1 best quality of student life, No. 1 lots of race/class interaction, No. 9 happiest students, No. 14 best health services, No. 16 great financial aid, No. 19 best-run colleges (2016)

Kiplinger’s Personal Finance Magazine

- No. 4 best value among private universities (2015)

Forbes’ “America’s Top Colleges”

- No. 18 among research universities and No. 3 among colleges in the South (2014)

PayScale

- No. 11 among undergraduate universities in 2015 College Salary report.

Times Higher Education World Rankings

- No. 2 most international university in U.S. (2015)
- No. 69 among top universities in the world (2015)

Graduate Education

U.S. News & World Report

- No. 7 bioengineering, No. 10 atomic/molecular/optical specialty in physics, No. 11 programming language specialty in computer science, No. 13 entrepreneurship, No. 18 computer engineering, No. 18 part-time MBA, No. 19 environmental engineering, No. 20 computer science, No. 21 electrical engineering (2015)

Research

Carnegie Foundation

- Top classifications for “very high research activity” and “comprehensive doctoral program” (2011)

Leiden Ranking

- No. 4 in field of mathematics and computer sciences, No. 6 for physical sciences and engineering, No. 22 social science and humanities and No. 9 for all sciences among the world’s top universities for the quality and impact of Rice’s scientific publications (2015)

Susanne M. Glasscock School of Continuing Studies

- One of the nation’s largest providers of professional development for Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate teachers
- Attracts students from more than 100 countries with more than 20,000 enrollments a year in credit and noncredit courses

School of Architecture

Design Intelligence

- No. 3 undergraduate architecture program (2015)
- No. 7 graduate architecture program (2015)
- No. 1 in the South for undergraduate and graduate education (2015)

George R. Brown School of Engineering

National Medal of Science

- National Medal of Science recipient (2011), Richard Tapia

U.S. News & World Report

- No. 4 undergraduate biomedical engineering, No.18 undergraduate engineering (2016)

Wiess School of Natural Sciences

Nobel Prize

- Nobel Prize winners in chemistry (1996), Richard Smalley and Robert Curl

U.S. News & World Report

- No. 10 graduate atomic, molecular, optical physics (2015)
- No. 25 graduate earth sciences (2015)

Times Higher Education World University Rankings

- No. 32 worldwide in physical sciences (2015)

James A. Baker III Institute for Public Policy

Think Tanks and Civil Societies Program, University of Pennsylvania

- No. 9 among university-affiliated think tanks in the world (2014)
- No. 18 among all think tanks in the U.S. (2014)
- No. 4 among energy and resource policy think tanks (2014)

Rice Alliance for Technology and Entrepreneurship

- No. 1 global university business incubator by UBI Index (2013–2014)
- Helped launch more than 250 technology companies, more than 45 based on Rice technology
- Home to world's richest and largest graduate student startup competition; awarded nearly \$3 million in cash and prizes in 2014

Princeton Review and Entrepreneur magazine

- No. 4 graduate entrepreneur program in U.S. (Top 10, 2010–2015)

Athletics

2014–15 Highlights

- Rice captures three C-USA titles (Soccer, Women's Tennis, Baseball), while reaching the championship matches in volleyball and men's tennis and finishing second in women's cross-country and swimming.
- Soccer, baseball and women's tennis teams reach NCAA competition, while women's swimming, men's cross-country, and men's and women's indoor and outdoor track send a total of 11 individuals to compete in their respective NCAA championships, with six earning All-American honors.
- The Owls again lead C-USA by placing 246 student-athletes on the 2015 Commissioner's Honor Roll and earn the C-USA Institutional Excellence Award for the eighth time in 10 years as a member of the conference.
- Rice baseball earns a 21st consecutive NCAA tournament berth and finished the season ranked in the Top 25 nationally.
- Ryan Chandler earns Collegiate Baseball Freshman All-American honors.
- Rice football earns a third consecutive bowl berth for the first time in school history, defeating Fresno State 30-6 to win the Hawai'i Bowl
- Driphus Jackson, senior quarterback, named to the 2015 Allstate AFCA Good Works Team.
- Christian Covington selected by the Houston Texans in the NFL draft, marking the fifth consecutive year an Owl has been drafted.
- Nicky Adams is named the C-USA Women's Soccer Coach of the Year.
- The National Soccer Coaches Association of America (NSCAA) recognizes women's soccer for their combined 3.37 GPA, which is the highest for any team in Texas as well as C-USA.
- Casey Clark (100 butterfly) and Erin Flanigan (1650 freestyle) win their third consecutive C-USA titles.
- Callie Roper is the first Owl to win the C-USA Women's Cross-Country title, is named C-USA Women's Cross-Country Athlete of the Year.
- Scott Filip earns USTFCCA Outdoor NCAA All-American honors, and Filip, Chris Pillow and Ben Pressley all earn Indoor NCAA All-American honors.
- Daisy Ding and Cybil Obiozor earn USTFCCA Outdoor NCAA All-American honors and Claire Uke earns Indoor NCAA All-American honors.
- Elizabeth Schmidt is named the C-USA Women's Tennis Coach of the Year.
- Natalie Beazant is named C-USA Women's Tennis Player of the Year.

- No. 7 graduate bioengineering, No. 11 graduate programming language specialty, No. 18 graduate computer engineering, No. 19 graduate environmental engineering, No. 20 graduate computer science, No. 21 graduate electrical engineering (2015)

Times Higher Education

- No. 40 worldwide in engineering and technology (2015)

Jesse H. Jones Graduate School of Business

U.S. News & World Report

- No. 13 entrepreneurship program (2016) and No. 16 part-time MBA program (2016)

Princeton Review and Entrepreneur magazine

- No. 4 graduate entrepreneurship (2014) and ranked among the top 10 five years in a row

Princeton Review

- No. 7 best administered and No. 7 best professors (2014)

Financial Times

- Executive MBA: No. 1 Percentage Salary Increase (U.S.); No. 1 Aims Achieved (U.S.); No. 4 Entrepreneurship — Alumni ranking, (Global); No. 5 Overall (U.S.); No. 7 Corporate Strategy — Alumni ranking (Global) (2014)
- Full-time MBA: No. 2 Percentage Salary Increase (U.S.) and No. 11 Global; No. 3 Best in Finance — Alumni ranking (Global); No. 7 Entrepreneurship — Alumni ranking (Global); No. 19 Overall — full-time MBA program (U.S.); No. 23 Salary three years out (U.S.) (2014)

Bloomberg Businessweek

- No. 7 part-time MBA (2014)
- No. 25 full-time MBA

The Shepherd School of Music

- One of the top orchestral training programs in the country, with alumni in the Philadelphia and Cleveland orchestras; the Chicago, Boston and San Francisco symphonies; and the Metropolitan Opera Orchestra
- Opera Studies program produced recent winners in the Metropolitan Opera National Council Auditions and Lindemann Young Artist Development Program, plus alumni in the Houston Grand Opera Studio and the LA Opera's Domingo-Colburn-Stein Young Artist Program

Music School Central

- No. 8 music college in the U.S.

School of Humanities

- Faculty members have won awards, grants, fellowships or honors from the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation, Iowa Poetry Prize, American Council of Learned Societies, American Academy of Arts and Letters, Mellon Foundation, Ford Foundation, National Endowment for the Humanities, National Endowment for the Arts and the Carnegie Foundation, among others.

School of Social Sciences

College Factual

- No. 14 in undergraduate economics for program (2015)

U.S. News & World Report

- Ranked among the top 50 best graduate political science schools and programs (2013)