This is Rice
• William Marsh Rice, who made his fortune in Houston, devoted the bulk of his estate to the establishment of an institute of higher learning.

• Edgar Odell Lovett — first president of the Rice Institute took a nine-month world tour of leading academic institutions

• Oct. 12, 1912 — Rice Institute formally opened

• Oct. 12, 2012 — Rice University celebrated its 100th anniversary
We enthusiastically embrace our green space.

- More than 4,000 beautiful trees on 300 acres
- Three-mile tree-lined trail around perimeter of campus

Rice is surrounded by additional learning opportunities.

- Houston Museum District
- Texas Medical Center

Architecture

- Approximately 80 major buildings
- Neo-Byzantine style
Rice’s eight schools rank among highest in their disciplines.

- Architecture
- Business
- Continuing studies
- Engineering
- Humanities
- Music
- Natural sciences
- Social sciences

Consistently ranked among top 20 universities in the U.S. and top 100 in the world.
• Approximately 3,900 undergraduates and 2,600 graduate students from the U.S. and 76 countries or regions
• SAT 25th-75th percentile range: 1370-1550
• Percent graduated top 5 percent of class: 75
• Percent graduated top 10 percent of class: 87
• Percent who speak more than one language: 40
• Freshman retention rate: 98 percent
• Percent of students who apply to graduate or professional schools and are admitted by commencement: 95
• Nobel Prize in chemistry — Robert Curl and Richard Smalley
• Two National Medal of Science winners
• NSF CAREER Awards since 2007: 25
• Undergraduate student-to-faculty ratio: 6:1
• Median class size: 14
• Full-time faculty members: more than 630
• Percent of professors teaching undergraduate courses: 85
• Percent of faculty with a doctorate or terminal degree in field: 97
Residential college system
- Eleven residential colleges
- Students from all classes and majors randomly assigned to a college
- Individual and unique cultures, such as annual theater productions and themed parties
- More than 200 Rice student clubs
- Ranked by Princeton Review as No. 1 for best quality of student life and No. 2 for happiest students
More than 2,000 students participate in civic research and design courses, volunteer for service projects, and participate in cultural activities both locally and worldwide.

• Habitat for Humanity
• O-Week Outreach Day
• Students have worked in rural African clinics and helped educate children about the dangers of AIDS.

• Rice’s chapter of Engineers Without Borders, one of the most active student chapters in the U.S., has been helping communities in developing nations since April 2003.
• NCAA Division I — Conference USA
• 19 consecutive years with NCAA conference team championships
• 16 varsity sports teams
• 30 club sports
• 13 intramural sports
• Approximately 70 percent of students participate in sports — varsity, intramural or club
• More than 40 Rice centers and institutes
• BioScience Research Collaborative
• Rice University’s Baker Institute for Public Policy
• Kinder Institute for Urban Research
• Richard E. Smalley Institute for Nanoscale Science and Technology
• Boniuk Institute for the Study and Advancement of Religious Tolerance
• In 2013, Rice hosted more than 600 scholars from 67 countries to conduct research, teach and contribute to Rice culture.
As a leading research university with a distinctive commitment to undergraduate education, Rice University aspires to path-breaking research, unsurpassed teaching and contributions to the betterment of the world.

For more information about Rice, please visit our website at www.rice.edu.

You also may take virtual tours of the Rice community at www.rice.edu/virtualtours.