



What They're Saying About Rice

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

Fast Facts

- Consistently ranked among top 20 universities in U.S. overall and for Hispanic students
- No. 69 among world's top universities
- One of only three Tier One universities in Texas
- Top Carnegie classifications for "very high research activity" and "comprehensive doctoral program"
- No. 1 worldwide in materials science research
- No. 1 global university business incubator
- No. 2 best quality of student life
- No. 2 most international university in U.S.
- No. 4 best value among private universities
- No. 6 happiest students
- Two Nobel Prize winners in chemistry
- Two faculty winners of National Medal of Science
- 90 percent of reporting freshmen graduated in top 10 percent of high school class
- Undergraduate student-faculty ratio approximately 6:1 with median class size of 14
- 3,926 undergraduate and 2,698 graduate students
- Students and scholars representing 89 countries and regions
- 19 consecutive years of NCAA conference championship athletic teams

Undergraduate Education

U.S. News & World Report

- Ranked among the top 20 national universities every year since first listed in 1988
- No. 9 among national universities in "Great Schools, Great Prices" (2015)

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)

Fiske Guide to Colleges

- One of 22 private "best buy" schools (2015)

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)

Huffington Post and unigo.com

- One of the "New Ivies — Top 10 Colleges Where You'll Find the Next Generation of Excellence"

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)

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

Research

Carnegie Foundation

- Top classifications for "Very high research activity" and "comprehensive doctoral program" (2011)

Leiden Ranking

- No. 1 in field of natural sciences and engineering and No. 6 for all sciences among the world's top universities for the quality and impact of Rice's scientific publications (2013)

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. 5 undergraduate biomedical engineering, No. 15 undergraduate computer engineering, No. 17 undergraduate electrical engineering, No. 18 undergraduate engineering (2015)
- 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)

The Economist

- No. 1 MBA program in Texas and the Southwest (2010)

Princeton Review and Entrepreneur magazine

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

Princeton Review

- No. 3 best administered and No. 8 best professors (2013)

Jesse H. Jones Graduate School of Business (continued)

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 3 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

Fiske Guide to Colleges

- Among top 10 undergraduate music programs (2010)

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

National Research Council

- Ranked among top 20 political science departments (2010)

The Journal of Economic Literature

- No. 6 in public economics and No. 19 in mathematical economics (2008)

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)

Rice University's Baker 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)

Domestic and Foreign Policy Research Institute

- Ranked as a top 40 think tank in the U.S. (2008–10)

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

- C-USA championship in soccer, reached the championship game in volleyball, and finished second in women's cross-country and swimming.
- Rice football earns a third consecutive bowl berth for the first time in school history and wins the Hawai'i Bowl with a 30-6 win over Fresno State.
- Christian Covington invited to the NFL Combine, the third consecutive year the Owls have had at least one player attend.
- Brian Nordstrom earns second-team Academic All-American honors, while also leading C-USA in tackles for loss.
- Zach Patt earned national defensive player of the week honors after recording five sacks vs. FIU.
- 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.
- Casey Clark achieves a qualifying time to participate in the 2016 U.S. Olympic Swim Trials.
- Swim team automatically qualifies a relay for the NCAA Championships.
- Jillian Humphrey becomes the 10th player in school history to be named AVCA All-America Honorable Mention as well as earn a spot on the American Volleyball Coaches Association Southwest Region Team.
- Genny Volpe reaches 200 career coaching wins in women's volleyball.
- Chelsey Harris selected to participate at the U.S. Women's National Volleyball Team Open Tryouts for the second consecutive year.
- Rice's Quinny Truong, Lauren Hughes, Jenny Fichera and Holly Hargreaves named to the National Soccer Coaches Association of America (NSCAA) 2014 All-Central Region Team.
- Sara Blasier named to the C-USA All-Conference Volleyball second-team selection, as well as the C-USA All-Freshman Team.
- Callie Roper becomes the first Owl to win the C-USA Women's Cross Country title and is named the C-USA Women's Cross Country Athlete of the Year.
- Natalie Beazant becomes the fourth Rice women's tennis player to reach 100 wins in singles.
- Elizabeth Schmidt records her 100th career coaching win in women's tennis.