

20 U.S. Biomedical Research Institutions Punching Above Their Weight

The **Cure Innovation Index** sets a new standard as the first data-driven framework to measure how effectively U.S. biomedical institutions translate scientific discovery into real-world healthcare solutions and treatments. The Index reveals a consistent pattern: institutions that lead in translational performance combine scientific excellence with strong commercialization infrastructure, deep industry engagement, and an embedded entrepreneurial culture.

The Index ranks the **top 303 academic institutions**, selected from more than 6,000 nationwide, and represents all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico. The Index ranks 243 universities separately from 60 institutes and centers to reflect differences in their structures and missions. The Index also identifies 20 institutions that “punch above their weight” given their funding levels, demonstrating that translational success is driven not only by resources but also by strategy, culture, and execution.

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- 1. Indiana University, Indianapolis**
Indianapolis, Indiana
- 2. New York Medical College**
Valhalla, New York
- 3. University of Maryland, Baltimore County**
Catonsville, Maryland
- 4. University of Memphis**
Memphis, Tennessee
- 5. Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute**
Troy, New York
- 6. University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee**
Milwaukee, Wisconsin
- 7. Worcester Polytechnic Institute**
Worcester, Massachusetts
- 8. Eastern Virginia Medical School**
Norfolk, Virginia
- 9. University of Akron**
Akron, Ohio
- 10. Ohio University**
Athens, Ohio
- 11. Illinois Institute of Technology**
Chicago, Illinois
- 12. Northeast Ohio Medical University**
Rootstown, Ohio
- 13. Rosalind Franklin University of Medicine and Science**
North Chicago, Illinois
- 14. University of Mississippi**
Oxford, Mississippi
- 15. Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University**
Tallahassee, Florida
- 16. Albany Medical College**
Albany, New York
- 17. SUNY Downstate Health Sciences University**
Brooklyn, New York
- 18. Loma Linda University**
Loma Linda, California
- 19. Meharry Medical College**
Nashville, Tennessee
- 20. Creighton University**
Omaha, Nebraska

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