

## 243 Top-Performing Universities Across the U.S.

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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.

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1. **Harvard University**  
Cambridge, Massachusetts
2. **Stanford University**  
Stanford, California
3. **University of Pennsylvania**  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
4. **Massachusetts Institute of Technology**  
Cambridge, Massachusetts
5. **University of California, San Francisco**  
San Francisco, California
6. **Johns Hopkins University**  
Baltimore, Maryland
7. **University of California, San Diego**  
San Diego, California
8. **Duke University**  
Durham, North Carolina
9. **Washington University in St. Louis**  
St Louis, Missouri
10. **Yale University**  
New Haven, Connecticut
11. **Emory University**  
Atlanta, Georgia
12. **University of Pittsburgh**  
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
13. **Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai**  
New York, New York
14. **Cornell University**  
Ithaca, New York
15. **University of Michigan, Ann Arbor**  
Ann Arbor, Michigan
16. **Columbia University**  
New York, New York
17. **Northwestern University**  
Evanston, Illinois
18. **University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill**  
Chapel Hill, North Carolina
19. **University of Washington, Seattle**  
Seattle, Washington
20. **University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center**  
Dallas, Texas
21. **University of California, Los Angeles**  
Los Angeles, California
22. **Case Western Reserve University**  
Cleveland, Ohio
23. **New York University**  
New York, New York
24. **Boston University**  
Boston, Massachusetts
25. **Vanderbilt University**  
Nashville, Tennessee
26. **Rockefeller University**  
New York, New York

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27. **University of Utah**  
Salt Lake City, Utah
28. **Ohio State University**  
Columbus, Ohio
29. **University of Chicago**  
Chicago, Illinois
30. **University of Iowa**  
Iowa City, Iowa
31. **University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio**  
San Antonio, Texas
32. **University of Massachusetts Medical School**  
Worcester, Massachusetts
33. **University of California, Irvine**  
Irvine, California
34. **Albert Einstein College of Medicine**  
The Bronx, New York
35. **University of Florida**  
Gainesville, Florida
36. **University of California, Berkeley**  
Berkeley, California
37. **University of Texas Medical Branch**  
Galveston, Texas
38. **University of Rochester**  
Rochester, New York
39. **University of Virginia, Charlottesville**  
Charlottesville, Virginia
40. **Baylor College of Medicine**  
Houston, Texas
41. **University of Maryland, Baltimore**  
Baltimore, Maryland
42. **University of Alabama at Birmingham**  
Birmingham, Alabama
43. **University of Wisconsin-Madison**  
Madison, Wisconsin
44. **Medical University of South Carolina**  
Charleston, South Carolina
45. **University of Illinois at Chicago**  
Chicago, Illinois
46. **Tufts University**  
Medford, Massachusetts
47. **University of Texas M. D. Anderson Cancer Center**  
Houston, Texas
48. **University of Minnesota, Twin Cities**  
Minneapolis, Minnesota
49. **Indiana University, Indianapolis**  
Indianapolis, Indiana
50. **California Institute of Technology**  
Pasadena, California
51. **Oregon Health and Science University**  
Portland, Oregon
52. **University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston**  
Houston, Texas
53. **University of Maryland, College Park**  
College Park, Maryland
54. **University of Arizona**  
Tucson, Arizona
55. **University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences**  
Little Rock, Arkansas
56. **University of California, Davis**  
Davis, California
57. **Virginia Commonwealth University**  
Richmond, Virginia
58. **Medical College of Wisconsin**  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin
59. **Rutgers University, New Brunswick**  
New Brunswick, New Jersey
60. **Wake Forest University**  
Winston-Salem, North Carolina

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61. **George Washington University**  
Washington D.C., District of Columbia
62. **University of Cincinnati**  
Cincinnati, Ohio
63. **Temple University**  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
64. **University at Buffalo (SUNY)**  
Buffalo, New York
65. **Dartmouth College**  
Hanover, New Hampshire
66. **Georgetown University**  
Washington D.C., District of Columbia
67. **Pennsylvania State University**  
State College, Pennsylvania
68. **Georgia Institute of Technology**  
Atlanta, Georgia
69. **University of Kentucky**  
Lexington, Kentucky
70. **University of Southern California**  
Los Angeles, California
71. **University of South Florida**  
Tampa, Florida
72. **Indiana University, Bloomington**  
Bloomington, Indiana
73. **Brown University**  
Providence, Rhode Island
74. **University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus**  
Aurora, Colorado
75. **University of Kansas Medical Center**  
Kansas City, Kansas
76. **Purdue University, West Lafayette**  
West Lafayette, Indiana
77. **Stony Brook University (SUNY)**  
Stony Brook, New York
78. **North Carolina State University**  
Raleigh, North Carolina
79. **Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute**  
Troy, New York
80. **University of Miami**  
Coral Gables, Florida
81. **Arizona State University**  
Tempe, Arizona
82. **University of Colorado Boulder**  
Boulder, Colorado
83. **University of Kansas**  
Lawrence, Kansas
84. **Rice University**  
Houston, Texas
85. **Tulane University**  
New Orleans, Louisiana
86. **Augusta University**  
Augusta, Georgia
87. **Wayne State University**  
Detroit, Michigan
88. **University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign**  
Urbana, Illinois
89. **Michigan State University**  
East Lansing, Michigan
90. **University of Missouri, Columbia**  
Columbia, Missouri
91. **Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University**  
Blacksburg, Virginia
92. **University of Tennessee Health Science Center**  
Memphis, Tennessee
93. **University of New Mexico**  
Albuquerque, New Mexico
94. **Carnegie Mellon University**  
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

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| 95. <b>University of Louisville</b><br>Louisville, Kentucky                         | 112. <b>University of Texas at Austin</b><br>Austin, Texas                     |
| 96. <b>University of Nebraska Medical Center</b><br>Omaha, Nebraska                 | 113. <b>Florida State University</b><br>Tallahassee, Florida                   |
| 97. <b>Drexel University</b><br>Philadelphia, Pennsylvania                          | 114. <b>Iowa State University</b><br>Ames, Iowa                                |
| 98. <b>SUNY Upstate Medical University</b><br>Syracuse, New York                    | 115. <b>Eastern Virginia Medical School</b><br>Norfolk, Virginia               |
| 99. <b>University of Connecticut</b><br>Storrs, Connecticut                         | 116. <b>University of Maryland, Baltimore County</b><br>Catonsville, Maryland  |
| 100. <b>Thomas Jefferson University</b><br>Philadelphia, Pennsylvania               | 117. <b>University of Delaware</b><br>Newark, Delaware                         |
| 101. <b>Princeton University</b><br>Princeton, New Jersey                           | 118. <b>University of Georgia</b><br>Athens, Georgia                           |
| 102. <b>Rush University</b><br>Chicago, Illinois                                    | 119. <b>University of South Carolina, Columbia</b><br>Columbia, South Carolina |
| 103. <b>Morehouse School of Medicine</b><br>Atlanta, Georgia                        | 120. <b>New York Medical College</b><br>Valhalla, New York                     |
| 104. <b>University of Massachusetts, Amherst</b><br>Amherst Center, Massachusetts   | 121. <b>Ohio University</b><br>Athens, Ohio                                    |
| 105. <b>Washington State University</b><br>Pullman, Washington                      | 122. <b>University of Mississippi Medical Center</b><br>Jackson, Mississippi   |
| 106. <b>University of Houston</b><br>Houston, Texas                                 | 123. <b>University of Texas at Dallas</b><br>Richardson, Texas                 |
| 107. <b>SUNY Downstate Health Sciences University</b><br>Brooklyn, New York         | 124. <b>University of Vermont</b><br>Burlington, Vermont                       |
| 108. <b>Saint Louis University</b><br>St Louis, Missouri                            | 125. <b>West Virginia University</b><br>Morgantown, West Virginia              |
| 109. <b>Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center</b><br>Lubbock, Texas          | 126. <b>University of Texas at San Antonio</b><br>San Antonio, Texas           |
| 110. <b>Northeastern University</b><br>Boston, Massachusetts                        | 127. <b>East Carolina University</b><br>Greenville, North Carolina             |
| 111. <b>University of Oklahoma Health Science Center</b><br>Oklahoma City, Oklahoma | 128. <b>University of Mississippi</b><br>Oxford, Mississippi                   |

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129. **Texas A&M Health Science Center**  
College Station, Texas
130. **University of Notre Dame**  
Notre Dame, Indiana
131. **University of Central Florida**  
Orlando, Florida
132. **University of California, Santa Cruz**  
Santa Cruz, California
133. **Florida International University**  
Miami, Florida
134. **University of Nevada, Reno**  
Reno, Nevada
135. **University of Nebraska, Lincoln**  
Lincoln, Nebraska
136. **University of Memphis**  
Memphis, Tennessee
137. **Oklahoma State University, Stillwater**  
Stillwater, Oklahoma
138. **Albany Medical College**  
Albany, New York
139. **Georgia State University**  
Atlanta, Georgia
140. **University at Albany (SUNY)**  
Albany, New York
141. **Colorado State University, Fort Collins**  
Fort Collins, Colorado
142. **University of North Texas Health Science Center**  
Fort Worth, Texas
143. **University of California, Riverside**  
Riverside, California
144. **Clemson University**  
Clemson, South Carolina
145. **Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center-New Orleans**  
New Orleans, Louisiana
146. **Loyola University Chicago**  
Chicago, Illinois
147. **University of Missouri, Kansas City**  
Kansas City, Missouri
148. **Creighton University**  
Omaha, Nebraska
149. **Louisiana State University**  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana
150. **Meharry Medical College**  
Nashville, Tennessee
151. **Illinois Institute of Technology**  
Chicago, Illinois
152. **University of Oklahoma**  
Norman, Oklahoma
153. **University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee**  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin
154. **University of Tennessee Knoxville**  
Knoxville, Tennessee
155. **New Mexico State University**  
Las Cruces, New Mexico
156. **University of Texas at El Paso**  
El Paso, Texas
157. **Syracuse University**  
Syracuse, New York
158. **Florida Atlantic University**  
Boca Raton, Florida
159. **Texas A&M University, College Station**  
College Station, Texas
160. **University of Montana, Missoula**  
Missoula, Montana
161. **Loma Linda University**  
Loma Linda, California
162. **City College of New York (CUNY)**  
New York, New York

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- 163. **Worcester Polytechnic Institute**  
Worcester, Massachusetts
- 164. **Baylor University**  
Waco, Texas
- 165. **Texas Tech University**  
Lubbock, Texas
- 166. **University of Texas Rio Grande Valley**  
Edinburg, Texas
- 167. **University of Akron**  
Akron, Ohio
- 168. **Oregon State University**  
Corvallis, Oregon
- 169. **Howard University**  
Washington D.C., District of Columbia
- 170. **Northeast Ohio Medical University**  
Ravenna, Ohio
- 171. **Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University**  
Tallahassee, Florida
- 172. **University of New Hampshire**  
Durham, New Hampshire
- 173. **Brandeis University**  
Waltham, Massachusetts
- 174. **University of Toledo**  
Toledo, Ohio
- 175. **Boise State University**  
Boise, Idaho
- 176. **University of Arkansas at Fayetteville**  
Fayetteville, Arkansas
- 177. **Marquette University**  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin
- 178. **University of Hawaii at Manoa**  
Honolulu, Hawaii
- 179. **Rosalind Franklin University of Medicine and Science**  
North Chicago, Illinois
- 180. **East Tennessee State University**  
Johnson City, Tennessee
- 181. **University of North Texas, Denton**  
Denton, Texas
- 182. **North Dakota State University**  
Fargo, North Dakota
- 183. **University of Oregon**  
Eugene, Oregon
- 184. **University of Texas Health Science Center at Tyler**  
Tyler, Texas
- 185. **Kent State University**  
Kent, Ohio
- 186. **Kansas State University**  
Manhattan, Kansas
- 187. **George Mason University**  
Fairfax, Virginia
- 188. **University of South Dakota**  
Vermillion, South Dakota
- 189. **Colorado School of Mines**  
Golden, Colorado
- 190. **University of Puerto Rico Medical Sciences Campus**  
San Juan, Puerto Rico
- 191. **Old Dominion University**  
Norfolk, Virginia
- 192. **University of California, Santa Barbara**  
Santa Barbara, California
- 193. **Montana State University, Bozeman**  
Bozeman, Montana
- 194. **Xavier University of Louisiana**  
New Orleans, Louisiana
- 195. **San Diego State University**  
San Diego, California
- 196. **University of South Alabama**  
Mobile, Alabama

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| 197. <b>University of Rhode Island</b><br>Kingston, Rhode Island                                         | 214. <b>Northern Arizona University</b><br>Flagstaff, Arizona                                     |
| 198. <b>University of Massachusetts, Lowell</b><br>Lowell, Massachusetts                                 | 215. <b>Mississippi State University</b><br>Starkville, Mississippi                               |
| 199. <b>New Jersey Institute of Technology</b><br>Newark, New Jersey                                     | 216. <b>Southern Illinois University, Carbondale</b><br>Carbondale, Illinois                      |
| 200. <b>University of Texas at Arlington</b><br>Arlington, Texas                                         | 217. <b>Wright State University</b><br>Dayton, Ohio                                               |
| 201. <b>University of Southern Mississippi</b><br>Hattiesburg, Mississippi                               | 218. <b>Utah State University</b><br>Logan, Utah                                                  |
| 202. <b>University of Maine</b><br>Orono, Maine                                                          | 219. <b>University of North Dakota</b><br>Grand Forks, North Dakota                               |
| 203. <b>Lehigh University</b><br>Bethlehem, Pennsylvania                                                 | 220. <b>University of Wyoming</b><br>Laramie, Wyoming                                             |
| 204. <b>Oakland University</b><br>Rochester, Michigan                                                    | 221. <b>Boston College</b><br>Boston, Massachusetts                                               |
| 205. <b>University of North Carolina at Greensboro</b><br>Greensboro, North Carolina                     | 222. <b>Binghamton University (SUNY)</b><br>Binghamton, New York                                  |
| 206. <b>Auburn University</b><br>Auburn, Alabama                                                         | 223. <b>Marshall University</b><br>Huntington, West Virginia                                      |
| 207. <b>Midwestern University</b><br>Downers Grove, Illinois                                             | 224. <b>Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center-Shreveport</b><br>Shreveport, Louisiana |
| 208. <b>Western Michigan University and Homer Stryker M.D. School of Medicine</b><br>Kalamazoo, Michigan | 225. <b>University of California, Merced</b><br>Merced, California                                |
| 209. <b>Rowan University</b><br>Glassboro, New Jersey                                                    | 226. <b>Hunter College (CUNY)</b><br>New York, New York                                           |
| 210. <b>Chapman University</b><br>Orange, California                                                     | 227. <b>Portland State University</b><br>Portland, Oregon                                         |
| 211. <b>University of Nevada, Las Vegas</b><br>Las Vegas, Nevada                                         | 228. <b>Michigan Technological University</b><br>Houghton, Michigan                               |
| 212. <b>Brigham Young University</b><br>Provo, Utah                                                      | 229. <b>Texas State University</b><br>San Marcos, Texas                                           |
| 213. <b>Cleveland State University</b><br>Cleveland, Ohio                                                | 230. <b>Central Michigan University</b><br>Mount Pleasant, Michigan                               |

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**231. University of Louisiana at Lafayette**  
Lafayette, Louisiana

**232. University of Idaho**  
Moscow, Idaho

**233. Miami University**  
Oxford, Ohio

**234. Nova Southeastern University**  
Fort Lauderdale, Florida

**235. Jackson State University**  
Jackson, Mississippi

**236. Wichita State University**  
Wichita, Kansas

**237. University of Alaska, Fairbanks**  
Fairbanks, Alaska

**238. Charles R. Drew University of Medicine and Science**  
Los Angeles, California

**239. Queens College (CUNY)**  
New York, New York

**240. University of Alabama at Tuscaloosa**  
Tuscaloosa, Alabama

**241. Georgia Southern University**  
Statesboro, Georgia

**242. Delaware State University**  
Dover, Delaware

**243. San Francisco State University**  
San Francisco, California

### About Cure

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