

243 Top-Performing Universities Across the U.S.

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.

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

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| 129. Texas A&M Health Science Center
College Station, Texas | 146. Loyola University Chicago
Chicago, Illinois |
| 130. University of Notre Dame
Notre Dame, Indiana | 147. University of Missouri, Kansas City
Kansas City, Missouri |
| 131. University of Central Florida
Orlando, Florida | 148. Creighton University
Omaha, Nebraska |
| 132. University of California, Santa Cruz
Santa Cruz, California | 149. Louisiana State University
Baton Rouge, Louisiana |
| 133. Florida International University
Miami, Florida | 150. Meharry Medical College
Nashville, Tennessee |
| 134. University of Nevada, Reno
Reno, Nevada | 151. Illinois Institute of Technology
Chicago, Illinois |
| 135. University of Nebraska, Lincoln
Lincoln, Nebraska | 152. University of Oklahoma
Norman, Oklahoma |
| 136. University of Memphis
Memphis, Tennessee | 153. University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee
Milwaukee, Wisconsin |
| 137. Oklahoma State University, Stillwater
Stillwater, Oklahoma | 154. University of Tennessee Knoxville
Knoxville, Tennessee |
| 138. Albany Medical College
Albany, New York | 155. New Mexico State University
Las Cruces, New Mexico |
| 139. Georgia State University
Atlanta, Georgia | 156. University of Texas at El Paso
El Paso, Texas |
| 140. University at Albany (SUNY)
Albany, New York | 157. Syracuse University
Syracuse, New York |
| 141. Colorado State University, Fort Collins
Fort Collins, Colorado | 158. Florida Atlantic University
Boca Raton, Florida |
| 142. University of North Texas Health Science Center
Fort Worth, Texas | 159. Texas A&M University, College Station
College Station, Texas |
| 143. University of California, Riverside
Riverside, California | 160. University of Montana, Missoula
Missoula, Montana |
| 144. Clemson University
Clemson, South Carolina | 161. Loma Linda University
Loma Linda, California |
| 145. Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center-New Orleans
New Orleans, Louisiana | 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. University of Rhode Island
Kingston, Rhode Island | 214. Northern Arizona University
Flagstaff, Arizona |
| 198. University of Massachusetts, Lowell
Lowell, Massachusetts | 215. Mississippi State University
Starkville, Mississippi |
| 199. New Jersey Institute of Technology
Newark, New Jersey | 216. Southern Illinois University, Carbondale
Carbondale, Illinois |
| 200. University of Texas at Arlington
Arlington, Texas | 217. Wright State University
Dayton, Ohio |
| 201. University of Southern Mississippi
Hattiesburg, Mississippi | 218. Utah State University
Logan, Utah |
| 202. University of Maine
Orono, Maine | 219. University of North Dakota
Grand Forks, North Dakota |
| 203. Lehigh University
Bethlehem, Pennsylvania | 220. University of Wyoming
Laramie, Wyoming |
| 204. Oakland University
Rochester, Michigan | 221. Boston College
Boston, Massachusetts |
| 205. University of North Carolina at Greensboro
Greensboro, North Carolina | 222. Binghamton University (SUNY)
Binghamton, New York |
| 206. Auburn University
Auburn, Alabama | 223. Marshall University
Huntington, West Virginia |
| 207. Midwestern University
Downers Grove, Illinois | 224. Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center-Shreveport
Shreveport, Louisiana |
| 208. Western Michigan University and Homer Stryker M.D. School of Medicine
Kalamazoo, Michigan | 225. University of California, Merced
Merced, California |
| 209. Rowan University
Glassboro, New Jersey | 226. Hunter College (CUNY)
New York, New York |
| 210. Chapman University
Orange, California | 227. Portland State University
Portland, Oregon |
| 211. University of Nevada, Las Vegas
Las Vegas, Nevada | 228. Michigan Technological University
Houghton, Michigan |
| 212. Brigham Young University
Provo, Utah | 229. Texas State University
San Marcos, Texas |
| 213. Cleveland State University
Cleveland, Ohio | 230. Central Michigan University
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

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