THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND IMPACT OF THE UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH

BEST VALUE

For the last 11 years, the University has been ranked as the best value in public higher education in Pennsylvania by Kiplinger’s Personal Finance.

The University of Pittsburgh is profiled in Colleges That Pay You Back: The 200 Schools That Give You the Best Bang for Your Tuition Buck—2016 Edition, published by the Princeton Review. The book and online resource are guides to the nation's academically best and most affordable colleges that also have excellent records of alumni employment.

TOP 25


MILITARY FRIENDLY

Pitt was named a 2016 Military Friendly School by Victory Media.

Through its research programs, the University imported more than $700 million into the region, and those dollars support thousands of local jobs.
TOP SCHOLARSHIPS
Pitt undergraduates have won seven Rhodes Scholarships, nine Marshall Scholarships, 12 Truman Scholarships, nine Udall Scholarships, one Gates Cambridge Scholarship, two Churchill Scholarships, and 56 Goldwater Scholarships.

TOP IN FULBRIGHT WINNERS
The University of Pittsburgh is a top producer of Fulbright U.S. Student Program grant winners, placing fourth among U.S. public research universities and 14th among all research universities in the nation in 2016.

NOTABLE ALUMNI
Pitt alumni have won the Nobel Peace Prize, Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine, Pulitzer Prize for fiction, MacArthur Fellowship, National Book Award for Poetry, Shaw Prize in Life Science and Medicine, Albany Prize in Medicine, John Fritz Medal in engineering, Templeton Prize, Grainger Challenge Prize for Sustainability, and the National Medal of Science.

Polio Vaccine
In 1955, the polio vaccine developed by Jonas Salk and his team of Pitt researchers was declared to be "safe, effective, and potent." It was hailed as one of the great achievements of the 20th century by Newsweek magazine.

8TH BEST NURSING DNP SCHOOL
Pitt’s School of Nursing has a national reputation for excellence. Its Doctor of Nursing Practice program is ranked eighth in U.S. News & World Report’s 2017 Best Nursing Schools. The school is also ranked fourth in the category of nurse anesthesia, fourth in clinical nurse leader, ninth in pediatric primary care nurse practitioner, eighth in nursing administration and fifth in adult/gerontology acute care nurse practitioner. Pitt Nursing is ranked 12th in the 2016 QS World University Rankings by Subject.
Physics Prize

Anna Balazs, a Distinguished Professor in the Swanson School of Engineering, won the American Physical Society’s 2016 Polymer Physics Prize, which honors outstanding contributions to polymer physics research. She is the first woman to win this award in its 56-year history.

PECASE

Pitt led the nation—tied with MIT and the University of California, Berkeley—for the number of faculty receiving Presidential Early Career Awards for Scientists and Engineers (PECASE) awards, the U.S. government’s highest honor for early-career science and engineering researchers.

EDITOR IN CHIEF

Jeremy Berg, associate senior vice chancellor for science strategy and planning in the health sciences, among other roles, was tapped to serve as editor in chief of Science, the largest paid circulation peer-reviewed general science journal in the world.

WORLD LEADER IN PHILOSOPHY

The QS World University Rankings evaluated more than 800 universities in 42 individual disciplines for its 2016 subject rankings. Pitt is first in philosophy in the 2016 rankings, ahead of NYU, Rutgers, Oxford, Cambridge, and Harvard.

10th Best in Social Work

The Pitt School of Social Work is ranked 10th by U.S. News & World Report and is the top-ranked school in Pennsylvania among graduate social work programs.

WHITAKER INTERNATIONAL FELLOWSHIPS

Swanson School of Engineering alumni Alexander Josowitz, Saundria Moed, and Timothy Keane have been named 2016 Whitaker International Fellows and Scholars. The Whitaker International Fellows and Scholars Program provides fellowships, scholarships, and summer grants for overseas research opportunities for emerging professionals in the bioengineering fields.

Top of the World

Globally, Pitt is among the top 100 universities, according to the 2016–17 Times Higher Education World University Rankings.
Established in 1985, Pitt’s Thomas E. Starzl Transplantation Institute is one of the world leading resources dedicated to helping people survive end-stage organ failure.

A Genius
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In 2015, Yuan Chang, Distinguished Professor of Pathology in Pitt’s School of Medicine, was appointed along with four other scientists to serve as members of the National Cancer Advisory Board by President Barack Obama. The national board is charged with identifying the most promising cancer research projects nationwide.

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Innovative
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SCIENTIFIC ACHIEVEMENT

Timothy Billiar, a surgeon and researcher who has been with the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine and UPMC for more than 25 years, has been awarded the Medallion for Scientific Achievement, the highest honor conferred by the American Surgical Association.

Goldwater SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

Three University of Pittsburgh students—Patrick Asinger, Natalie Dall, and Charles Hansen—have been named 2016 Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship winners.

HUMANITY IN ACTION

Pitt’s Mehrgol Tiv was awarded a 2016 Humanity in Action Fellowship. Pitt students have won 16 Humanity in Action Fellowships in the last 20 years.

Green COLLEGE

The University of Pittsburgh is once again one of the most environmentally responsible colleges in the United States and Canada. The Princeton Review has included Pitt in its 2015 Guide to 353 Green Colleges. This is the fourth consecutive year that the University has been included in the guide.

11TH BEST MED SCHOOL

Pitt’s School of Medicine ranks 11th in the primary care category and 16th in the research category among U.S. medical schools by U.S. News & World Report’s Best Medical Schools 2017 rankings.

RESEARCH POWERHOUSE

Pitt ranks ninth overall and sixth among public institutions in the National Science Foundation’s ranking of federally funded research.

GUGGENHEIM FELLOW

Amy Williams, a composer, pianist, and associate professor of music, was awarded a Guggenheim fellowship, an international award recognizing those who have demonstrated exceptional creativity in the arts. She also won a Goddard Lieberson Fellowship, given to midcareer composers who exhibit exceptional gifts.
Since 1996, the University has launched 128 start-up companies.

TRACKING TRENDS

The research being conducted at the University of Pittsburgh Joseph M. Katz Graduate School of Business to track trends in marketing, consumer behavior, and the use of social media has been recognized as being among the most productive scholarly work in the field of marketing by the American Marketing Association.

Most Influential

University of Pittsburgh School of Law Dean William M. Carter Jr. has been named to the 2015 Power List by the media firm Lawyers Of Color. The distinction honors the nation’s most influential minority attorneys and nonminority diversity advocates who have made significant contributions to the legal profession.

TOP RANKINGS

According to U.S. News & World Report, Pitt ranks:

- #1 in Physical Therapy
- #4 in Occupational Therapy
- #4 in Nursing Anesthesia
- #7 in Audiology
- #7 in Pathology
- #9 in Pharmacy
- #10 in Social Work

Truman SCHOLARSHIP WINNER

Senior Lia Petrose won a 2016 Harry S. Truman Scholarship, which recognizes rising juniors and seniors who are preparing to become leaders in public service. She is the 12th Truman Scholar in Pitt’s history.

467,000 HOURS

Pitt students, faculty, and staff volunteer 467,000 hours annually to help those in need.