



Key Rankings

- Consistently ranked among top 20 universities in U.S. overall
- Top Carnegie classifications for “very high research activity” and “comprehensive doctoral program”
- One of only three Tier One universities in Texas
- No. 1 best quality of life
- No. 1 lots of race/class interaction
- No. 8 best value among private universities nationally and No. 1 in Texas
- One of “50 Schools That Create Futures”
- One of U.S. Department of Education’s 23 four-year schools with low costs that lead to high incomes
- Two Nobel Prize winners in chemistry
- Two National Medal of Science faculty winners

School Facts, fall 2016

- 3,910 undergraduate and 2,809 graduate students
- Students and scholars representing 89 countries and regions
- Undergraduate student-faculty ratio approximately 6:1, with median class size of 14
- 90 percent of reporting freshmen graduated in top 10 percent of high school class
- 20 consecutive years of NCAA conference championship athletic teams

Universitywide rankings

U.S. News & World Report

- Ranked among top 20 national universities every year since first ranked in 1988; currently tied for No. 14 (2018)
- No. 3 among national universities with strong commitment to undergraduate teaching (2018)
- No. 14 among 50 national universities ranked as best values (2018)

Princeton Review

- No. 1 best quality of life, No. 1 lots of race/class interaction, No. 2 happiest students (2018)
- No. 13 colleges that by pay you back

MONEY Magazine

- No. 12 national ranking for “2017 Best Colleges for Your Money,” highest of any other Texas school in the guide
- No. 2 best colleges in the South

Forbes America's Top Colleges

- A+ Private College Financial Health Grade, No. 14 among America's Best Value Colleges, No. 21 among private colleges, No. 15 among research universities, No. 2 among colleges in the South (2017)

Forbes America's Best Value Colleges

- No. 14 best value college (2016)
- No. 8 private best value college (2016)

Niche.com

- No. 1 colleges with best student life in America
- No. 5 best colleges (2016)
- No. 5 top private universities in America (2018)

Payscale

- No. 1 best colleges in Texas by salary potential (2017)

Research

Carnegie Foundation

- Top classifications for “very high research activity” and “comprehensive doctoral program” (2015)

Leiden Ranking

- No. 5 social sciences and humanities, No. 8 mathematics and computer sciences, No. 38 physical sciences and engineering, No. 64 for all sciences among the world's top universities for the quality and impact of Rice's scientific publications (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

School of Architecture

Design Intelligence

- No. 4 undergraduate architecture program (2017)
- No. 9 graduate architecture program (2017)

Architectural Record

- No. 6 undergraduate architecture program (2018)

George R. Brown School of Engineering

PayScale

- Top 20 best schools for engineering majors by salary potential (2017)

U.S. News & World Report

- No. 20 undergraduate engineering (2018)
- No. 9 graduate biomedical engineering, No. 11 graduate programming languages specialty, No. 20 graduate computer engineering, No. 20 graduate environmental engineering (2016)

American Society of Engineering Educators

- Rankings for the percent of degrees going to women include No. 8 for bachelor's degrees, No. 1 for master's degrees, No. 4 for Ph.D.s

Jesse H. Jones Graduate School of Business

U.S. News & World Report

- No. 11 entrepreneurship program (2017) and No. 24 part-time MBA program (2017)
- No. 29 overall for full-time MBA (2017)

Princeton Review and Entrepreneur magazine

- No. 3 Graduate Entrepreneurship (2016), six years in top 10
- No. 9 Most Family Friendly (2016)

Princeton Review

- No. 4 Most Competitive Students – full-time MBA (2016)

Financial Times

- No. 1 Aims Achieved — Executive MBA (U.S. only), No. 14 Globally (2016)
- No. 7 Overall — Executive MBA (U.S. only), No. 43 Globally (2016)

Businessweek

- No. 4 Alumni Survey – full-time MBA (2016)
- No. 8 Overall – full-time MBA (2016)
- No. 14 Employer Survey Rank – full-time MBA (2016)

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, National and San Francisco symphonies; Los Angeles Philharmonic; and the Metropolitan Opera orchestra.
- Opera Studies program produced recent winners in the George London Awards Competition and the Jensen Foundation Vocal Competition, with alumni in the Houston Grand Opera Studio, the Metropolitan Opera's Lindemann Young Artist Development Program and the Washington National Opera's Domingo-Cafritz Young Artists Program.
- The Shepherd School of Music is the first U.S. conservatory program to partner with the New York Philharmonic Global Academy Fellowship Program.
- Recent graduate quartets from the String Quartet Residency Program have won top prizes in international competitions: The Banff International String Quartet Competition (2016): The Rolston String Quartet, MMus '17; Avery Fisher Career Development Grant (2017): The Dover String Quartet, MMus '13.
- Shepherd School alumni include Pulitzer Prize (2013) and Grammy Award winners (2017).

School of Humanities

The School of Humanities, like Rice combines the best of a research university with the best of a liberal arts college.

- Our ca. 120 faculty are outstanding researchers who regularly land prestigious fellowships (Humboldt, NEH, NEA, Carnegie, etc.). They are also outstanding teachers, garnering Rice's top teaching prizes and consistently high marks from Rice students.
- We develop students for careers after graduation through faculty advising, internships and alumni mentoring opportunities. Our students attend the top graduate, medical and law schools and pursue a wide range of for-profit and nonprofit careers.

School of Social Sciences

U.S. News & World Report

- Three graduate programs ranked among the top 50 best graduate schools and programs (2017): No. 33 political science, No. 42 economics, No. 50 psychology.

College Factual

- Three undergraduate programs ranked among the top 50 best colleges by major (2018): No. 15 economics, No. 27 anthropology, No. 44 sociology.

NICHE

- Three undergraduate programs ranked among the top 50 best colleges by major (2018): No. 6 psychology, No. 18 political science, No. 23 economics.

Wiess School of Natural Sciences

Nobel Prize

- Nobel Prize winners in chemistry (1996): Richard Smalley and Robert Curl, Physics: Robert Woodrow Wilson '57 (1978)

Wolf Prize

- Wolf Prize winner in chemistry, K. C. Nicolaou (2016)

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. 50 worldwide in physical sciences (2015)

James A. Baker III Institute for Public Policy

Think Tanks and Civil Societies Program, University of Pennsylvania

- No. 4 among university-affiliated think tanks in the world (2016)
- No. 17 among all think tanks in the U.S. (2016)
- No. 2 among the world's energy and resource policy think tanks (2016)

Rice Alliance for Technology and Entrepreneurship

- Home to world's richest and largest graduate student startup competition; awarded more than \$1.9 million in cash and prizes in (2017)
- More than 2,000 startups have participated in programs since 2001 and have raised more than \$3.7 billion in funding
- Ranked a top-15 graduate entrepreneurship program by U.S. News & World Report (2011–2017)

Princeton Review and Entrepreneur magazine

- No. 3 best U.S. graduate entrepreneurship programs (2017). Top 5 from 2010–2017.

Rice Athletics Highlights (2015–16 Academic Year)

- Rice captures C-USA titles in four of 16 sports (women's cross-country, men's and women's tennis, baseball), matching UTEP and WKU for the most conference crowns in sports Rice offers.
- Baseball and men's and women's tennis qualify for NCAA team competition. Baseball's appearance is its 23rd consecutive, the third-longest active streak in the nation, while women's tennis earned its sixth consecutive bid.
- Men's tennis, women's swimming, men's and women's cross-country, men's and women's indoor and outdoor track produce individual qualifiers to compete in their respective NCAA championships, with decathlete Scott Phillip earning first-team, All-America and Austin Riddle (hammer throw) earning honorable mention.
- The Owls again lead C-USA by placing 255 student-athletes on the 2017 Commissioner's Honor Roll and earn the C-USA Institutional Excellence Award for the 10th time in 12 years as a member of the conference.
- Rice unveils a new set of brand standards that include new wordmarks and a new representation of the Rice Owl.
- Rice opens the Brian Patterson Sports Performance Center and debuts new video boards at Rice Stadium and Reckling Park, which also allow the Owls to produce EPSN3 compliant game broadcasts while completing renovations to Tudor Fieldhouse to support golf, men's and women's track and field/cross-country and soccer.