



The Next Genius Scholarship Program

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A Word From The Mentor



Dear Students,

Greetings from The Next Genius Foundation!

Since 2010, I have assisted hundreds of young people discover and achieve their career goals. As a professional career counselor, I specialize in working with teenagers and young adults. People seek me for my resourceful insights into education, college admissions and career planning.

In 2014, my family established The Next Genius Foundation, a charitable organization that offers full undergraduate scholarships at selected US colleges to bright Grade 12 students from India. In the last 2 years, we have awarded scholarships worth USD 3.5 million to 39 students from 34 schools across India. In 2017, we hope to award over USD 6 million worth of scholarships to more than 70 students. Our vision is to identify world changers, and connect them with outstanding educational and career opportunities. In working with these students – beginning in high school, through college and onto their careers – we hope to establish a community of future leaders who will leave a strong impact on society.

In the following pages of this booklet, you will get the opportunity to familiarize yourself with the 11 distinguished Next Genius college partners. I learnt in great details about them through my several visits to their campus, meeting numerous students, professors and admissions representatives at these colleges, and even attending a couple of classes at these prestigious institutions. My team and I have collated all the notes to bring to you a condensed summary which will help you identify the best fit college for you. I encourage you to read about the colleges patiently and learn more about them by visiting their website.

I wish all the very best to you and look forward to meeting you at the Next Genius Interviews.

Yours Truly,

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Beloit College, Wisconsin



Beloit College sits on a wooded 40-acre campus in a small town located 1.5 hours from Chicago. Beloit, Wisconsin's first college, is known to many as 'Yale of the West'. Who attends Beloit College? A student that is confident, interested in learning for learning's sake, and open minded. Students here are anything but boring. Don't believe me? Check www.noboringstudents.org and www.beloit.edu/mindset. Beloit's 1,250 undergraduate students hail from almost every American state and over 40 countries globally.

Location

Beloit, Wisconsin

Closest International Airport

Chicago

US News Ranking

62

National Liberal Arts Colleges

Undergraduate Body

1358

Annual Tuition Fees

\$ 48,236

Annual Living Cost

\$ 12,000

Popular Majors

Physics

Economics

Psychology

Engineering (with Columbia University)

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Next Genius Scholarships

One Full Tuition Scholarship

Multiple Partial Scholarships

Beloit College is among the top 50 colleges in the US for producing corporate executives, future scientists, and scholars for the past 20 years. It is also among 40 institutions recognized in a college guide written by former New York Times education editor Loren Pope. The book is titled – 'Colleges That Change Lives'. The Higher Education Data Sharing Consortium ranks it in the top 10% for producing future Ph.D. students- they are 11th in the nation among similar selective liberal arts schools in the proportion of alumni earning doctorate degrees. Beloit offers Venture Grants up to USD 1,500 for entrepreneurial, self-testing activities to any student that applies and up to USD 2000 for any community service oriented internships.

Teaching is the faculty's first priority, and 91 percent of classes have 25 or fewer students. Education here is interdisciplinary, experiential and global in scope and emphasizes critical writing, quantitative and intercultural literacy. Almost all students engage in rigorous study, independent research, fieldwork, and work in a collaborative mode with the faculty. Pursuing double majors and studying more than one academic area is popular amongst the students here. Professors serve as mentors, on research projects and often recommend students to industry internships. The Initiatives Program at Beloit is nationally recognized for its success in helping students choose their majors. The average class size is 14 and the student-to-faculty ratio is 12:1.

Almost all Beloit students live on campus, so there is a very strong sense of community on this campus. Social life on campus revolves around special interest houses, movies, concerts, art shows, dance recitals, and parties at the frats. Three all-campus festivals liven up the calendar yearly: the Folk and Blues Fall Music Festival, Noon Ball and the Spring Day (when classes give way to concerts in the warm weather).

There is a strong Next Genius community at Beloit. Last year, six Next Genius scholars enrolled at Beloit College making it the most popular destination amongst Next Genius candidates. A Beloit alumni in India recently commented, "My biggest surprise in coming to Beloit was that the most popular major was Undecided and that it was very difficult to pigeonhole a typical Beloit student – but almost everyone seemed quirky, interesting and very intelligent."

Drew University, New Jersey



Drew is located in Madison, New Jersey, a thriving small town located under one hour drive from New York City. Nicknamed 'University in the forest' for its beautiful 186 acre campus, Drew is a beautiful green campus just 10 minutes walk to the local train station. Located in one of the largest concentrations of corporate headquarters and research centers in the country, Drew benefits from close association with several Fortune 500 corporations such as Merck and Johnson & Johnson. Drew University has a strong relationship with the local Indian community in the New Jersey area.

Location

Madison, New Jersey

Closest International Airports

New York City

US News Ranking

108

National Liberal Arts Colleges

Undergraduate Body

1450

Annual Tuition Fees

\$ 49,168

Annual Living Cost

\$ 13,694

Popular Majors

Computer Science
International Relations
Economics
Business
Performing Arts

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Next Genius Scholarships

One Half Tuition Scholarship

With only close to 1500 undergraduate students, Drew offers its students a wide range of opportunities in a classic liberal arts structure. Much emphasis is laid on hands-on learning, internships, independent studies, and research. Manhattan, New York is only 30 minutes train ride away from Drew. This is why many students at Drew have easy access to internships at the UN and Wall Street.

Drew offers six programs in New York City (drew.edu/globaled/nyctrec). The two most popular with international students are the Semester on Wall Street and the Semester on the United Nations. Wall Street Program in New York City provides you the opportunity to spend your summer at behind-the-scenes visits to securities firms, the New York Stock Exchange, and the Securities and Exchange Commission. The faculty will introduce you to guest speakers from the finance industry, government regulatory agencies, as well as industrial investors, shareholder activists, academics and non-profit agencies.

The student-faculty ratio at Drew University is 10:1, and the school has 71.6 percent of its classes with fewer than 20 students. Because of the small student body and class size, there is a very strong sense of close-knit community. Professors mentor students with identifying research opportunities, finding internships, and preparing their graduate college application.

Research Institute for Scientists Emeriti (RISE) at Drew University will offer you unique opportunities to engage in undergraduate research under the supervision of retired industrial scientists. Experiential learning at its finest, RISE projects covers topic areas, including drug discovery, industrial microbiology, mathematics and more. An international student on-campus says "The professors are not just concerned about your academics but about you as a whole person. Most professors at Drew are really hand's on and nurturing of their students."

At Drew, you can pursue your interests and find new ones, with 73 student-run clubs and organizations. Drew also promotes study abroad programs with their Drew International Seminar Program where students spend three weeks in another country to study their culture and traditions in depth. Drew is ideal for students who thrive in the smaller classroom with great personal attention and student-teacher interaction. Seniors at Drew often find themselves heading to top graduate schools such as Oxford, Cornell, Harvard, and NYU and are employed at companies like Google, Bank of America, and Merrill Lynch.

Foothill College, California



Foothill College is a community college located in Los Altos Hills of California's Silicon Valley. Foothill is a unique institution in that a student can attend here for the first two years of their college education and then transfer to over 150 partner institutions such as UCLA, Berkeley, USC, etc. Attending Foothill College for these two years offers students a wonderful opportunity to subsidize the cost of college education without subsidizing the quality of classes. The college offers over 79 degree programs and 107 certificate programs, being consistently named amongst California's top community colleges.

Location

Los Altos Hills, California

Closest International Airports

San Francisco

Ranking

1 in California Community Colleges for Graduation and Transfer Rates
(Collegemeasures.com)

Undergraduate Body

14,814

Annual Tuition Fees

\$ 6,832

Annual Living Cost

\$ 12,000

Popular Majors

Engineering
Computer Science
Business
Economics
Communication

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Next Genius Scholarships

One Half Tuition Scholarship
(for first two years of undergraduate education only)

Based in the heart of Silicon Valley, Foothill College is a great place to get inspired and explore the invigorating spirit of technological leadership, entrepreneurship and innovation. Stanford University, Google, Apple and Yahoo! are within a 30-minute drive from the college. This is where the computer mouse was created, the first Macintosh was designed and the Yahoo! search engine started. Foothill College students benefit tremendously from the proximity to technology companies in the valley (such as Adobe, Sun Microsystems, eBay, and Facebook) through their world-class educational programs in computer and IT fields (such as enterprise networking, bioinformatics, software development, etc.), internships, and mentorship by Silicon Valley professionals who participate in class and campus activities.

Foothill College is Ranked #1 in California for graduation and transfer rates by Collegemeasures.org, ranked #1 in medium size community college in California (edsmart.org), ranked #1 for acceptances and transfer to the University of California (UC) system and ranked #1 safest community college in California and #2 in the U.S. (stateuniversity.com). Foothill is also one of the top community colleges in the US for international students.

Students choose Foothill College because of its high success rate in terms of transfer to the University of California colleges and other top ranked universities across America. Interestingly, Foothill is probably the only community college having an observatory which offers weekly public programs that allow the public to view the wonders of the universe. Foothill is also the only American community college with an admission counsellor based full-time in India (Mr. Pranav Pradhan).

Unlike other traditional colleges, Foothill does not operate on-campus housing. Their Homestay Program and International Programs Office provides informational resources and assistance to help you find the most comfortable housing option. Most of the international students choose to stay in private apartment complexes nearby or with an American host family through Foothill's homestay program.

Juniata College, Pennsylvania



Did you know that Juniata guarantees that students will graduate in four years, or the extra courses needed are free? Or, that 95% of Juniata's pre-med students gained admission to medical school consistently in the last 6 years. Did you know that Juniata students participate in undergraduate research opportunities at Vanderbilt, Harvard, and Berkeley, among other top schools where Juniata alumni teach? Juniata College, located in the small town of Huntingdon, is set on an 110-acre campus, located mid-way between Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh and the Wharton School of Business in Philadelphia.

Location

Huntingdon, Pennsylvania

Closest International Airports

Philadelphia and New York City

US News Ranking

108

National Liberal Arts Colleges

Undergraduate Body

1570

Annual Tuition Fees

\$ 43,875

Annual Living Cost

\$ 12,040

Popular Majors

Biology

Business

Psychology

History

Pre-Medical

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Next Genius Scholarships

One Full Tuition Scholarship

Multiple Partial Scholarships

International students make up 12% of Juniata's enrollment, with a large majority from Asia. Today, Juniata attracts students from over 26 countries (India included) and has established 33 exchange programs in 16 countries. U.S. News & World Report recently recognized Juniata as one of the top 10 'Up and Coming' liberal arts colleges - I disagree! I would say that Dr. Troha's (College President) Juniata has already arrived - recognized among 40 institutions by Loren Pope (former New York Times education editor) as a college that changes lives.

Juniata has a great reputation for the high level of academic engagement happening daily, personal attention, a flexible curriculum and encouraging students to think and act for themselves. The campus motto is "think, evolve, act". Juniata runs on a dual advisor system, meaning that all students from their second semester onward have both an academic and a general advisor. The academic advisor is from the student's academic department, while the general advisor is a professor or faculty member from another department.

Juniata's standout feature has to be their POE or Program of Emphasis, which allows students to design their own major with the assistance of two professors. POE is flexible, adaptable and self-designed. It is not housed in a particular academic area. Juniata offers 3+2 Engineering Programs in partnership with colleges like Columbia University, Penn State, and Washington U. St Louis. Your first three years would be completed at Juniata and your last two years would be at one of partner colleges where you earn your Engineering degree. The Business program is strong and the interest in the Entrepreneurship program is growing.

Juniata has a superb Internship Fund gifted by their alumni for the benefit of sophomore and junior year students. Over 80% of Juniata's students now regularly engage in internships. Additionally, students are also being encouraged to begin research as early as freshman year towards building their resumes for employment or graduate school.

Last year, two Next Genius scholars enrolled at Juniata College and have reported that there is a small, but strong Indian student cohort on campus. Today, Juniata alumni are working at top U.S. companies such as Price Waterhouse Cooper, Ernst & Young, Deloitte, Microsoft, Merck, John Deere, Department of Defence, and Google to name a few. They are also attending the top graduate schools such as MIT, Stanford, and Harvard.

Lynn University, Florida



Lynn is revolutionizing the way higher education is imparted in the universities. As one of only 3 partner colleges of Apple, Lynn students receive an iPad as they arrive on campus. Everything they learn henceforth is through this device, using smart apps and digital content. Located on the south-eastern coast of Florida in Boca Raton, about 45 miles north of Miami, Lynn is one of the most innovative, international, and individualized small universities in the US. The campus is modern with state-of-the-art infrastructure and outstanding sporting facilities.

Location

Boca Raton, Florida

Closest International Airports

Miami

US News Ranking

3

Most Innovative US Colleges

Undergraduate Body

2003

Annual Tuition Fees

\$ 35,260

Annual Living Cost

\$ 11,970

Popular Majors

Psychology
International Business
Entrepreneurship
Biology

Admissions Officer

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Next Genius Scholarships

One Full Tuition Scholarship
Multiple Partial Scholarships

Lynn University comprises of six sub-colleges that offer specialized undergraduate programs within each: the College of Arts and Sciences, the College of Aeronautics, the College of Business and Management, the College of Education, the College of International Communication, and the Conservatory of Music. Lynn's vision to provide a professional education that aims to make its graduate job-ready has resulted in the possibility of students graduating within 3-year, or the 'accelerated bachelor degree program'. Students pursuing this benefit from close proximity to their academic advisor and reduced cost and time of college.

Apart from the traditional majors in the sciences, business and arts, Lynn offers specialized majors such as event management, hospitality management, and fashion, owing to their popular demand in industry. The College of Aeronautics is extremely popular amongst international students on campus and prepares them for a career in the world of aviation. Lynn runs a unique program that is a requirement for all students. It is their three-week J-Term course which takes students outside of the classroom in the form of internships, workshops, and other hands-on learning opportunities.

Lynn offers an undergraduate curriculum built on individualized attention and an international focus. "Lynn Universities is one the top 5 most international US colleges. We have students enrolled at Lynn from over 100 countries this year ..." - Lily Fong, Senior Assistant Director of International Admission.

The most popular areas for internships for the international students are in Finance, International Business, and Marketing. About 50% classes have less than 20 students which makes the learning experience very personalized. Lynn is also specially accommodating of the students with learning disabilities.

Off campus, students are in a prime location to enjoy the yearlong warm weather, with the beach just 3 miles away, and Miami, Orlando and the Florida Keys within easy driving distances. Having been on the campus, I can personally attest to it's wonderful weather, outstanding facilities and modern feel. The state of Florida is often referred to as the 'Sunshine State', and Lynn students make hay when the sun shines!

Millsaps College, Mississippi



There is a strong tradition of connection between the Indian-American population in Mississippi and Millsaps College. The Indian Association of Mississippi donated a statue of Mahatma Gandhi to the college. It is prominently displayed on campus, honoring the man who influenced the lives of millions in both India and the US. Located in the dynamic city of Jackson, Millsaps College offers a wide range of opportunities for its students to be involved in professional research, community engagement, and internships in medicine, law, business, education, and the arts. Millsaps is recognized across the US for its strengths in the liberal arts and business.

Location

Jackson, Mississippi

Closest International Airports

Jackson

US News Ranking

90

National Liberal Arts Colleges

Undergraduate Body

761

Annual Tuition Fees

\$ 36,380

Annual Living Cost

\$ 19,700

Popular Majors

Business

Management

Biomedical Sciences

Psychology

Social Sciences

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Next Genius Scholarships

One Full Tuition Scholarship

Multiple Partial Scholarships

There is a strong sense of research on this campus. Millsaps professors are active members of their disciplines, making important contributions through continuous academic research. Students are invited to collaborate on projects, and because the faculty to student ratio is kept small, students have ample opportunities. Grant funding is available to support student involvement. Off-campus, students benefit from the college's excellent reputation in Jackson, and are offered research positions in the hospitals, government offices, archives, museums, libraries and community organizations.

The International Perspectives Program (IPP) at Millsaps provides unique academic and living/learning opportunities designed to internationalize the Millsaps campus. Students selected as IPP Davis Fellows work closely with faculty mentors to examine in-depth a global topic through an interdisciplinary seminar in the fall semester. The goal of the program is to integrate the global experiences of a growing number of students into the classrooms and campus life.

Through its Else School of Management, Millsaps offers a "fifth year" M.B.A. or Masters of Accountancy to its business undergraduates, and also supports its arts and sciences undergraduates to obtain masters degrees in business. "Employers constantly ask for students who can think broadly, solve problems, and communicate well, giving Millsaps grads a distinct advantage over graduates of more traditional business programs." Kim Burke, Dean of Else School of Management. ELSEWorks provides students unparalleled opportunities working with faculty, alumni, and industry experts to gain high-level entrepreneurial business experience in diverse settings and to engage the community.

International Student Advisor (ISA) at Millsaps is a dedicated professional that provides specialized student support for international students. The ISA also serves as the advisor for the Millsaps International Buddy System (MIBS) and Intercultural Student Organization. Millsaps students have access to wide range of internship and job opportunities at University of Mississippi Medical Center, Merrill Lynch, Ernst & Young, Mississippi Development Authority, Crossroads Film Festival, Mississippi Museum of Art, and more. 95% of Millsaps graduates are employed or enrolled in graduate/professional school 6 months post-graduation. Recent graduates have attended prestigious graduate programs at Yale, Harvard, Stanford, Johns Hopkins University, Duke, and University of North Carolina.

Saint Michael's College, Vermont



Located in Vermont, Saint Michael's College is known for its safe and welcoming community and the beautiful four seasons. Vermont is a state in the north-eastern United States, known for its natural landscape, which is primarily forested. Thousands of acres of mountain terrain are crossed by hiking trails and skiing slopes. Saint Michael's College, or St. Mike's as it is popularly known, has students from 29 states and 36 countries. The college is known for its strong academic reputation, success records of graduates, beautiful location, and accessible professors.

Location

Burlington, Vermont

Closest International Airports

Boston and Montreal (Canada)

US News Ranking

99

National Liberal Arts Colleges

Undergraduate Body

1997

Annual Tuition Fees

\$ 43,000

Annual Living Cost

\$ 14,000

Popular Majors

Business

Computer Science

Information Systems

Psychology

Neuroscience

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Next Genius Scholarships

One Half Tuition Scholarship

Students, faculty and staff at St. Mike's share a serious commitment to social justice and service to others. Many students decide they want to make St. Mike's award-winning MOVE volunteer programs central to their student experience. A Peace and Justice minor complements that inclination through classroom studies. Business and Computer Science are the most popular majors with international students. A professor from their business department said "Our curriculum is designed to assist new business students successfully navigate through the many facets of the contemporary organization".

Students at St. Mike's can participate in a Global Experience Academic Residential Program (GEAR) where American and international students get an opportunity to live together in a living and learning laboratory that combines both active and passive learning. It exposes students to global, cross-national and cross-cultural exchanges. St. Mike's runs a separate program called Accelerated Summer College where students can enrol after freshmen, sophomore or junior years, and get entire semester's credits in summers and a chance to finish college in 3 years.

St. Mike's students are passionate, and desire to share those passions with others. The ways in which students fulfill their goals and support others in theirs is truly inspiring. "If you have an idea, interest, or passion, at St. Mike's you'll have the support and encouragement to take it as far as it can go" says Kevin Spensley, Director of International Enrollment, Undergraduate Program.

According to a Gallup Survey, St. Mike's graduates outperform their peers who graduate from other universities in the following elements of well-being: Sense of Purpose, Social Well-Being, Community Engagement, and Physical Health. Tim Arango, a St. Mike's alumni and foreign correspondent at New York Times recently commented – "All those critical things – accuracy, clean writing, thorough reporting – that are the foundation of my work, I learnt at St. Michael's." Within six months after graduation, 15% of St. Mike's students are accepted into graduate school and over 80% have started their first job after college.

Almost all the students live on campus, that is 440 acres and minutes from Burlington, Vermont. Students have access to skiing slopes at nearby Smuggler's Notch Resort for (almost) free. Montreal in Canada is two hours away and Boston just over three.

Texas Christian University, Texas



Texas Christian University (TCU) is located in the 4th largest metropolitan area in US - Dallas/Fort Worth (DFW). DFW has all the big-city resources and benefits. Students from TCU can access internships and jobs at virtually all major industries in DFW. At the same time, the university campus is located in a neighbourhood setting which has a friendly, and caring atmosphere. While TCU looks like any other typical large national university, it is unique in the fact that 86% of the students on campus are undergraduates. TCU's school spirit is famous in America and their football team, the Horned Frogs are a force to be reckoned with.

Location

Fort Worth, Texas

Closest International Airports

Dallas

US News Ranking

82

National University

Undergraduate Body

8894

Annual Tuition Fees

\$ 44,670

Annual Living Cost

\$ 18,890

Popular Majors

Engineering

Computer Science

Business

Communication Studies

Biology

Admissions Officer

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Next Genius Scholarships

One Full Tuition Scholarship

Multiple Partial Scholarships

At TCU, undergraduates are encouraged to engage in research with faculty across almost all the majors, as early as their freshman year. In particular, science & engineering students can apply for research grants. Seniors in engineering & computer science are required to do year-long projects with local engineering/tech firms.

TCU's Neeley School of Business is among the nation's most respected B-schools and was recently ranked 24th best undergraduate business school by Bloomberg BusinessWeek. Its entrepreneurship program was also ranked 6th best in the country.

Athletics is big on TCU's campus. Sporting events seem to draw out the biggest crowds and TCU also provides a "Football 101" session to help new international students understand American football. There is a strong sense of community and school pride on this campus. The school spirit at TCU is contagious and you'll see the color purple everywhere. This is precisely the reason why TCU is ranked 2nd in student engagement by The Wall Street Journal.

TCU is a friendly and welcoming place. Frog Camp is an off-campus retreat for new students to learn about TCU's traditions, make friends, get to know the faculty & staff, and feel a part of the family. Frogs First is a series of activities on campus for new students just before classes begin, to further make connections with students in their residence halls.

Interestingly, TCU is one of only 15 colleges in US with career centers in each academic division in addition to a college-wide career center. A college junior commented – "There are two career fairs a year on our campus that bring in hundreds of employers from across the world. Companies love TCU and know that they will receive great people from our school." TCU students have access to internships in DFW at companies like Lockheed Martin, American Airlines, Alcon, XTO Energy, all major accounting firms, BNSF Transportation, Sister Cities International, social service agencies, Child Protective Services, and Bell Helicopter. While semester-long Washington DC internships are available to all majors, they are most popular with political science and journalism students. In addition to their award winning career center, students at TCU benefit hugely from access to an active alumni network for internships, job placements and career mentorship.

Union College, New York



Take the train from New York City's Grand Central Terminal, and within three hours you'll reach the beautiful countryside town of Schenectady in upstate New York. This is where Union College stands. Founded in 1795, Union College was so named owing to its joint emphasis on the union of the sciences and humanities. Union is the kind of place where engineering and the arts go hand-in-hand. More than 200 years later, this unique and top-ranked liberal arts college is still recognized for its interdisciplinary style of education. Although Union's charming 100-acre campus was designed in 1813 by French architect Joseph Jacques Ramée, it today prides itself on being a very hi-tech campus.

Location

Schenectady, New York

Closest International Airports

New York City

US News Ranking

38

National Liberal Arts Colleges

Undergraduate Body

2269

Annual Tuition Fees

\$ 53,019

Annual Living Cost

\$ 13,119

Popular Majors

Economics

Computer Science

Engineering

Admissions Officer

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Next Genius Scholarships

One Full Tuition Scholarship

Multiple Partial Scholarships

Union offers a liberal arts curriculum across some 21 academic departments, as well as opportunities for interdepartmental majors and self-designed organizing theme majors. Union operates on a trimester system. All students take two core courses in the first and second year - designed to promote reading, writing, and analytical skills. They also take three interdisciplinary courses in a specific cluster and eight courses spread among social sciences, humanities, linguistic and cultural competency, quantitative and mathematical reasoning, and natural and applied science or engineering.

Undergraduate research has deep roots at Union, starting in the 20th century when a Chemistry professor began involving students in his colloid Chemistry investigations. Each year, about 50 incoming freshmen are named Union Scholars. These students actively engage on research projects in diverse fields such as engineering, digital technologies, biology, chemistry, math, astronomy and the environmental sciences, amongst others. The Leadership in Medicine program, a joint program with the Graduate College of Union University and Albany Medical College, gives students the opportunity to earn a bachelor's degree, a master of science in health management or business administration in health systems administration, and a medical degree, all in eight years.

Students keep busy on campus owing to a strong culture of events, including concerts, comedians performances, and diverse speakers. There is a very active Greek life on campus, with every third student joining either a frat or a sorority. Almost all students live on campus and there is a strong sense of community. Union's unique Minerva house system is aimed at getting students and faculty members to contribute to Union's social, residential, and intellectual life. Popular sports on campus include ice hockey, soccer, lacrosse, swimming, and ultimate frisbee. On long weekends, students are known to travel - popular road trips include Boston, Montreal, New York, and the ski slopes of nearby Vermont. By the time they graduate, about 60% of Union students would have engaged in some form of study abroad, one of the highest amongst US colleges.

Union College is ranked #11 Liberal Arts College where graduates earn the most by Forbes, and #10 Best Science Lab facilities by Princeton Review. Over the decades, Union has graduated an American President, tens of State Presidents, Nobel Prize winners, National Book Award winners, Olympic medallists, and Ivy League University Presidents, amongst a whole range of prominent citizens.

University of Rochester, New York



University of Rochester is a private university located in Rochester, NY. But don't let that throw you off. It is closer to Toronto, Canada than it is to New York City. A university par excellence, and up there in the national ranking, Rochester has an acceptance rate of about 35% for its freshman applicants. Students from India have been going to Rochester for decades now, with a special emphasis on three fields – Engineering, Business, and Healthcare.

Location

Rochester, New York

Closest International Airports

Rochester and New York City

US News Ranking

32

National University

Undergraduate Body

6304

Annual Tuition Fees

\$ 51,090

Annual Living Cost

\$ 15,398

Popular Majors

Engineering

Business

Economics

Admissions Officer

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Next Genius Scholarships

Full Tuition Scholarship

Multiple Partial Scholarships

Rochester boasts of graduating 5 Nobel laureates, amongst other intellectuals and CEOs of corporations such as Harley Davidson, Jeffries, Kodak and Warner Bros. Rochester has one of the best financial aid policies of the American colleges and in the word of the their Admissions Dean, Jonathan Burdick, "We are looking for the best students in the world, not just in America".

Rochester utilizes a semester-based calendar and follows what is known as 'The Rochester Curriculum'. Much like the IB groups, it focuses on three classic divisions of learning – Arts/Humanities, Social Sciences, and STEM. Every student must choose a major from one of these areas and in addition, also complete a cluster of three courses in each of the remaining two divisions. Freshmen also take the seminar-styled Quest courses, which teach them how to learn and how to make learning a lifetime habit. In particular, UR houses the famous Eastman School of Music and Optical Research Labs.

Over 70% of students are involved in undergraduate research programs and the most popular majors include STEM, Business/Economics, Music, Psychology, and Politics. Did you know that Rochester offers a tuition-free fifth year that allows students to explore interests outside their major?

Students of Rochester are known as 'Yellow Jackets' and outside of studies, they can choose to join one of the 200 on-campus clubs, community programs and Greek life (party!), or, join Rochester's a cappella ensemble, considered by many as one of the best in the US. Rochester has its own movie theatre where students are charged just \$3 to watch a movie! These Yellow Jackets also have to mandatorily live on campus for the first two years, which leads to the development of a strong school spirit. Of course, Rochester gets freezing cold in the winter and snow sports are big on this campus. The question you need to ask yourself as a prospective student is, how do you plan to make this campus even cooler?

Just over half the students attending this college come from New York state or the North East part of the United States. Today, Rochester attracts students from over 100 countries around the world. "Meliora" is the official motto of the University of Rochester. The Latin noun or adjective is interpreted to mean "ever better" or "always better." Rochester is on its way to becoming one of the top universities in the US in the years to come.

Wheaton College, Massachusetts



Did you know there are approximately 150 colleges located within an hour drive from Boston? Wheaton College is one of them. But, it stands apart from the other 149 due to reasons aplenty. A small, classic liberal arts college located in the small town of Norton, its approximately 20 minutes from Brown University in Providence and 40 minutes from Boston University. Fast rising in their ranking, Wheaton accepts only 550 students every year and selection is becoming ever more competitive. This, I believe, is a testament to Wheaton's charismatic President, Dr. Dennis Hanno. His motto for the college is 'Strengthening the community and changing lives'.

Location

Norton, Massachusetts

Closest International Airports

Boston

US News Ranking

77

National Liberal Arts Colleges

Undergraduate Body

1598

Annual Tuition Fees

\$ 50,520

Annual Living Cost

\$ 13,298

Popular Majors

Business

Computer Science

Economics

Psychology

Biology

International Relations

Admissions Officer

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Next Genius Scholarships

One Full Tuition Scholarship

Multiple Partial Scholarships

Wheaton is a tight-knit community - with a 60/40 girls-to-boys ratio and a fast growing international student population. A visit would impress upon you the beauty of their 300 acre campus, the popular duck pond and the brand new USD 50 Million state-of-the-art technology and innovation center. A strong Next Genius community is developing at Wheaton with four Next Genius scholars enrolled at Wheaton this year. "I love the size of my college. It's a small college with a large campus. What I appreciate the most about Wheaton is the balance it offers in terms of classroom learning and extra-curricular engagement on campus. I also love how everyone is happy to be here", says Anoushka Agrawal of Dhirubhai Ambani International School and a Next Genius scholar on campus.

This college prepares students for the transition to the workforce with an unparalleled Career Services Program, where students visit on day one of college. The Wheaton Edge program offers to pay students up to USD 5000 in summer sponsorship to pursue the internship of their dreams. 97% of the students on campus pursue at least one internship before they graduate. Since 2000, the college has produced 150 Fulbright, Watson, and Rhodes Scholars, one of the highest of any colleges in the US.

Due to an 11:1 student to faculty ratio and an average class size of 15, Wheaton students learn in close proximity to both their professors and their peers. Wheaton offers over 50 majors, including a joint degree with Dartmouth in Engineering. Wheaton's unique connected curriculum teaches students how to make linkages across diverse subject areas. Rather than simply taking required core classes, all Wheaton students study across disciplines, developing a multi-dimensional perspective on life. Aside from a faculty advisor, all students are assigned a staff mentor and two peer advisors, known as preceptors. "Classes at Wheaton are challenging and the professors really push us to be better every day. They are friendly and work hard to develop personal relationships with us", says Shlok Rathod, a freshman student from Mumbai's Podar International School.

Social life at Wheaton includes dances, concerts and parties on campus. Students live in either the on-campus dorms, or in Wheaton owned houses that line the side of the campus. They're often seen taking road trips to Boston, Providence or New York in the weekends.



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