Cal Facts

Excellence in undergraduate education
World-class research
A global university
On March 23, 1868, the University of California was born. And Berkeley, its first campus, is today the most distinguished public university in the history of higher education. Guided by the motto *Fiat Lux*, the university brings new knowledge to light, illuminates solutions for bettering the human condition, and serves as a beacon of opportunity for promising young minds and top faculty. Throughout 2018, Berkeley celebrates 150 years of light — and projects that light forward for another 150 years.

Learn more about Berkeley’s sesquicentennial celebration at [150.berkeley.edu](http://150.berkeley.edu).
A university of great distinction

Home to more than 30,000 undergraduates and over 11,000 graduate students, Berkeley is internationally renowned for excellence and pioneering achievements across all disciplines. At the heart of its preeminence are Berkeley’s professors, highly distinguished researchers and scholars — and leading experts in their fields.

Best global universities for 2018
_U.S. News & World Report_

1. Harvard
2. MIT
3. Stanford
4. Berkeley
5. Oxford

Public preeminence

In 2018, Berkeley was the top-ranked public institution in the Best Colleges rankings compiled by _U.S. News & World Report_. Additionally, Kiplinger ranked Berkeley among its top five best values in public colleges.

Faculty honors

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Nobel pursuits

Twenty-two members of the Berkeley faculty have won Nobel Prizes, including seven current faculty members. Additionally, 30 Berkeley alumni have won the award — five of whom have served on the faculty.
World-class education

Berkeley educates, challenges, and inspires tomorrow’s leaders in academia, arts and culture, business, government, and the professions.

- The university offers **more than 10,000 undergraduate and graduate courses in more than 300 degree programs**, and it ranks among the top five Ph.D.-granting institutions in the U.S.

- Cal offers **more than 50 foreign languages**, including Chichewa, Catalan, Kurdish, and Khmer.

- 56 percent of Berkeley undergraduates responding to a 2016 student survey assisted faculty in research or had completed at least one research methods course.

Library excellence

- **12 million+ volumes**
- **400+ languages represented in the collections**
- **94,000+ active Library users**
- **93,000 gigabytes of digitized collections**

A research powerhouse

Berkeley’s research strength includes expertise in addressing pressing global challenges in the areas of health, energy, and the environment.

- In the latest *U.S. News & World Report* rankings, Berkeley’s graduate programs placed first in the world in chemistry, computer science, economics, English, psychology, and sociology; second in physics and statistics; and third in earth sciences, engineering, math, and social welfare. Six other subject areas ranked in the top 10.

- In 2017, **107 Berkeley graduate students earned National Science Foundation graduate research fellowships**, compared with 98 for Stanford, 55 for Harvard, and 31 for Yale.

Drawing brilliant young faculty

Cal’s commitment to hiring the very best young faculty is reflected in the university’s high number of junior faculty who receive coveted research fellowships from the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation each year.

**Sloan Fellowships awarded in 2018**

- MIT 8
- Berkeley 6
- Stanford 5
- Harvard 5
- Princeton 2
Innovation for the greater good

Cal is well known for its tradition of public service, which plays a key role in the university’s teaching and research. Outside of the classroom:

- 5,300 graduate and undergraduate students served community-based organizations, government offices, and schools in 2016–17.
- Berkeley has produced the most Peace Corps volunteers — nearly 3,700 — since that organization’s inception in 1961.

Commitment to public service

Founded by students in 1967, the UC Berkeley Public Service Center partners with the community, student leaders, and faculty to engage about 6,000 students each year as volunteers, and through jobs, internships, and courses.

A leader in sustainability

87% of students walk, bike, or take public transit to campus

50% of campus waste materials are recycled, with a goal of zero waste by 2020

215 sustainability-focused courses offered

5 buildings with solar panels, contributing toward a campus goal of carbon neutrality by 2025

21 social action programs

200 community organizations

1 better world
Engaging alumni and parents

510,547 living Berkeley alumni

47,244 alumni gave to Berkeley in 2016–17

101,000 Cal Alumni Association members

30,000 Cal Parents families

New freshmen facts (Fall 2017)

718 average SAT math score

706 average SAT reading/writing score

18% of applicants admitted

68% from California

21% from families in which neither parent has a four-year college degree

3.91 average unweighted high school GPA

Athletic achievement

30 men’s and women’s teams

850+ student-athletes

97 team national titles all-time in 15 different sports, as well as 298 individual titles

300+ current and former Cal athletes, coaches, and staff have earned 207 Olympic medals, including 117 gold
Then and now: the challenge of state funding

State support for Berkeley has plummeted in recent years, placing California’s world-renowned system of public higher education at risk. The State of California is projected to provide only 14 percent of Berkeley’s $2.8 billion annual budget in 2017–18 — with the remainder coming from tuition, research funding, and philanthropy.

Undergraduate budget 2017–18*

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* Tuition figures are accurate as of March 2018. The graduate tuition/fees figure is a base number that can be higher depending on the program.

Leaving Cal with less debt

On average, Berkeley undergraduates graduate with less debt than their peers at institutions across California.

Average debt at graduation

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Thirty years ago, the state provided roughly half of Berkeley’s funding.

Attracting scholars from California and beyond

Around 24 percent of Cal’s undergraduates are out-of-state and international students — and the additional nonresident tuition that they pay helps keep Berkeley affordable for lower-income California students.
Keeping educational opportunity alive

Scholarship support from private donors enables Cal to fulfill its public mission to accept students based on their ability to achieve, not on their capacity to pay.

Financial support for students

65% of all undergraduates receive some form of financial aid

30% of all undergraduates are eligible for Pell Grants

$42.1 million in privately funded undergraduate scholarships were offered in 2016–17, supporting 5,954 recipients

$16.3 million in privately funded graduate fellowships were offered in 2016–17, supporting 2,150 recipients

Undergraduate Pell Grant recipients

- Berkeley 32%
- Ivy League schools combined 17%

A public mission made possible by private support

More than 67,000 donors — including alumni, parents, corporations, and foundations — gave over $470 million in gifts, pledges, and private grants in the 2016–17 fiscal year.

Berkeley’s endowment: a lasting legacy

The university’s $4.3 billion endowment is the solid foundation upon which Berkeley’s excellence is built. A long-term, reliable source of funding, the endowment allows us to realize our mission of teaching, research, and public service for generations to come — and to see a clearer picture of what lies ahead for Cal. Berkeley’s endowment generated $140.8 million in payout in 2016–17.

One day, big impact

On March 8, 2018, Berkeley held its fourth Big Give, a 24-hour campuswide fundraising blitz. Fueled by contests, social media participation, and a collective desire to keep Berkeley the No. 1 public university in the world, donors made more than 8,600 gifts totaling over $22.4 million. This global outpouring of support touched every Berkeley school and college, and programs as diverse as our great university.
Connections and support

Everyone

**Give to Berkeley • give.berkeley.edu**
Choose from hundreds of online giving funds that support our extraordinary students, faculty, research, and more.

**Alumni & Friends Gateway • alumni-friends.berkeley.edu**
Links to campus services and events for alumni and donors.

**The Promise of Berkeley • promise.berkeley.edu**
Berkeley Online • berkeleyonline.berkeley.edu
Check out our magazine, published three times a year, and our monthly email updating you on the latest research, alumni, and campus news, as well as what’s happening in innovation and entrepreneurship.

**Berkeley News • news.berkeley.edu**
Daily news and stories on research, faculty, students, arts and culture, opinion pieces, and more.

**Events Calendar • events.berkeley.edu**
Mark your calendar with lectures, sports, performances, films, and other public events on campus.

Alumni

**@cal Alumni Network • cal.berkeley.edu**
Create a free email forwarding address, search the alumni directory, and network with alums and students.

**Cal Alumni Association • alumni.berkeley.edu**
A great resource for alumni chapters, California magazine, volunteer or educational travel opportunities, career services, and other alumni programs.

**International Alumni Network • international.berkeley.edu/international-alumni-network**
Clubs and regional contacts in 35 countries, offering alumni, parents, and friends opportunities to engage with their local communities through activities and programs.

Parents

**Cal Parents • calparents.berkeley.edu**
Find information about visiting campus, academics, finances, how to get involved, and more.

Social media

**Twitter • twitter.com/cal**
**Instagram • instagram.com/ucberkeley**
**Facebook • facebook.com/UCBerkeley**
**Pinterest • pinterest.com/uc_berkeley**

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