Cal Facts
Transforming lives
Fueling social mobility
Changing the world
A university of great distinction

31,348 undergraduates

11,856 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.

#1 public university in global rankings

In 2020, Berkeley was the No. 1 public institution in U.S. News & World Report’s global rankings.

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

Preeminence at a good price

In 2019, Berkeley was the No. 5 ranked institution in the Best Value Colleges rankings compiled by Forbes.

Faculty honors

251 American Academy of Arts and Sciences

90 National Academy of Engineering

15 National Medal of Science

144 National Academy of Sciences

49 American Philosophical Society

Nobel pursuits

23 faculty Nobel Prize winners, including eight current faculty members

31 alumni Nobel Prize winners
World-class education
Berkeley educates, challenges, mentors, 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 second among the top Ph.D.-granting institutions in the U.S.
- Cal offers more than 50 foreign languages, including Bengali, Chichewa, Persian, and Welsh.
- 51 percent of Berkeley undergraduates responding to a recent student survey assisted faculty in research or had completed at least one research methods course.

A research powerhouse
Berkeley’s world-class reputation and performance in academic research reflects its expertise in addressing pressing global challenges in the areas of health, energy, and the environment.

Across 23 subject ratings in U.S. News & World Report’s 2020 Best Global University rankings, Berkeley ranked first in chemistry; second in environment/ecology; third in economics and business, space science, and physics; fourth in biology and biochemistry and in plant and animal science; and fifth in mathematics, materials science, and engineering.

Library excellence

13 million+ volumes
400+ languages represented in the collections
1.7 million+ visits to Moffitt Library
1.3 million+ items scanned

Drawing brilliant young faculty
Berkeley’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 2020

STANFORD 10
BERKELEY 9
MIT 5
PRINCETON 3
HARVARD 3
An impact beyond the classroom
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:

- More than 6,000 graduate and undergraduate students served community-based organizations, government offices, and schools in 2018–19.
- Berkeley has produced the most Peace Corps volunteers — more than 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 nearly 6,000 students each year as volunteers, and through jobs, internships, and courses.

A leader in sustainability

92%
of students walk, bike, or take public transit to campus

386sustainability-focused courses offered

221courses that include social, economic, and/or environmental sustainability themes

6buildings with solar panels, contributing toward a campus goal of carbon neutrality by 2025

28%of food served in our dining halls is sustainably sourced

40+environmental student organizations on campus

14social action programs

475+community partners

1better world
Engaging alumni and parents

530,380
living Berkeley alumni

44,335
alumni gave to Berkeley in 2018–19

100,000
Cal Alumni Association members

30,000
Cal Parents families

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 312 individual titles

300+
current and former Cal athletes, coaches, and staff have earned 207 Olympic medals, including 117 gold

First-year students (Fall 2019)

727
average SAT math score

700
average SAT reading/writing score

16.8%
of applicants admitted

70%
from California

22%
of new freshmen from families in which neither parent has a four-year college degree

3.92
average unweighted high school GPA
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 $3 billion annual budget in 2019–20 — with the remainder coming from tuition, research funding, and philanthropy.

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

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Undergraduate budget 2019–20*

* Tuition figures for 2019–20 are accurate as of March 2020. The graduate tuition/fees figure is a base number that can be higher depending on the program.

Graduate budget 2019–20*

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Leaving Cal with less debt

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

Average debt at graduation

- Berkeley: $18,225
- California: $22,585

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 undergraduates receive financial aid

$49.2 million in privately funded undergraduate scholarships were offered in 2018–19, supporting 5,954 recipients

$39.9 million in privately funded graduate fellowships were offered in 2018–19, supporting 3,850 recipients

Berkeley’s endowment: a lasting legacy
The university’s $4.8 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 $156.4 million in payout to the campus in 2018–19.

One day, big impact
On March 12, 2020, Berkeley held its sixth 24-hour campuswide fundraising blitz — Big Give. Fueled by a variety of contests, widespread social media participation, and a collective desire to keep Berkeley among the best public universities in the world, donors made more than 12,500 gifts totaling over $10 million. This global outpouring of support touched every Berkeley school and college, and programs as diverse as our great university.

A public mission made possible by private support
More than 66,000 donors — including alumni, parents, corporations, and foundations — gave a record $635 million in gifts, pledges, and private grants in the 2018–19 fiscal year.

Undergraduate Pell Grant recipients

Berkeley 28%
Private peer institutions* 18%

* Harvard, MIT, Princeton, Stanford, Yale
Embracing tradition and the future, resilience and excellence

The best public university in the world, UC Berkeley projects a brilliant light. Both parts of its identity — its comprehensive excellence and its public mission — set it apart from its elite private peers. Berkeley is committed to serving the public good, and this is reflected in the priorities and vision for Light the Way: The Campaign for Berkeley.

By focusing on those priorities — faculty and fellowships, opportunity and excellence, research for the public good, and places of possibility — Berkeley is challenging the philanthropic community to partner with the university to help illuminate new possibilities for a better tomorrow.

To learn how the entire Cal community is mobilizing to stand together, demonstrate its collective power, illuminate knowledge, and realize a common vision for our future, visit light.berkeley.edu.
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.

Berkeley Online • berkeleyonline.berkeley.edu
Check out 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 representatives in 37 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

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Pinterest • pinterest.com/uc_berkeley

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