A university of great distinction

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.
31,814 undergraduates
13,243 graduate students

No. 1 Public university in global rankings

In 2022, Berkeley was the No. 1 public institution in U.S. News & World Report’s global rankings.

1. Harvard
2. MIT
3. Stanford

4. Berkeley

Forbes honors Berkeley in rankings

Cal recently topped Forbes’ annual list of America’s Top Colleges, hailing the university as a “true engine of the American dream.”

Faculty honors

262 / American Academy of Arts and Sciences
90 / National Academy of Engineering
14 / National Medal of Science
144 / National Academy of Sciences
50 / American Philosophical Society

Nobel pursuits

26 faculty Nobel Prize winners, including 10 current faculty members
32 alumni Nobel Prize winners

To learn more about Berkeley’s rich Nobel history, visit light.berkeley.edu/nobels.
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 is among the top Ph.D.-granting institutions in the U.S.
- Cal offers nearly 65 modern and ancient languages, including Arabic, Cantonese, Khmer, and Nahuatl.
- 48 percent of Berkeley undergraduates responding to a 2020 student survey assisted faculty in research or had completed at least one research methods course.

Library excellence

13.5 million+ volumes

400+ languages represented in the collections

1,727 books digitized for use in students’ classes
A research powerhouse

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

Across 34 subject ratings in *U.S. News & World Report*’s 2022 Best Global Universities rankings, Berkeley ranked second in chemistry; third in space science and economics and business; fourth in physics, plant and animal science, and environment/ecology; sixth in mathematics, biology and biochemistry, and computer science; seventh in optics, engineering, and civil engineering; eighth in biotechnology and applied microbiology and materials science; ninth in geosciences; and 10th in microbiology and arts and humanities.

Additionally, Berkeley’s graduate programs in English, history, sociology, and psychology each ranked No. 1 in the country in *U.S. News & World Report*’s 2023 Best Graduate Schools rankings.

NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION
2022 Graduate Research Fellowships

Berkeley / 93
Stanford / 71  Harvard / 68  Yale / 32
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.

Sloan Fellowships awarded in 2022

- MIT / 7
- Harvard / 4
- Stanford / 5
- Princeton / 2
- Berkeley / 4
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 2020–21.
- 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.

14 social action programs
475+ community partners

1 better world

A leader in sustainability

95% of students walk, bike, or take public transit to campus

6 sites with solar panels (and four more under way) contribute toward a campus goal of carbon neutrality by 2025

14% of food served in our dining halls is sustainably sourced, and 31% is plant-based

55+ environmental student organizations are offered on campus

95% of campus grounds are managed organically

800 undergraduate courses are sustainability-focused
Cal Family

First-year students (Fall 2021)

- 14% of applicants admitted
- 70% from California
- 3.9 average unweighted high school GPA
- 25% of new freshmen from families in which neither parent has a four-year college degree
Athletic achievement

30 men’s and women’s teams
850+ student-athletes
98 team national titles all-time in 15 different sports, as well as 324 individual titles
300+ current and former Cal athletes, coaches, and staff have earned 223 Olympic medals, including 121 gold

Engaging alumni and parents

552,417 Living Berkeley alumni
42,596 Alumni gave to Berkeley in 2020–21
100,000 Cal Alumni Association members
30,000 Cal Parents families
Then and now: the challenge of state funding

State support for Berkeley has plummeted in recent decades, placing California's world-renowned system of public higher education at risk. Thirty years ago, the State of California provided nearly half of Berkeley's funding. In 2021–22, the state is projected to provide 13 percent of Berkeley's $3 billion annual budget — with the remainder coming from tuition, research funding, philanthropy, and auxiliary activity. Thirty years ago, the state provided nearly half of Berkeley's funding.

Attracting scholars from California and beyond

Approximately 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.

Undergraduate budget 2021–22*

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* Tuition figures for 2021-22 are accurate as of March 2022. 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 and the nation.

Average debt at graduation

- Berkeley: $18,468
- California: $21,125
- U.S.: $28,950
Berkeley’s growing light

The campaign, which runs through the end of 2023, has been a shining success so far.

Goal: $6 billion
Raised so far: $5,452,407,416

Light the Way: The Campaign for Berkeley

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. Together we will empower the next generation of leaders, push boundaries of knowledge, challenge convention, and fuel innovative solutions for society’s greatest challenges.

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.
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

- **60%** of all undergraduates receive some form of financial aid
- **$47.1 million** in privately funded undergraduate scholarships were offered in 2020-21, supporting 5,331 recipients
- **$48.2 million** in privately funded graduate fellowships were offered in 2020-21, supporting 4,600 recipients

Undergraduate Pell Grant recipients

According to U.S. News & World Report’s analysis of economic diversity at national universities, a higher percentage of Berkeley undergraduate students receive Pell Grants than those at our private peer institutions.

A public mission made possible by private support

More than 65,000 donors — including alumni, parents, corporations, and foundations — gave over **$878 million** in gifts, pledges, and private grants in the 2020–21 fiscal year.

Berkeley’s endowment: a lasting legacy

The university’s **$6.8 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 **$173 million** in payout to the campus in 2020-21.

One day, big impact

On March 10, 2022, Berkeley held its annual 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, more than **11,000 donors made gifts totaling nearly $21 million**. This global outpouring of support touched every Berkeley school and college, and programs as diverse as our great university.
Connections and support

Everyone

Light the Way: The Campaign for Berkeley
light.berkeley.edu
Learn all about Berkeley’s historic $6 billion fundraising campaign.

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.

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
Clubs and regional representatives in 39 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
TikTok | tiktok.com/@ucberkeley
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