



## Partner Institutions

CASE WESTERN RESERVE UNIVERSITY

ILLINOIS WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY

TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY

TULANE UNIVERSITY

UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME

VILLANOVA UNIVERSITY

# POSSE NEW ORLEANS



Dear Posse Nominee:

Congratulations on your nomination for the Posse Scholarship. If you're reading this, you've just completed your first-round interview. You were nominated for a reason, and we're so glad to have met you in person.

Now that you know more about Posse, it's going to be important for you to familiarize yourself with Posse's partner colleges and universities so you can narrow down which schools you'd like to be considered for. If you advance to the next round as a semi-finalist, we're going to ask you to let us know your top choice colleges or universities.

This booklet presents a brief profile of each Posse partner school. We hope you get excited about them; they are among the very best institutions of higher education in the United States. Take a look, but also research these schools further on your own.

Good luck and we'll be in touch soon,

Posse





## CONCEPT

Posse started in 1989 because of one student who said,

**“I NEVER WOULD HAVE DROPPED OUT OF COLLEGE IF I HAD MY POSSE WITH ME.”**

The Posse Foundation identifies public high school students with extraordinary academic and leadership potential who may be overlooked by traditional college selection processes. The Foundation extends to these students the opportunity to pursue personal and academic excellence by placing them in supportive, multicultural teams—Posses—of 10 students. The Foundation’s partner colleges and universities award Posse Scholars full-tuition leadership scholarships.

## THREE GOALS

1. To expand the pool from which top colleges and universities can recruit outstanding young leaders from diverse backgrounds.
2. To help these institutions build more interactive campus environments so they can become more welcoming for people from all backgrounds.
3. To ensure that Posse Scholars persist in their academic studies and graduate so they can take on leadership positions in the workforce.





CASE WESTERN RESERVE  
UNIVERSITY EST. 1826

think beyond the possible®

**LOCATION:** Cleveland, Ohio

**CLOSEST CITY:** Cleveland, Ohio

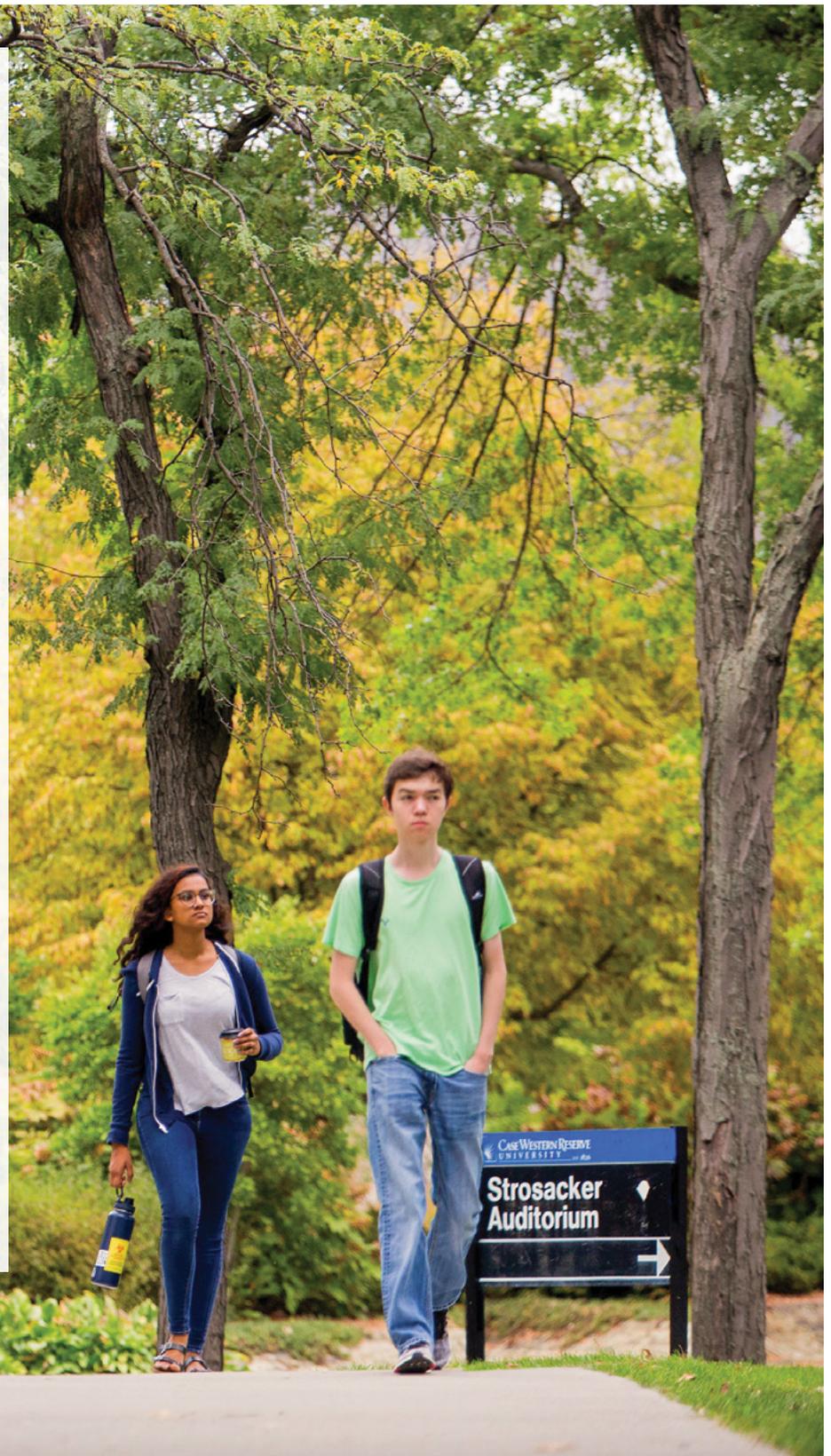
**UNDERGRADUATE POPULATION:** 5,100

**WEBSITE:** [www.case.edu](http://www.case.edu)

Case Western Reserve University students are serious about success, and every facet of their college experience equips them with the knowledge and skills that will allow them to achieve their goals. From rigorous course work—spanning arts, engineering, humanities, management, natural sciences, nursing, and social and behavioral sciences—to hands-on learning experiences and vibrant city living, a Case Western Reserve education prepares its 5,100 undergraduate students to become distinguished academics, savvy professionals and productive global citizens. Case Western Reserve is a top-40 research university located in Cleveland's University Circle neighborhood—the nation's densest concentration of arts, culture and medicine.

#### QUICK FACTS

- » CWRU is 17th in the nation among private universities for federally funded research—and undergraduates regularly take part.
- » Thirty-eight percent of students study abroad. Students can choose from more than 70 opportunities abroad.
- » Students participate in more than 200 student organizations, including 17 Division III varsity athletic teams and more than 50 performing arts groups.
- » Undergraduates hail from all 50 states and are citizens of 73 countries.
- » Last year, our students volunteered about 30,800 hours through our Center for Civic Engagement & Learning programs.





# ILLINOIS WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY

**LOCATION:** Bloomington-Normal, Illinois

**CLOSEST CITIES:** Chicago, Illinois + St. Louis, Missouri

**UNDERGRADUATE POPULATION:** 1,771

**WEBSITE:** [www.iwu.edu](http://www.iwu.edu)

Founded in 1850, Illinois Wesleyan University is a nationally recognized, exclusively undergraduate university that enrolls approximately 1,700 students from across the nation and around the globe. The Illinois Wesleyan experience is characterized by close student-faculty interactions and a holistic approach to education, which allows our students to pursue their curiosity and discover the interconnectedness of knowledge beyond our 80-plus majors, minors, pre-professional and professional programs. Illinois Wesleyan prides itself on producing well-rounded graduates with a spirit of inquiry, who can successfully adapt to the demands of a rapidly changing, complex world. With an emphasis on learning by doing, Illinois Wesleyan offers distinctive experiences that directly prepare students for success. The University is located in Bloomington-Normal, Illinois, a community of 130,000 that is within two and a half hours of both Chicago and St. Louis.

## QUICK FACTS

- » Illinois Wesleyan's undergraduate-only learning environment provides extensive personal attention, with all courses taught by professors and an average class size of 16 students.
- » IWU's first-year retention rate is 90 percent, and 93 percent of graduates say their Illinois Wesleyan education exceeded or met their expectations.
- » Our vibrant campus life features more than 150 student organizations and hundreds of campus events each year. IWU supports 22 varsity teams and has won eight NCAA Division III national championships.
- » 33 percent of the class of 2022 self-identify as students of color, with between 20 and 30 countries represented in the IWU student body each year.
- » Experiential learning is a hallmark of IWU, with two-thirds of our students conducting research, nearly 70 percent completing at least one internship, and 42 percent studying abroad.



**TEXAS A&M**  
UNIVERSITY

**LOCATION:** College Station, Texas

**CLOSEST CITY:** Houston, Texas

**UNDERGRADUATE POPULATION:** 54,476

**WEBSITE:** [www.tamu.edu](http://www.tamu.edu)

Texas A&M is among the top public research universities in the country, and the only public college in Texas to make the “Best Buys” list in the *Fiske Guide to Colleges 2019*, a list of colleges that offer a superior education for the most affordable cost. Its 69,465 students (including 54,476 undergraduates) can choose from 1,000+ student-led organizations, challenging them to learn, lead and serve, and its graduates are among the most heavily recruited in the nation. Perhaps best known for its incomparable Aggie spirit, rich traditions, core values and culture of excellence, Texas A&M is committed to developing leaders of character dedicated to serving the greater good.

#### QUICK FACTS

- » Texas A&M ranks first in Texas in student retention and graduation rates—overall and for under-represented students.
- » Twenty-five percent of undergraduates at Texas A&M are first-generation students, meaning they are the first in their immediate family to attend college. Texas A&M has renewed its efforts to ensure that first-gen students progress through to graduation, including advising, mentoring and group interaction.
- » Ranks in the Top 20 on the best universities in the country list from *Washington Monthly* (2018)
- » In the previous academic year, Texas A&M awarded approximately \$871 million in financial assistance.
- » Ranks 1st in Texas among public universities for best value by *Money Magazine* (2018)





**LOCATION:** New Orleans, Louisiana  
**CLOSEST CITY:** New Orleans, Louisiana  
**UNDERGRADUATE POPULATION:** 8,423  
**WEBSITE:** [www.tulane.edu](http://www.tulane.edu)

Founded in 1834, Tulane is one of the most highly regarded and selective independent research universities in the country. Located in one of America's greatest cities, Tulane offers degrees in the liberal arts, science and engineering, architecture, business, law, social work, medicine and public health and tropical medicine. Tulane is the country's first and only major research university to integrate public service into its undergraduate curriculum. The Tulane experience includes close student-faculty interaction, a variety of campus programs and a diverse student body representing all 50 states and more than 40 different countries. Tulane's full- and part-time undergraduate population is 8,423.

#### QUICK FACTS

- » Tulane undergraduates are taught by the university's premier faculty beginning the first semester of their freshmen year.
- » Tulane offers an outstanding breadth and depth of courses and majors combined with real world experience through public service classes, internships and research opportunities.
- » *U.S. News & World Report* ranked Tulane University 12th among "Up-and-Coming" schools and 33rd in its "High School Counselor's Picks."
- » *Newsweek* ranked Tulane 19th among the country's 25 "most service-minded schools."
- » Tulane University has been twice named by *Kaplan/Newsweek's* college guide as one of the 25 "Hot Schools" in the nation.



# UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME

**LOCATION:** South Bend, Indiana

**CLOSEST CITY:** Chicago, Illinois

**UNDERGRADUATE POPULATION:** 8,500

**WEBSITE:** [www.nd.edu](http://www.nd.edu)

Founded in 1842, the University of Notre Dame provides a distinctive voice in higher education. The nation's pre-eminent Catholic university and rated among the top 25 U.S. institutions of higher learning, Notre Dame has four undergraduate colleges—Arts and Letters, Science, Engineering, and the Mendoza College of Business—along with the School of Architecture, Law School, Graduate School, 10 research institutes, more than 40 centers and special programs, and the University library system. Located near South Bend, Indiana, Notre Dame is highly residential, with 80 percent of students living on campus, and also is known for the beauty of its campus, including the Golden Dome of the Main Building, the world's most recognized university landmark.

## QUICK FACTS

- » Notre Dame is rated among the nation's top 25 institutions of higher learning in surveys conducted by *U.S. News & World Report*, *Time*, *Kiplinger's*, *Kaplan/ Newsweek*, *Forbes*, and others.
- » Notre Dame is one of a handful of truly international universities, with a student body drawn from all 50 states and more than 1,200 international students from nearly 90 countries.
- » The University's undergraduate enrollment is approximately 8,500 students who are enrolled in 67 undergraduate bachelor's degree programs within four colleges.
- » In fiscal year 2015, research expenditures from external sources and research awards to Notre Dame each exceeded \$130 million.
- » One of America's leading undergraduate teaching institutions, Notre Dame also has been at the forefront in research and scholarship. The aerodynamics of glider flight, the transmission of wireless messages, and the formulae for synthetic rubber were pioneered at the University.





**VILLANOVA**  
**UNIVERSITY**  
IGNITE CHANGE. GO NOVA.®

**LOCATION:** Villanova, Pennsylvania

**CLOSEST CITY:** Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

**UNDERGRADUATE POPULATION:** 6,558

**WEBSITE:** [www.villanova.edu](http://www.villanova.edu)

Since 1842, Villanova University's Augustinian Catholic intellectual tradition has been the cornerstone of an academic community in which students learn to think critically, act compassionately and succeed while serving others. There are more than 10,000 undergraduate, graduate and law students in the University's six colleges—the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, the Villanova School of Business, the College of Engineering, the M. Louise Fitzpatrick College of Nursing, the College of Professional Studies and the Villanova University Charles Widger School of Law. Ranked among the nation's top universities, Villanova supports its students' intellectual growth and prepares them to become ethical leaders who create positive change everywhere life takes them.

#### QUICK FACTS

- » At Villanova, small class sizes mean personalized attention from professors. The student-to-faculty ratio at Villanova is 11-to-1, and the average class has just 23 students.
- » Villanova is recognized as a top producer of Fulbright scholars. In 2019-20, 33 students and alumni earned Fulbrights. Villanovans have also recently earned Goldwater and Truman scholarships and NSF grants.
- » Villanova prepares students for lifelong success. Nearly 97 percent of the Class of 2019 are employed or continuing their education, and our Nova Network of alumni provide advice and assistance along the way.
- » Students attend Villanova from 48 states; Washington, D.C.; the Virgin Islands; Puerto Rico; Guam and 41 foreign countries.
- » Students run more than 260 extracurricular groups and activities and participate in 44 club and intramural sports. In addition, more than 500 student-athletes participate in 24 men's and women's NCAA Division I varsity sports.

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