



Partner Institutions

FRANKLIN & MARSHALL COLLEGE
HAMILTON COLLEGE
MOUNT HOLYOKE COLLEGE
POMONA COLLEGE
SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY
VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY

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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.



FRANKLIN & MARSHALL COLLEGE

LOCATION: Lancaster, Pennsylvania

CLOSEST CITY: Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

UNDERGRADUATE POPULATION: 2,400

WEBSITE: www.fandm.edu

Franklin & Marshall College students learn while doing, working directly with deeply engaged faculty on high-impact research and scholarship. We recruit curious and hard-working students from all over the world. Hailing from 44 countries and 48 states, our students become leaders in the classroom, community and playing field. We teach them to connect ideas, write well, apply theories to everyday life, embrace diversity, and seek answers to big questions. Within a supportive community that values individuality and developing one's own voice, our students discover how to unleash their talent and exceed their own expectations.

QUICK FACTS

- » Sixty-five percent of students engage in research under the guidance of a faculty mentor.
- » Forty percent of faculty publications are co-authored by students.
- » We have over 200 off-campus programs in 60 countries.
- » More than half of our students receive some form of need-based financial aid.
- » Seventy percent of students participate in community service.





Hamilton

LOCATION: Clinton, New York

CLOSEST CITY: Utica, New York

UNDERGRADUATE POPULATION: 2,000

WEBSITE: www.hamilton.edu

Originally founded in 1793 as the Hamilton-Oneida Academy, Hamilton College occupies a 1,350-acre hilltop campus overlooking the New England-style village of Clinton, New York, and in close proximity to the Adirondack Park. The College's open curriculum gives students the freedom to shape their own liberal arts education within a research- and writing-intensive framework and with the guidance of faculty advisors who help students plan an individualized course of study that reflects their unique interests and skills. Hamilton enrolls 2,000 students (1,850 on campus, 150 in off-campus programs) from 47 states and 49 countries.

QUICK FACTS

- » **Open Curriculum** – Hamilton's open curriculum allows you to choose courses because they interest you and fit your individual academic plan, not because you have to fulfill distribution requirements.
- » **Speaking and Writing** – Hamilton is a national leader for teaching students to write clearly and speak persuasively.
- » **Active Campus** – Learning at Hamilton is active and hands-on, and students are expected to contribute in class and out.
- » **Difference** – Hamilton's campus is characterized by a diverse array of people with different backgrounds, experiences and ideas. Be yourself at Hamilton, and be respected for who you are.
- » **Alumni Network** – Career planning is a priority for all students whether they intend to seek employment or pursue graduate study, and alumni are eager to help students identify internships and share career insights.

MOUNT HOLYOKE

LOCATION: South Hadley, Massachusetts

CLOSEST CITY: Worcester, Massachusetts

UNDERGRADUATE POPULATION: 2,215

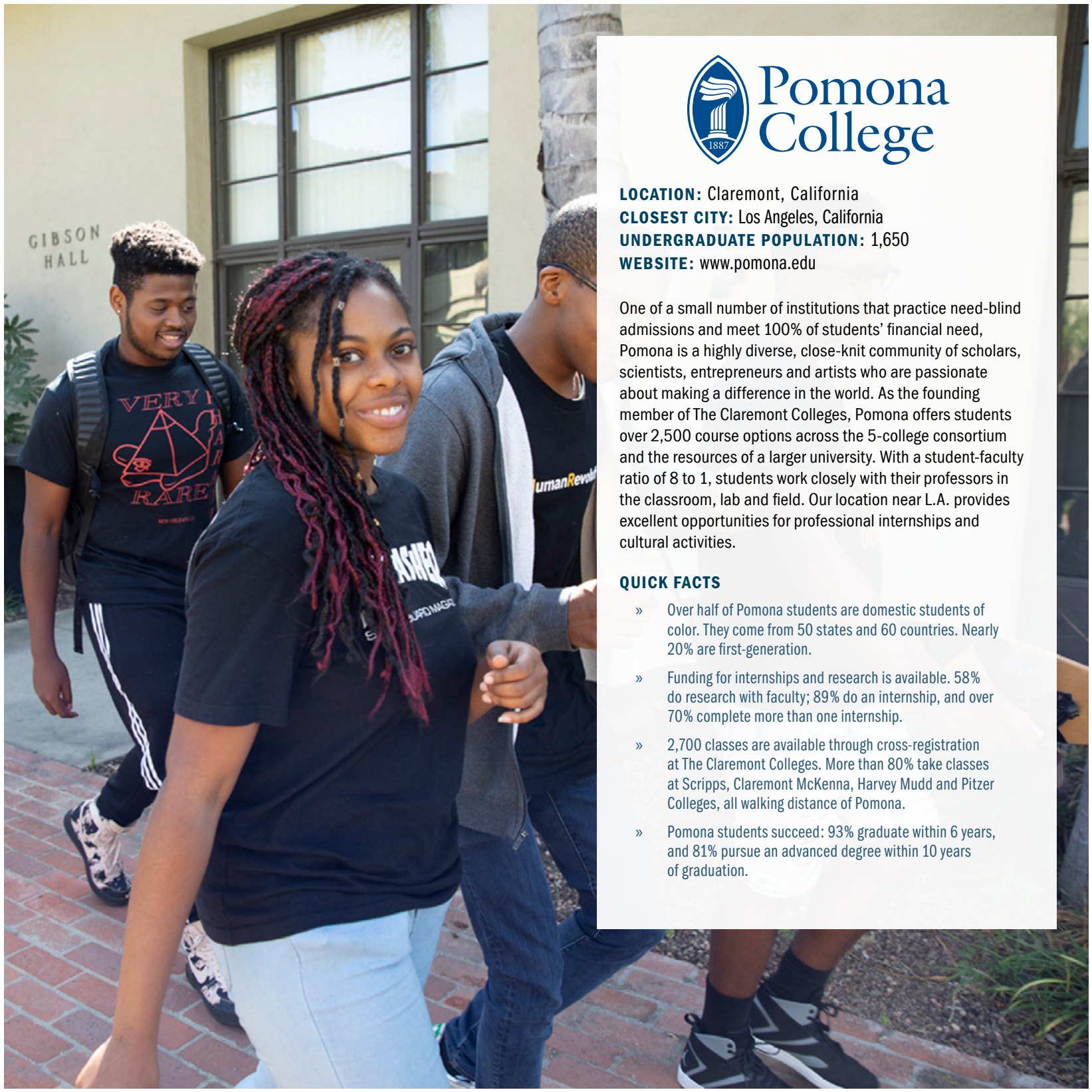
WEBSITE: www.mtholyoke.edu

Mount Holyoke College attracts ambitious women from around the world who embrace complexity, cultivate curiosity, and resolve to become agents of change. Our vibrant community—tight-knit, diverse, inclusive, and socially conscious—includes a powerful global network of 35,000 alumnae. Rigorous academics in the classroom are combined with career and research experiences outside of the classroom, empowering Mount Holyoke students not only to face change, but to lead it. And our graduates put their passions to work: they thrive in all fields, on all continents, and in a vast array of languages.

QUICK FACTS

- » The 2016 Princeton Review identifies Mount Holyoke as a top-ranked destination for change makers—those driven to get involved and make a difference at home and around the world.
- » Students come from 44 states and 69 countries. About 25 percent are non-U.S. citizens. Thirty-seven percent of domestic students identify as African American, Asian American, Latina, Native American, or multiracial.
- » The College's Link initiative connects curriculum to career through paid (\$3,000) internship or research opportunities, pre-professional Nexus tracks, integrated advising, and alumnae mentoring.
- » Mount Holyoke faculty are leaders in their fields. The grants they receive—such as from NASA, NSF, and NIH—translate into research and career opportunities for students.
- » Through the robust Five College Consortium—including Mount Holyoke, Amherst, Smith, and Hampshire colleges and the University of Massachusetts Amherst—myriad social and academic opportunities await, at no additional cost.





Pomona College

LOCATION: Claremont, California

CLOSEST CITY: Los Angeles, California

UNDERGRADUATE POPULATION: 1,650

WEBSITE: www.pomona.edu

One of a small number of institutions that practice need-blind admissions and meet 100% of students' financial need, Pomona is a highly diverse, close-knit community of scholars, scientists, entrepreneurs and artists who are passionate about making a difference in the world. As the founding member of The Claremont Colleges, Pomona offers students over 2,500 course options across the 5-college consortium and the resources of a larger university. With a student-faculty ratio of 8 to 1, students work closely with their professors in the classroom, lab and field. Our location near L.A. provides excellent opportunities for professional internships and cultural activities.

QUICK FACTS

- » Over half of Pomona students are domestic students of color. They come from 50 states and 60 countries. Nearly 20% are first-generation.
- » Funding for internships and research is available. 58% do research with faculty; 89% do an internship, and over 70% complete more than one internship.
- » 2,700 classes are available through cross-registration at The Claremont Colleges. More than 80% take classes at Scripps, Claremont McKenna, Harvey Mudd and Pitzer Colleges, all walking distance of Pomona.
- » Pomona students succeed: 93% graduate within 6 years, and 81% pursue an advanced degree within 10 years of graduation.

Syracuse University

LOCATION: Syracuse, New York

CLOSEST CITY: Rochester, New York

UNDERGRADUATE POPULATION: 14,675

WEBSITE: www.syracuse.edu

Syracuse University is a private international research university founded in 1870 whose more than 22,000 undergraduate and graduate students pursue studies in 11 schools and colleges. Syracuse is dedicated to advancing knowledge and promoting student success through teaching excellence, rigorous scholarship, and interdisciplinary research. Students not only enjoy the resources of a beautiful 270-acre main campus; they also learn at Syracuse's academic centers in New York City, Los Angeles, and Washington, D.C., and at seven study abroad centers.

QUICK FACTS

- » With 200 academic programs and 100 minors to choose from, students can tailor their education to what they're interested in and rely on guidance from some of the finest and most nurturing scholars in the world.
- » Syracuse is a place of diverse people who strengthen our values. Students represent all 50 states and 126 countries; 25 percent are students of color; and 21 percent are first-generation college students.
- » Syracuse has one of the oldest and best-known study abroad programs, and nearly 50 percent of students participate in some type of study abroad experience.
- » Students enjoy—and make a difference on—a classic, residential campus, while having access to Syracuse, a city full of opportunities for internships, research, and civic engagement.
- » Syracuse's boundary-breaking alumni include Sarah Loguen, among the first African-American doctors; Ernie Davis, first African-American to win football's Heisman Trophy; and Eileen Collins, first woman to command a space shuttle.





VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY

LOCATION: Nashville, Tennessee

CLOSEST CITY: Nashville, Tennessee

UNDERGRADUATE POPULATION: 6,886

WEBSITE: www.vanderbilt.edu

Vanderbilt University, situated on a beautiful 330-acre campus in the heart of Nashville, Tennessee, includes ten schools, of which four have undergraduate programs. The combination of excellent academic rigor, a vibrant campus life, and urban location attracts talented students from around the world, consistently earning the university a top-20 ranking from *U.S. News & World Report*. Vanderbilt is home to a diverse community of 6,900 undergraduate and 5,700 graduate students. Over 50 percent of undergraduates participate in academic research, and with a 7:1 student-faculty ratio, Vanderbilt affords easy access to faculty. First-year students live on The Martha Rivers Ingram Commons, a living-learning residential community, and students live in Vanderbilt housing all four years.

QUICK FACTS

- » 69 majors and 70+ minors are offered across four undergraduate schools: College of Arts and Science; School of Engineering; Peabody College of Education and Human Development; Blair School of Music.
- » Vanderbilt's vibrant campus life includes 420+ student organizations, 27 sororities and fraternities, over 150 study abroad programs, Division I athletics, more than 40 club and intramural sports, and exciting internship opportunities.
- » Nashville, Vanderbilt's hometown, regularly earns high marks for quality of life and employment opportunities, including #3 for Best Big Cities for Jobs (*Forbes*, 2019) and #2 for College City Gets High Marks (*Princeton Review*, 2020).
- » Vanderbilt has earned the #1 ranking for "Best Quality of Life" from *Princeton Review* in 2020.
- » 42.1% of students from the first-year class entering fall 2019 are from underrepresented minorities; 11.8% are international students.
- » 65% of undergraduates receive some type of financial assistance to attend Vanderbilt.

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