



Partner Institutions

BARD COLLEGE
BOSTON UNIVERSITY
BRANDEIS UNIVERSITY
THE COLLEGE OF WOOSTER
THE GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY

POSSE ATLANTA



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.



Bard

LOCATION: Annandale-on-Hudson, New York

CLOSEST CITY: New York, New York

UNDERGRADUATE POPULATION: 1,900

WEBSITE: www.bard.edu

Bard College, located in Annandale, New York, is an independent, residential, coeducational college offering a four-year B.A. program in the liberal arts and sciences. Bard offers 35 programs of study in four divisions to the 1,900 students who come to us from all 50 states and over 60 countries. The College prides itself on its commitment to undergraduate education and to scholarship, inquiry and research, and the professional activities of scholars, scientists and artists.

QUICK FACTS

- » World-class facilities on Bard's 1000-acre campus include the Richard B. Fisher Center for the Performing Arts and The Gabriel H. Reem and Herbert J. Kayden Center for Science and Computation.
- » Bard's historic main campus is located 90 miles north of New York City, accessible by train.
- » Bard's student-to-faculty ratio is 10:1 allowing for small classes; students work closely with faculty in choosing their courses each semester.
- » Bard's Center for Civic Engagement undertakes initiatives that reflect our belief in the link between liberal education and democracy. CCE provides students with opportunities for work, internships and civic engagement.
- » Bard's reach extends beyond its main Annandale campus. Our domestic network includes high school-early colleges and early college centers in New York City, Newark, Baltimore, Cleveland, New Orleans, and Hudson, NY. Bard offers college degrees to prison populations throughout New York State. Bard has overseas campuses in Berlin and St. Petersburg and partnerships with American University in Central Asia, Central European University in Budapest, and Al-Quds University on the West Bank, among others.





BOSTON UNIVERSITY

LOCATION: Boston, Massachusetts

CLOSEST CITY: Boston, Massachusetts

UNDERGRADUATE POPULATION: 15,834

WEBSITE: www.bu.edu

Founded in 1839, Boston University is an internationally recognized institution of higher education and research. With nine undergraduate schools and colleges, BU offers students more than 300 programs of study in science and engineering, social science and humanities, health science, the arts, and other professional disciplines, along with a number of multi-disciplinary centers and institutes integral to the University's research and teaching mission. With more than 30,000 students (undergraduate population approx of 16,489), BU is the fourth-largest private university in the country and a member of the American Association of Universities (AAU), a nonprofit association of 65 of North America's leading research-intensive institutions.

QUICK FACTS

- » BU is ranked #18 for employability in the U.S. by *Times Higher Education* and #40 in the nation by *U.S. News & World Report* (Best National Universities 2020).
- » BU has a 10:1 student-to-faculty ratio. Members of the faculty include Pulitzer Prize winners, Nobel Prize winners, MacArthur Fellows, Sloan Research Fellows, and Guggenheim Fellows.
- » There are nearly 500 student organizations.
- » BU has over 100 study abroad programs in more than 30 countries.
- » Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. received his Ph.D. in theology from BU in 1955. After receiving the Nobel Peace Prize in 1964, he presented his manuscripts, records and personal papers to the university's Mugar Memorial Library.

BRANDEIS UNIVERSITY



LOCATION: Waltham, Massachusetts

CLOSEST CITY: Boston, Massachusetts

UNDERGRADUATE POPULATION: 3,500

WEBSITE: www.brandeis.edu

Brandeis University was founded in 1948 by the American Jewish community in response to the exclusionary practices of other elite institutions. The founders created a nonsectarian, multicultural institution with the close faculty access of a liberal arts college in the context of a vibrant research university. The university was named for Supreme Court Justice Louis Brandeis, and embraces his legacy of social justice. This legacy is reflected in our motto "Truth, Even Unto Its Innermost Parts." Brandeis students have intensive, personalized educational experiences with world-renowned faculty, united by "tikkum olam" or the common goal of repairing the world.

QUICK FACTS

- » Brandeis's premier faculty includes Nobel Prize winners; fellows in the American Academy of Arts and Sciences; members of the National Academy of Sciences and the National Academy of Medicine; MacArthur "Genius" Grant recipients and Pulitzer Prize winners.
- » In addition to our strength in the sciences, students major in areas as diverse as: African and Afro-American Studies; Creativity, the Arts and Social Transformation; Business or Economics; Health: Science, Society and Policy; International and Global Studies; Psychology; and Education Studies.
- » 40% of the class studies abroad, and students can choose from over 300 study abroad programs in 70 countries across the globe.
- » The Princeton Review lists Brandeis as #1 for colleges with students most engaged in community service.
- » Brandeis students average three internships before graduation, and 97% of Brandeis undergraduates are employed, in graduate school, or engaging in a meaningful activities such as fellowships, travel or volunteer work.





THE COLLEGE OF WOOSTER

LOCATION: Wooster, Ohio

CLOSEST CITY: Cleveland, Ohio

UNDERGRADUATE POPULATION: 2,000

WEBSITE: www.wooster.edu

The College of Wooster is America's premier college for mentored undergraduate research.

Every year since 2002, college presidents and deans surveyed by *U.S. News & World Report* have recognized Wooster for its "outstanding" undergraduate research opportunities and senior capstone program. The only other school to share that distinction: Princeton University. The presidents and deans also singled out Wooster as a top college where "the faculty has an unusually strong commitment to undergraduate teaching." Wooster ranks seventh in the nation, tied with Haverford, and ahead of Amherst.

Founded in 1866, Wooster enrolls approximately 2,000 students, who choose from more than 50 academic programs in the sciences, humanities, business and the arts.

QUICK FACTS

- » Wooster offers an excellent, comprehensive liberal arts education, culminating in a senior research project, in which each student works one-on-one with a faculty mentor on a topic of the student's own choosing.
- » Every Wooster student develops abilities valued by employers and graduate schools alike: independent judgment, analytical ability, creativity, project-management and time-management skills, and strong written and oral communication skills.
- » Almost a third of Wooster's students play intercollegiate athletics, a third perform in at least one musical group, and a quarter are involved in theatre and the arts.
- » Wooster students hail from 47 states and 45 countries. In this year's incoming first-year class, 1 in every 4 students is a U.S. student of color or international student.
- » The City of Wooster is a vibrant community of 26,000 with a strong, diversified economy, a downtown full of great restaurants and shops, and easy access to outdoor recreation opportunities.

THE GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY

WASHINGTON, DC

LOCATION: Washington, D.C.

CLOSEST CITY: Washington, D.C.

UNDERGRADUATE POPULATION: 10,000

WEBSITE: www.gwu.edu

The George Washington University (GW) offers undergraduate degrees in art/design, business, engineering, humanities/sciences, international affairs, media/public affairs, and public health. GW goes beyond the typical university experience with an education that is deeply connected to our location in the heart of the nation's capital. Whether taking a class at the Smithsonian, learning from policy experts at the World Bank, or speaking with a world leader, our nearly 10,000 undergraduate students have access to organizations and individuals who shape the future. Our students put their knowledge in action through research, internships, community service, and study abroad as they prepare for life's next chapter.

QUICK FACTS

- » Students from all 50 states, Washington, D.C., and more than 130 countries make up GW's undergraduate population.
- » GW has two undergraduate campuses, Foggy Bottom and Mount Vernon, providing students with space to live and learn in two distinctive D.C. neighborhoods.
- » More than 475 active student organizations provide plenty of opportunities to get involved—plus more than 1,000 events each year!
- » Students can build connections through living and learning communities built around shared interests in politics, leadership, service, and more.
- » GW traditions celebrate our community and beyond, from Welcome Day of Service to an Inaugural Ball and, finally, commencement on the National Mall!





TEXAS A&M
UNIVERSITY

LOCATION: College Station, Texas

CLOSEST CITY: Houston, Texas

UNDERGRADUATE POPULATION: 54,476

WEBSITE: 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)

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