

State: Iowa

Capital City: Des Moines

Major Cities: Cedar Rapids, Davenport, Sioux City, Iowa City, Ames

Major Companies: 3M, ALCOA, Amana Corporation, Dexter Apache Holdings, Inc., Electrolux/Frigidaire, Emerson Process Management, Hagie Manufacturing Company, HON Industries, The HON Company, SSAB, John Deere, Lennox Manufacturing, Maytag Corporation, Pella Corporation, Procter & Gamble, Rockwell Collins, Terex, Vermeer Company, and Winnebago Industries

Major Sectors/Economy:

- Manufacturing has been the backbone of Iowa's economy
- Iowa's agricultural economy made the transition to a diversified economy of advanced manufacturing, processing, financial services, information technology, biotechnology, and green energy production
- CNBC's list of "Top States for Business in 2010" has recognized Iowa as the sixth best state in the nation
- Major manufacturing sectors include food processing, heavy machinery, and agricultural chemicals
- Besides processed food, industrial outputs include machinery, electric equipment, chemical products, publishing, and primary metals

Climate:

Iowa has a humid continental climate throughout the state with extremes of both heat and cold. The average annual temperature at Des Moines is 10 °C

University Eligibility and Fee:

| University | Bachelors Eligibility | Bachelors Fee Range/yr | Masters Eligibility | Masters Fee Range/yr |
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| Iowa State University | GPA – 3.7 SAT– 960-1260 ACT – 22-28 | \$22,144 | GRE-315 GPA – 3.7/80% TOEFL -100/IELTS – 7.0 | \$27,572 |
| University of Iowa | GPA – 3.7 SAT– 1000-1320 ACT – 23-28 | \$29,736 | GRE-308 GPA – 3.6/75% TOEFL -92/IELTS – 6.5 | \$31,970 |

University Key points:

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| Iowa State University | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Founded: 1858• Ranking: #121 in National Universities• 266,837 Iowa State alumni live in 152 countries• The Ames Laboratory is the U.S. home to 2011 Nobel Prize in Chemistry winner Dan Shechtman and is intensely engaged with the international scientific community, including hosting a large number of international visitors each year.• Endowment: \$1.102 billion• 100 bachelor's degree programs, 112 master's degree programs, and 83 at the Ph.D.• Classified as one of Carnegie's "R1: Doctoral Universities - Very Research Activity"• Iowa State receives nearly \$300 million in research grants each year• The National Science Foundation ranks ISU 78th in the nation in total research and development expenditures and 94th in research and development expenditures for science and engineering• Currently, ISU ranks second nationally in license and options executed on its intellectual property and #2 nationally in license and options that yield income• At Iowa State University, 51 percent of full-time undergraduates receive some kind of need-based financial aid, and the average need-based scholarship or grant award is \$8,066• Iowa State is the only university in the United States that has a U.S. Department of Energy research laboratory physically located on its campus• Operated by Iowa State, the Ames Laboratory is one of ten national DOE Office of Science research laboratories. |
| University of Iowa | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Founded: 1847• Ranking: #84 in National Universities• 34th among public universities, 76th among "Best Value Schools", tied for 77th among "Most Innovative Schools", and tied for 158th among global universities by U.S. News & World Report• U.S. News & World Report also ranked 12 University of Iowa graduate programs among the top 25 in the nation for 2020• U.S. News and World Report, 2021 _ 12 The number of graduate programs at Iowa ranked among the top 10 in the nation• The University of Iowa alumni network exceeds 250,000 graduates.• Endowment: \$1.58 billion• Students from 114 countries and all 50 states |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At University of Iowa, 48 percent of full-time undergraduates receive some kind of need-based financial aid, and the average need-based scholarship or grant award is \$6,739 • The National Science Foundation ranks Iowa 49th in the nation in research and development expenditures in 2017, with \$494.3 million spent • 1200 graduating seniors in 2016-17 participated in research project • \$588.8 million in external funding to the UI in fiscal year 2019 |
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