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## Best national universities

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#1 in National University  
**Princeton University**  
Princeton, New Jersey

Economic score: 0.31

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Net cost: **\$11,317** Earnings: **\$95,689** Admission rate: **6%**  
Payback: **Under a year** Earnings<sup>Plus</sup>: **+ \$50,066** Graduation rate: **97%**



#2 in National University  
**Stanford University**  
Stanford, California

Economic score: 0.36

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Net cost: **\$11,496** Earnings: **\$97,798** Admission rate: **6%**  
Payback: **Under a year** Earnings<sup>Plus</sup>: **+ \$47,119** Graduation rate: **96%**



#3 in National University  
**CUNY City College**  
New York, New York

Economic score: 0.37

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Net cost: **\$2,385** Earnings: **\$55,741** Admission rate: **51%**  
Payback: **Under 6 months** Earnings<sup>Plus</sup>: **+ \$51** Graduation rate: **54%**



#4 in National University  
**University of Florida**  
Gainesville, Florida

Economic score: 0.45

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Net cost: **\$6,302** Earnings: **\$64,463** Admission rate: **32%**  
Payback: **Under a year** Earnings<sup>Plus</sup>: **+ \$19,742** Graduation rate: **88%**



#5 in National University  
**Georgia Institute of Technology**  
Atlanta, Georgia

Economic score: 0.49

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Net cost: **\$14,739** Earnings: **\$88,196** Admission rate: **22%**  
Payback: **1 year** Earnings<sup>Plus</sup>: **+ \$46,303** Graduation rate: **90%**



#6 in National University  
**Massachusetts Institute of Technology**  
Cambridge, Massachusetts

Economic score: 0.50

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Net cost: **\$16,636** Earnings: **\$111,222** Admission rate: **8%**  
Payback: **Under a year** Earnings<sup>Plus</sup>: **+ \$43,464** Graduation rate: **96%**



#7 in National University  
**California Institute of Technology**  
Pasadena, California

Economic score: 0.52

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Net cost: **\$24,274** Earnings: **\$112,166** Admission rate: **7%**  
Payback: **1.2 years** Earnings<sup>Plus</sup>: **+ \$61,487** Graduation rate: **93%**



#8 in National University  
**University of Michigan**  
Ann Arbor, Michigan

Economic score: 0.70

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Net cost: **\$15,336** Earnings: **\$75,842** Admission rate: **27%**  
Payback: **1.2 years** Earnings<sup>Plus</sup>: **+ \$31,796** Graduation rate: **93%**

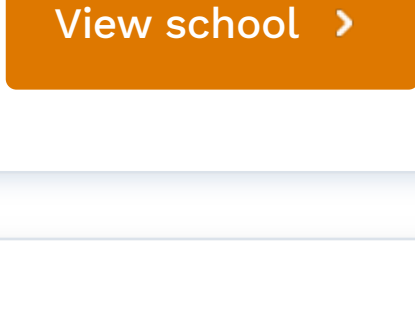


#9 in National University  
**Duke University**  
Durham, North Carolina

Economic score: 0.70

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Net cost: **\$27,020** Earnings: **\$93,115** Admission rate: **8%**  
Payback: **1.6 years** Earnings<sup>Plus</sup>: **+ \$51,044** Graduation rate: **96%**

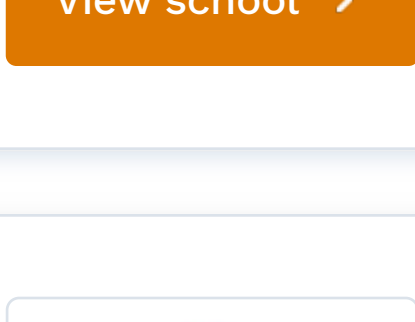


#10 in National University  
**University of Pennsylvania**  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Economic score: 0.71

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Net cost: **\$25,802** Earnings: **\$103,246** Admission rate: **9%**  
Payback: **1.4 years** Earnings<sup>Plus</sup>: **+ \$49,668** Graduation rate: **97%**

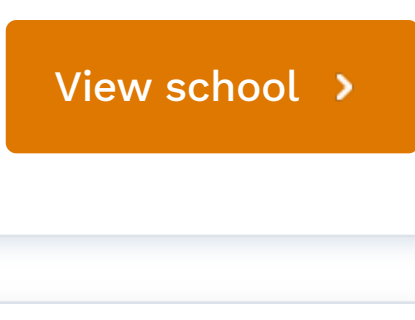


#11 in National University  
**University of California-Berkeley**  
Berkeley, California

Economic score: 0.74

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Net cost: **\$15,329** Earnings: **\$80,364** Admission rate: **18%**  
Payback: **1.2 years** Earnings<sup>Plus</sup>: **+ \$29,685** Graduation rate: **93%**

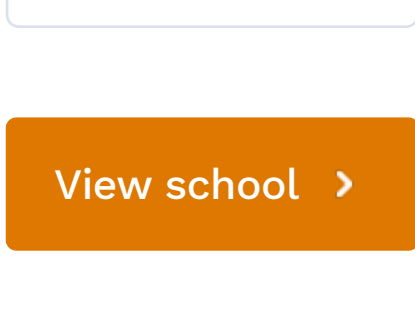


#12 in National University  
**Missouri University of Science and Technology**  
Rolla, Missouri

Economic score: 0.74

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Net cost: **\$14,262** Earnings: **\$80,289** Admission rate: **82%**  
Payback: **1.3 years** Earnings<sup>Plus</sup>: **+ \$32,969** Graduation rate: **68%**

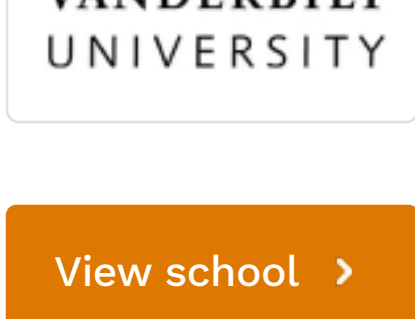


#13 in National University  
**Vanderbilt University**  
Nashville, Tennessee

Economic score: 0.75

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Net cost: **\$19,432** Earnings: **\$79,872** Admission rate: **12%**  
Payback: **1.4 years** Earnings<sup>Plus</sup>: **+ \$36,117** Graduation rate: **94%**



#14 in National University  
**Rice University**  
Houston, Texas

Economic score: 0.77

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Net cost: **\$16,999** Earnings: **\$77,683** Admission rate: **11%**  
Payback: **1.3 years** Earnings<sup>Plus</sup>: **+ \$32,736** Graduation rate: **95%**



#15 in National University  
**Georgetown University**  
Washington, District of Columbia

Economic score: 0.82

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Net cost: **\$28,909** Earnings: **\$96,375** Admission rate: **17%**  
Payback: **1.6 years** Earnings<sup>Plus</sup>: **+ \$47,089** Graduation rate: **94%**



#16 in National University  
**University of California-Los Angeles**  
Los Angeles, California

Economic score: 0.83

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Net cost: **\$14,279** Earnings: **\$73,744** Admission rate: **15%**  
Payback: **1.2 years** Earnings<sup>Plus</sup>: **+ \$23,065** Graduation rate: **92%**

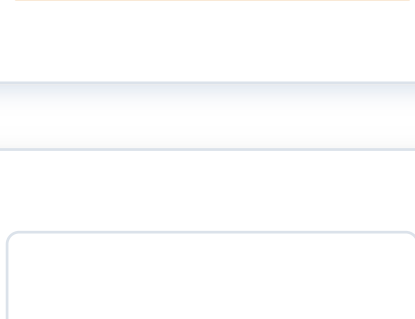


#17 in National University  
**University of California-San Diego**  
La Jolla, California

Economic score: 0.85

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Net cost: **\$14,232** Earnings: **\$74,771** Admission rate: **37%**  
Payback: **1.3 years** Earnings<sup>Plus</sup>: **+ \$24,092** Graduation rate: **89%**

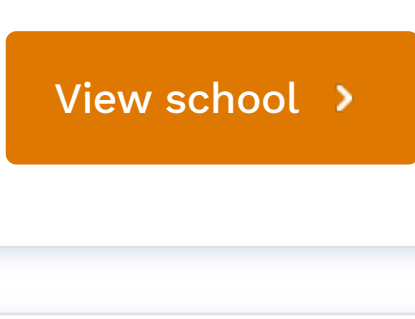


#18 in National University  
**University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill**  
Chapel Hill, North Carolina

Economic score: 0.86

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Net cost: **\$12,352** Earnings: **\$61,915** Admission rate: **26%**  
Payback: **1.3 years** Earnings<sup>Plus</sup>: **+ \$19,844** Graduation rate: **90%**

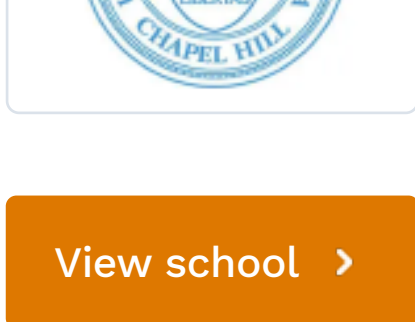


#19 in National University  
**University of Washington-Seattle Campus**  
Seattle, Washington

Economic score: 0.88

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Net cost: **\$13,297** Earnings: **\$68,925** Admission rate: **56%**  
Payback: **1.3 years** Earnings<sup>Plus</sup>: **+ \$23,966** Graduation rate: **84%**



#20 in National University  
**Harvard University**  
Cambridge, Massachusetts

Economic score: 0.89

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Net cost: **\$15,386** Earnings: **\$84,918** Admission rate: **6%**  
Payback: **1.1 years** Earnings<sup>Plus</sup>: **+ \$17,160** Graduation rate: **98%**

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