

A World-Class University



Beckman Institute

**THE UNIVERSITY
OF ILLINOIS AT URBANA-
CHAMPAIGN HAS
EARNED A REPUTATION
OF INTERNATIONAL
STATURE.**

*Its distinguished faculty,
outstanding resources, breadth
of academic programs and
research disciplines, and large,
diverse student body constitute
an educational community
ideally suited for scholarship
and research.*



ILLINOIS

Since its founding in 1867, the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign has been committed to excellence in research, teaching, and public engagement.

Among the University's most significant resources is its talented and highly respected faculty. Many are recognized for exceptional scholarship with memberships in the American Association for the Advancement of Sciences, American Academy of Arts and Sciences, the National Academy of Sciences, and the National Academy of Engineering; as National Science Foundation Young Investigators and as recipients of the Nobel Prize, Crafoord Prize in Biosciences, Japan Prize, National Medal of Science, and Presidential Early Career Awards for Scientists and Engineers; and by such organizations as the National Endowment for the Humanities, Guggenheim Memorial Foundation, National Academy of Education, and the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation.

Each year, Illinois students receive some of the world's most elite scholarships. For the past 13 years, the University has sent at least one student per year to Cambridge for a prestigious post-graduate fellowship. In the last decade, one Rhodes, three Truman, three Marshall, six Gates, seventeen Goldwater, eight Churchill, one Luce, and thirty-nine Fulbright Scholars have come from Illinois.

Another prime indicator of the University's excellence is the success of its alumni:

11 alumni are Nobel laureates and another 18 have won Pulitzer Prizes.

Academic resources on campus are among the finest in the world. The University Library is the largest public university collection in the world, housing more than nine million volumes, over six million manuscripts, periodicals, and other non-print materials, and more than 90,000 periodicals and journals. In addition to the main library, there are over 40 departmental libraries and divisions throughout campus. The library's computerized cataloging system was the first in the world to serve as the primary access to a large academic library. More than one million users worldwide access the online catalog each week.

A world leader in supercomputing design and applications, the University is home to the National Center for Supercomputing Applications, developer of the hypermedia browser Mosaic™, which revolutionized the use of the World Wide Web. Students have access to thousands of computer terminals in classrooms, residence halls, and campus libraries for use in classroom instruction, study, and research.

Students and scholars find the University an ideal place to conduct inter- and multidisciplinary research. The most visible example of the University's commitment to such study is the Beckman Institute for Advanced Science and Technology, where eighteen research groups from

sixteen University departments work within and across three broadly defined themes: biological intelligence, human-computer intelligent interaction, and molecular and electronic nanostructures.

The University has a fundamental commitment to undergraduate education. Over 29,000 undergraduate students are enrolled in nine undergraduate divisions, which together offer some 4,000 courses in more than 150 fields of study. The divisions are the College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences; College of Applied Life Studies; College of Business; College of Communications; College of Education; College of Engineering; College of Fine and Applied Arts; College of Liberal Arts and Sciences; and Institute of Aviation.

Undergraduate admission is highly selective. In the 2004 Freshman class, students in the middle 50 percent had ACT scores between 26 and 30 and ranked between the 81st and 94th percentiles of their high school graduating classes.

The University enrolls over 11,000 graduate and professional students in more than 100 programs. It is among the top five universities in number of earned doctorates awarded annually in the United States.

Also integral to the University's mission is a commitment to public engagement. Each year about 65,000 Illinois residents participate in scores of conferences, institutes, credit and noncredit courses, and workshops presented on campus and statewide. The University's Cooperative Extension Service comes into contact with nearly two million Illinois residents, providing 4-H, nutrition intervention, and other programs in rural and urban settings. Research and class projects take students and

professors outside their classrooms and laboratories to share expertise and technical support with Illinois farmers, manufacturing firms, and businesses. In a typical year, student volunteers log more than 60,000 volunteer hours in blood drives, day care centers, prisons, senior citizen centers, and tutoring programs.

A major center for the arts, the campus attracts dozens of nationally and internationally renowned artists each year to its widely acclaimed Krannert Center for the Performing Arts. Designed by alumnus Max Abramovitz, an architect of New York City's Lincoln Center, the facility has four indoor theaters and an outdoor amphitheater. Together, they host more than 350 performances each year. The University also supports two major museums: the Krannert Art Museum and Kinkead Pavilion, second only to the Art Institute of Chicago among Illinois public art museums; and the Spurlock Museum, a museum of world history and culture, which holds in its collections approximately 47,000 artifacts from diverse cultures and varied historical time periods.

Other major facilities include the multipurpose Assembly Hall (16,500 seats), which hosts concerts, convocations, theater, and sporting events; Memorial Stadium (70,000 seats), site of Big Ten Conference football games; and the Intramural-Physical Education Building, one of the largest recreational facilities of its kind on a university campus.

Located in east central Illinois in the twin cities of Urbana and Champaign (combined population 109,000), the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign is the state's flagship public university.