About Washington University

The School of Law and the Institute for Global Legal Studies benefit immensely from being part of one of the world’s great research universities. Founded in 1853, Washington University has a long tradition of excellence in both education and research and a commitment to making a difference in the world.

Washington University is a medium-sized university. Its approximately 12,000 students come from all 50 states in the United States and from more than 90 countries. Eighty-seven percent come from out of state.

A few facts and figures paint a picture of extraordinary contribution to human knowledge:

- 21 Nobel Laureates have been associated with Washington University. Of those, nine did the major portion of their pioneering research here.
- 4 Washington University faculty members have been awarded MacArthur fellowships.
- 2 faculty members received the National Book Award, and 3 received the National Book Critics Circle Award.
- 3 poets laureate and 7 Pulitzer Prize winners have been associated with Washington University.
- 11 faculty members have received the National Medal of Science.
- 27 current faculty members have been elected to the National Academy of Sciences, and 23 other current faculty have been elected to the Institute of Medicine of the National Academy of Sciences.
- 22 current faculty members have been elected to the American Academy of Arts and Sciences.

With the 7th-largest endowment of all private universities in the United States, Washington University has been able to support an assortment of ambitious educational and research initiatives.

Washington University’s overall undergraduate programs currently rank 15th in the nation. The George Warren Brown School of Social Work in recent years has been ranked 2nd. The School of Medicine is consistently ranked in the nation’s top 5, as are several of its departments.

This record of innovation and success makes the other departments of Washington University valuable partners with the School of Law and the Institute for Global Legal Studies. We collaborate on teaching, research, conferences, and other projects, to the benefit of our students and the community.