

**Alfred University materials engineering graduate program ranked among nation's best**  
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ALFRED, NY *US News and World Report* this week published its 2019 rankings of the best graduate schools in country and Alfred University holds a place in the top 50 among materials engineering programs.

Alfred's Inamori School of Engineering shares the 50th spot with seven other institutions: California-Irvine, Pittsburgh, SUNY Stony Brook, Washington State, Northeastern, Arizona, and Central Florida. Massachusetts Institute of Technology heads the [rankings](#), which were published Monday, March 26.

Alfred University's materials engineering graduate program also showed the fifth-best improvement over the 2018 rankings, moving up 11 spots from 61st a year ago. Only Central Florida (21 spots), Michigan State and Duke (16 spots) and Michigan Technical University (12 spots) showed greater improvement.

"We are immensely proud of this latest recognition of the quality of our materials engineering program," commented Mark Zupan, Alfred University president. "The distinction reflects the dedication and accomplishments of our faculty, staff, students, and alumni."

Among schools in New York state, Alfred University and Stony Brook rank tied for fourth. The only New York institutions with materials engineering graduate programs that are listed higher are Cornell University (sixth), Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (24th) and Columbia University (28th).

*US News and World Report's* ranking of graduate school programs is based on a weighted assessment of several indicators: quality assessment; student selectivity; faculty resources; research activity; overall ranks; specialty rankings; school data.