

Alfred University included in Wall Street Journal rankings

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ALFRED, NY—The *Wall Street Journal* has released its annual rankings of top institutions of higher education and Alfred University is among the colleges and universities recognized.

In the *Wall Street Journal/Times Higher Education College Rankings 2021*, Alfred University is listed among institutions ranked between 401 and 500. This marks a significant improvement over last year's rankings, when Alfred was listed in the 501-600 range. Approximately 800 schools are included in the rankings.

Rankings are based on how a school is rated in four weighted areas: Outcomes, Resources, Engagement, and Environment. Outcomes measure criteria like the salary graduates earn and the debt burden they accrue. Resources measures spending schools put into instruction and student services. Engagement, drawn mostly from a student survey, examines views on criteria like teaching and interactions with faculty and other students. Environment assesses the diversity of the university community.

Alfred University is also included in recently-released rankings by *U.S. News & World Report*, *Washington Monthly*, and the *Princeton Review*.

In its [2021 Best Colleges Rankings](#), *U.S. News & World Report* ranks Alfred University as having the number one-ranked Master of Fine Arts program in ceramic art in the country and the nation's 10th-ranked M.F.A. program. Alfred University is listed prominently in the [regional rankings](#) as well. Among regional colleges and universities in the North, Alfred ranks 45th overall and is 13th in the Best Values School listing and 36th in the Top Performers in Social Mobility category.

In its [2020 College Guide and Rankings](#), *Washington Monthly* ranks Alfred University 63rd on the list of Top Master's Universities. The publication ranked 614 master's universities, which it defined as four-year institutions that offer a significant number of master's degrees. In addition, Alfred is one of just 157 colleges and universities in the country named to *Washington Monthly's* [2020 Best Colleges for Student Voting Honor Roll](#). The list recognizes institutions for promoting student voting and civic engagement.

Alfred University is listed in *Princeton Review's* [2021 Best 386 Colleges](#) rankings. The publication said it selects honored institutions based on "our high opinion of their academics." Other factors it takes into account include admissions, tuition and financial aid, student body, campus life, and job placement/careers. Alfred has been listed in *Princeton Review's* Best Colleges rankings for 29 straight years.