

## Washington Monthly ranks Alfred University among top colleges and universities

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ALFRED, NY – *Washington Monthly* recently released its 2020 College Guide and Rankings and Alfred University is among the institutions of higher education to earn national recognition.

In its [2020 College Guide and Rankings](#), *Washington Monthly* ranked 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 was one of just 157 colleges and universities in the country to be named to *Washington Monthly's* [2020 Best Colleges for Student Voting Honor Roll](#). The list recognizes institutions for promoting student voting and civic engagement.

Since 2005, the *Washington Monthly* has ranked colleges based on what they do for our country.

“We rank four-year schools (national universities, liberal arts colleges, baccalaureate colleges, and master's universities) based on their contribution to the public good in three broad categories: social mobility, research, and providing opportunities for public service,” *Washington Monthly* stated in announcing its rankings. “Our rankings consist of three equally weighted portions: social mobility, research, and community and national service. This means that top-ranked colleges needed to be excellent across the full breadth of our measures, rather than excelling in just one.”

Alfred University was among just 13 colleges and universities in New York to rank among the top 75 Master's Universities in the country.

Social mobility rankings take into account such metrics as graduation rate, affordability, and financial success of alumni. Research rankings are determined in part by spending on research, the number of doctorate degrees awarded and undergraduate alumni who have gone on to earn a doctorate degree, the number of faculty who have received prestigious awards, and the number of faculty in the National Academies. Public service rankings are based on student participation in ROTC and service programs like the Peace Corps or AmeriCorps, how institutions prioritize community service programs when disbursing federal work-study grant funds, and how institutions promote voting initiatives on campus.

Alfred University ranked among the top colleges and universities in the country with regard to voter engagement. Schools named *Washington Monthly's* “America's Best Colleges for Student Voting” must have submitted an ALL IN Democracy Challenge action plan in 2018 and 2020; signed up to receive National Study of Learning, Voting and Engagement (NSLVE) data about their own campus registration and turnout rates; and made both their 2016 and 2018 NSLVE data available to the public.

“At the *Monthly*, we believe that colleges have a special obligation to help young Americans become active political citizens. It will help if they make sure students can be confident about where they will be on Election Day,” the

publication said in announcing its “America’s Best Colleges for Student Voting” list. Alfred University is one of just six schools in New York State named in the rankings.