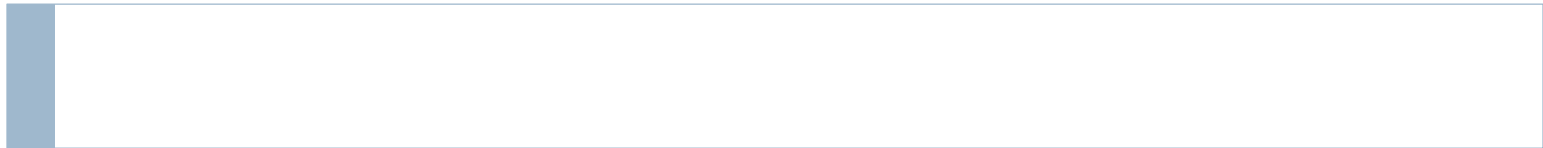


THE BEST UNIVERSITY IN THE WORLD



1. HARVARD UNIVERSITY-\$32.7 BILLION



With a current endowment of over \$32.7 billion, Ivy League Harvard University is the wealthiest university in the world. Founded in 1636 as New College, it was quickly renamed in honor of John Harvard, a Cambridge-educated clergyman who donated \$1,285 and a large collection of books. Since then, Harvard has continued to accumulate land, books, artwork, valuable documents, and—especially in recent years—money. In 2014, alumnus and Citadel founder Kenneth C. Griffin donated \$150 million, making him the largest single-gift donor in university history. Other major donors include the NFL Players Association, David Rockefeller, Emily Rauh Pulitzer, and Bill and Melinda Gates, all of whom have donated totals of more than \$100 million. Harvard University is ranked by *U.S. News & World Report* as the second-best university in the United States.

2. UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS SYSTEM-\$25.4 BILLION



Founded in 1876 and consisting of nine independent schools (including the flagship UT Austin), the University of Texas system is valued at nearly \$25 billion. A large part of this wealth has come from individual donors such as the Moody Foundation, Hearst Corporation, and Mulva Family Foundation. The Bill & Melinda Gates Science Complex, Dell Computer Science Hall, and [Red] McCombs School of Business are all results of large monetary contributions. Since 2011, University of Texas has also been able to boast a valuable ESPN deal worth a reported \$300 million.



3. YALE UNIVERSITY - \$23.9 BILLION




Ranked as the ninth-best university in the country, Ivy League Yale is a highly selective university known for its schools of law, medicine, management, and drama, among others. And with a rapidly increasing endowment currently hovering around \$24 billion, Yale is also one of the richest universities in the world. Although a quarter of Yale's wealth comes in the form of its many assets, the majority of its wealth is traditional endowment. Some of Yale's largest single-donation contributions have occurred in the last five years. In 2010, Zhang Lei, a Chinese MBA graduate, donated nearly \$9 million. The next year, media magnate John C. Malone followed that up with a \$50 million donation. And in 2014, former Franklin Resources chairman Charles B. Johnson gifted Yale with a massive \$250 million.



4. STANFORD UNIVERSITY-\$21.4 BILLION



The fifth-wealthiest school in the world and the fourth-highest-ranked university in the U.S., Stanford University is known for its schools of education, engineering, law, medicine, and business, among others. Originally founded in 1885 by former U.S. Senator Leland Stanford, the massive university is located on valuable land in the San Francisco Bay Area. In fact, much of the 1940s was spent encouraging staff and alumni to found the companies that would lead to the rise of nearby Silicon Valley. More recently, Stanford has solidified itself as the leading fundraising college in the United States. Since 2001, it has received a number of sizable monetary gifts from big-name donors such as the Hewlett Foundation, Philip H. Knight, Dorothy and Robert King, and real estate mogul John Arrillaga. Stanford's current endowment is an impressive \$21.4 billion.



5. PRINCETON UNIVERSITY - \$20.7 BILLION



Founded in 1746 as the College of New Jersey, Princeton is now the #1-ranked university in the United States and the sixth-wealthiest in the world. Valued at approximately \$21 billion, Princeton's wealth includes traditional endowment, graduate donations, and a world-renowned art museum which houses pieces by Andy Warhol, Jackson Pollock, Vincent van Gogh, and Claude Monet. Former eBay CEO Meg Whitman donated \$30 million to complete Whitman College, while the Center for Iran and Persian Gulf Studies was partly funded by a \$10 million gift from graduates Bijan and Sharmin Mossayer-Rahmani. Jeff Bezos, the founder of Amazon, is also a major contributor to Princeton.



6.KING ABDULLAH UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY-\$20 BILLION



Established in 2009, nearly 400 years after the top two universities on this list, King Abdullah University of Science and Technology (KAUST) has quickly solidified itself as one of the wealthiest universities in the world. Its rapid success can be partly attributed to Saudi Arabia's King Abdullah bin Abdulaziz Al-Saud, who reigned from 2005 until January of 2015. King Abdullah gifted the university \$10 billion upon its founding. Since then, KAUST's endowment has increased to \$20 billion. But its wealth isn't the only thing KAUST has going for it. Nicknamed "House of Wisdom" and referred to as the "Arab MIT," KAUST is highly regarded internationally, and has been compared to American schools such as University of Michigan and Yale. KAUST's co-ed campus, the first in Saudi Arabia, also boasts the largest LEED Platinum building in the world.



7. UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA SYSTEM-\$13.141 BILLION



With five of its 10 official campuses ranked amongst the 50 best universities in the United States, University of California has become one of the top choices in public education. Founded in 1868, UC Berkeley is considered the flagship campus and the best known. The UC System's Board of Regents has its headquarters next door to Berkeley in Oakland. UC Berkeley's renowned Haas School of Business is named after Walter and Elise Haas, who contributed nearly \$24 million to the school. The Hewlett Foundation has donated over \$113 million to the UC system, while BP contributed \$500 million to fund the Energy Biosciences Institute. In addition to its large land holdings, University of California has an endowment of nearly \$13.14 billion.



8.MASSACHUSETTS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY-
\$12.4 BILLION



Founded in 1865 and relocated to Cambridge in 1916, Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) was founded with money left by an anonymous donor known only as Mr. Smith. Later, that donor was revealed to be George Eastman, founder of Eastman Kodak. Since then, MIT has become a leader in science, technology, and engineering, and is ranked by *U.S. News & World Report* as the seventh-best school in the nation. Former General Motors CEO Alfred P. Sloan was one of the school's biggest early donors, followed shortly after by retail tycoon Sebastian S. Kresge. Their respective donations resulted in the Sloan Business School and Kresge Auditorium. Including a recent \$260 million gift from the F.W. Olin Foundation, MIT's current endowment is \$12.4 billion.



9. TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-\$11.1 BILLION



Texas A&M has become one of the biggest tertiary systems in the United States. Though the system consists of 11 campuses throughout the state of Texas, its flagship is undoubtedly Texas A&M College Station, home of the George H.W. Bush Presidential Library and Museum. The endowment is currently valued at \$8.7 billion, increased in part by a 2013 fundraising campaign that raised \$740 million. Notably, the system is heavily involved in research of various kinds, with projects funded by NASA and the National Institute of Health, among others. In each of the last four years, the system has spent upwards of \$700 million on research.

10. NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY-\$9.78 BILLION



Founded in 1850 and opened to the public in 1855, Northwestern is currently worth nearly \$10 billion. It has two campuses, in Evanston and Chicago, as well as a third location in Doha, Qatar. Much of Northwestern's wealth comes in the form of building and land assets. Its Kellogg School of Management and Feinberg School of Medicine, two of the school's most renowned programs, are housed in buildings gifted through a collective \$85 million.

Northwestern also has a profitable Innovation and New Ventures Office, which brings in an average \$75 million per year of licensing revenue.

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