The University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign was founded in 1867 as a state-supported, land-grant institution with a threefold mission of teaching, research, and public service. The university has earned a reputation as an institution of international stature. It is recognized for the high quality of its academic programs and the outstanding facilities and resources it makes available to students and faculty. Scholars and educators rank it among a select group of the world’s great universities.

**The Campus**

Located in the adjoining cities of Champaign and Urbana, approximately 140 miles south of Chicago, the university and its surrounding communities offer a cultural and recreational environment ideally suited to the work of a major research institution.

The University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign is a residential campus of classrooms, laboratories, libraries, residence halls, and recreational and cultural facilities with 354 buildings in the university district. Farmland throughout the state of Illinois is used by the College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences as experimental fields.

Nearly every facility on campus is accessible to people with physical disabilities, and the university’s programs and services for people with disabilities have served as models worldwide.

**Colleges and Schools**

Ten undergraduate-serving academic units offer over 150 programs of study leading to baccalaureate degrees. They are the College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences; the College of Applied Health Sciences; the Gies College of Business; the College of Education; The Grainger College of Engineering; the College of Fine and Applied Arts; the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences; the College of Media; the School of Social Work; and the School of Information Sciences. Post-baccalaureate students study in more than 100 fields through the Graduate College and in professional programs through the College of Law, the Carle Illinois College of Medicine, and College of Veterinary Medicine. National surveys consistently rank the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign among the top ten institutions in many fields of study, with several colleges and departments ranked among the top five.