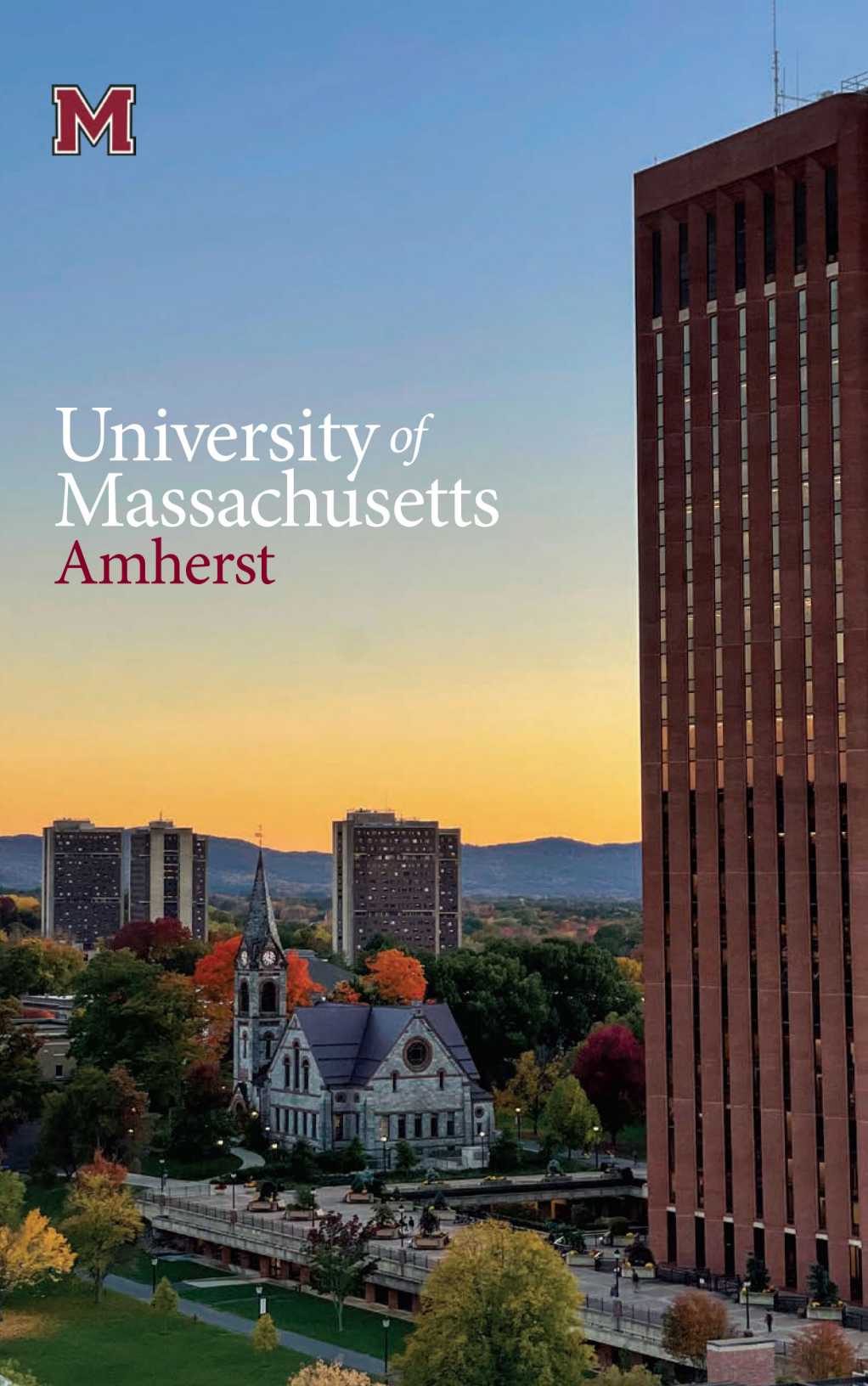




University of Massachusetts Amherst





From the Chancellor



Dear Prospective Student,

Welcome to UMass Amherst, the flagship campus of the commonwealth!

UMass Amherst is proud to be one of the top public universities in the nation and to provide world-class academic opportunities for all who dare to dream bigger. We attract students from across the country, and across the globe—students who are eager learn, discover, innovate, and shape their visions for the future. The diversity of cultures, backgrounds, experiences, and perspectives that makes up our vibrant community is one of our university's greatest strengths.

At UMass Amherst, you don't just work toward a degree; you work toward developing professional and career pathways, cultivating leadership skills, and gaining the knowledge and competencies needed to succeed.

In addition to studying with distinguished faculty, our students have opportunities to engage in cutting-edge research, pursue internships with industry leaders, take advantage of experiential learning opportunities offered through our Mount Ida campus (our Greater Boston hub), or start their first year by studying abroad.

Home to over 30,000 students, our graduates fuel the commonwealth's economy and make an impact in their communities.

UMass Amherst is such a special place, and I am honored to serve as its chancellor.

I hope to see you on campus!

Sincerely,
Chancellor Javier A. Reyes

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Anthropology	BIOMEDICAL	Physics*
Applied Plant & Soil Science*	CHEMICAL	Political Science*
Arboriculture & Community Forest Management (AS DEGREE)	CIVIL	Portuguese
Architecture	COMPUTER*	Psychology
Art (BA, BFA)	ELECTRICAL*	Public Health Sciences*
Art History	INDUSTRIAL	Public Policy*
Astronomy	MECHANICAL*	Russian & East European Studies
Biochemistry & Molecular Biology	English*	Social Thought & Political Economy
Biology	Environmental Science*	Sociology
Building & Construction Technology	Food Science*	Spanish
Business*	French & Francophone Studies	Speech, Language, & Hearing Sciences
ACCOUNTING*	Geography*	Sport Management
FINANCE*	Geology	Sustainable Community Development
MANAGEMENT	German & Scandinavian Studies	Sustainable Food & Farming (AS & BA DEGREES)
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Economics	Microbiology*	Women, Gender, Sexuality Studies
Economics (MANAGERIAL)	Middle Eastern Studies	
Economics (RESOURCE)	Music (BA, BMUS DEGREES)	
	Natural Resources Conservation	
	Nursing	

* 4+1 accelerated master's degree option available which allows you to seamlessly earn both an undergraduate and a master's degree in five years. Interested students enroll in their junior year.

Academics

At UMass Amherst you'll encounter academic excellence at every turn. We are a world-class research institution and Massachusetts' flagship public university. We offer more than 90 undergraduate degree programs, with many of them considered among the best in the nation or in the world. At UMass, students have the freedom to explore their interests and have access to endless opportunities that will set them up to achieve their educational goals. Our faculty is committed to supporting students and often employ highly interactive, innovative teaching styles in the classroom.

Located in western Massachusetts in the beautiful Pioneer Valley, the university area is rich with academic possibilities and UMass students are invited to take classes at any Five College Consortium school at no extra cost. Consortium partners include: Amherst College, Hampshire College, Mount Holyoke College, and Smith College.

Not sure what to study? It's a big decision. We know the average college student changes their major four times, so we're here to help. Advisors guide all first-year students in selecting courses and finding fruitful ways to explore their interests. Exploratory tracks offer students a general sampling with the goal of helping them decide what to focus on. Want to create your own major? Check out our Bachelor's Degree with Individual Concentration (BDIC). Whatever your interest we help you construct an inspiring academic experience that positions you for success.

22

World-renowned
academic disciplines

90%

Freshman first-year
retention rate

top 50

*U.S. News & World
Report Public University
Best Value*





Bachelor's Degree with Individual Concentration (BDIC)

Create your own course of study. Undergraduates build a degree by selecting courses from across the University's 10 colleges and schools.

College of Education

Delve into education theory, policy, research, and practice through internationally recognized programs that explore all facets of child development. The college has seven research centers and labs.

College of Natural Sciences

Understand the physical world. The largest UMass Amherst college offers 31 majors where students prepare for a career in the sciences, medicine, industry, or agriculture.

College of Social & Behavioral Sciences

Be a thought leader and influence society. This interdisciplinary hub offers 13 majors that combine the sciences and liberal arts in the areas of culture, society, and individual behavior, with a focus on promoting citizenship and global understanding.

Isenberg School of Management

Get ready to navigate a complex business world. Isenberg's seven majors offer a range of academic programs and world-class research in investment and management. Ranked #2 for bachelor's in business programs by *U.S. News World Report*.

Manning College of Information & Computer Sciences

Join the next generation of tech innovators. The college's research ranges from security and privacy to artificial intelligence. Ranked #14 for public university computer science degree by *U.S. News World Report*.

Colleges & Schools

College of Engineering

Explore industrial, research, and leadership opportunities in a multitude of cutting-edge areas. Named among the top 50 engineering programs in the nation by *U.S. News World Report*, the college offers more than 30 degree programs and certificates.

College of Humanities & Fine Arts

Express yourself and expand your world in a vibrant atmosphere that affirms the critical role of the arts and humanities in a dynamic society. The college offers 38 degrees and operates 12 research centers, institutes, and interdisciplinary programs.

Commonwealth Honors College (CHC)

Challenge yourself to a more rigorous academic life. The CHC offers access to a robust community with unique scholarly opportunities, small class sizes, and proximity to faculty. UMass Admissions considers all first-year applicants.

Elaine Marieb College of Nursing

Combine academic excellence, real-world experience, and world-class instruction into one seminal educational experience that prepares you for a career in healthcare.

School of Public Health & Health Sciences

Turn your compassion into action. Students benefit from both academic work and hands-on training in four degree options, four research centers, and The Body Shop, a gym facility that serves as a teaching lab.

Stockbridge School of Agriculture

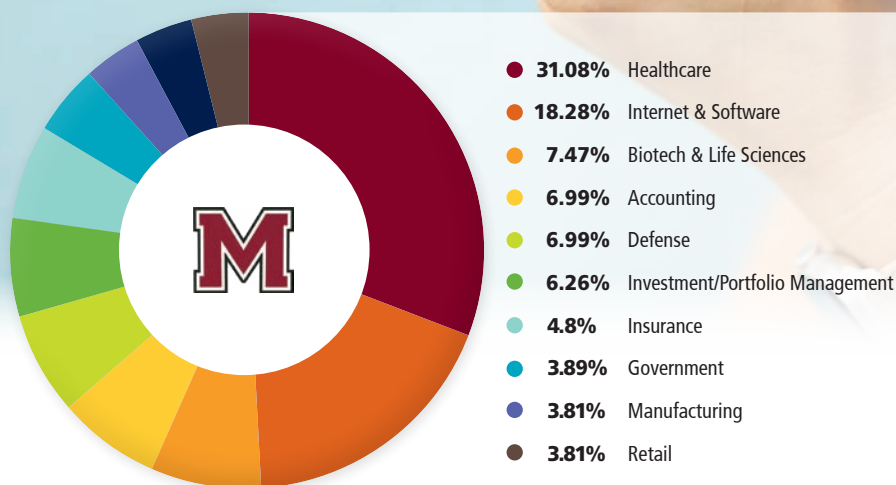
Put down roots in the natural world. Located within the College of Natural Sciences, Stockbridge offers 9 degree options and takes a contemporary approach to understanding sustainable food and landscapes, soils and the environment, and plant health.

Journey to a Career

Our UMass Career Development and Professional Connections hub helps you transition from commencement to career by offering internships, professional development, and faculty and industry networking. It also offers help in writing resumes and cover letters, access to on-campus job fairs, internship listings, and a career toolkit of resources. In addition, 12 UMass Amherst colleges and schools offer career centers specific to their areas of expertise.



Top Industries Employing 2023 UMass Amherst Bachelor's Degree Recipients*



*From a graduating class of approximately 7,500 students.



\$62,048

Average salary of a 2023 UMass Amherst graduate with a bachelor's degree

90%

2023 grads are employed, continuing their education, volunteering, or in military service

#7

Among public universities four-year graduation rate (76%)

Student Experience

It's clear that students who pursue their academic interests both inside and outside the classroom are more satisfied with their college career. UMass Amherst prioritizes offering students as many of these opportunities as possible.

Undergraduate interns work in a company or organization and receive professional training in exchange for college credit. Studying abroad immerses UMass students in a new place and culture. If staying closer to home feels right, the Domestic Exchange network coordinates a semester away at colleges and universities across the United States.

All of UMass Amherst schools and colleges offer the chance to conduct research with a faculty member, and almost half of all undergraduates will execute a senior project that demonstrates how to address a real-world issue using theoretical concepts.

In addition, students in many degree programs will get hands-on experience as volunteers and professional mentorships as part of their program. There are also many ways to work or intern right on campus. The university is home to seven student-run business coops, and job listings provided by the Student Employment office are a valuable resource.

56

Number of countries where UMass Amherst students can study abroad

63%

Students participate in internships, coops, or field experience





Our Faculty

77%

Classes with fewer
than 40 students

UMass Amherst is the largest public research university in New England and is committed to recruiting the best and brightest academics in their fields. With 81 percent of the faculty teaching full time, including 12 of the world's most highly cited researchers, we offer students plenty of access to world-class educators who are also expert thinkers, practitioners, and collaborators.

1,452

Full-time faculty

Our faculty members are passionate about educating the next generation. Along with time spent in a classroom or lab, UMass students get to know our faculty as welcoming mentors and guides, and maintain those connections through college and beyond.





18:1

Student to
faculty ratio

95%

Of faculty hold the
highest degree in
their field

42%

Women faculty
members

"If I could go back, I would tell myself to trust my gut and intuition on my college search and to evaluate all the opportunities that different universities could provide me. In the end, I would tell myself to apply and choose a place that makes me intrinsically happy and excited to be at."

Celia Perks, '26 (transfer student)

Major: Legal Studies

Minor: Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies



Research & Innovation

Because of the work done by our internationally renowned faculty, UMass Amherst receives the highest amount of funding in the region from the National Science Foundation. In all, our faculty's research attracts more than \$250 million each year, the third highest amount in the state. Student participation is an important contribution to the university's research and our faculty, who often double as mentors and collaborators, are invested in the success of their students.

Never confined to strictly the sciences, there are many opportunities to uncover the latest findings no matter the field of study. Students get the chance to add research experience to their resume and the opportunity to work closely with the university's stellar faculty.



"Choose a college that will allow you to explore your current interests, but also gives you the resources to explore new interests that you might not even know you have yet. One of the best parts of college is discovering more about yourself and your passions."

Colin Wood, '24

Major: Biology

Minor: Spanish



Successful innovation starts with a good idea and UMass Amherst stands on 157 years of good ideas. Since opening as one of the country's first Land Grant colleges in 1867, the university has been a leader among public educational institutions in research, practice, and innovation on a wide spectrum of topics.

Promising ideas need nurturing and support. The UMass Amherst Institute For Applied Life Sciences, opened in 2014, challenges 200 faculty from 29 departments to translate research into innovative products, technologies, and services that benefit human health and well-being. Our Entrepreneurs-In-Residence help guide new business ventures that blossom at UMass, and the Innovation Institute ensures that important ideas and discoveries move off campus and into society.

\$250+

Million in UMass
Amherst research
funding

17:1

Citations per UMass
Amherst academic
publication

26

New patents
awarded in 2023

Sustainability

More than 400 of our faculty members, working across 41 departments, are engaged in sustainability research, and have received \$79 million in funding. But the UMass Amherst community understands that when it comes to living more sustainably, impactful change begins at home.

In 2022, the university committed to power its 170 buildings using 100% renewable energy. The effort, called UMass Carbon Zero, involves implementing aggressive energy-efficiency projects in our spaces that will bring UMass Amherst to the cutting edge of renewable energy practices while also enriching the knowledge of the next generation of sustainability leaders.



“Try to make the best well-rounded decision. Take into consideration academics, extracurricular opportunities, financial availability, and look for a place where you could picture yourself living for the next four years, maybe more, of your life.”

Georgia Italia, '27
Major: Animal Science
Minor: Art History

#18

2024 The Princeton
Review's Top 50
Green Colleges list

65%

Of waste materials
diverted from the
landfill

64%

Of departments
engaged in
sustainability research



Student Life



Welcome home to the dynamic UMass Amherst campus. First-year undergraduates are required to live in one of 52 campus residence halls and each residential area offers a unique vibe. UMass ranks among the top 10 of public universities that house students on campus.

UMass is number one in The Princeton Review's Best Campus Food category and every eater will discover something amazing. Campus buzzes with events and activities during the academic year. And, for the day-to-day, there many inviting common areas where students meet up with friends or study. Need a break from the laptop? Visit one of our many fitness facilities, the Craft Center, or Makerspace for a great way to unwind.

We strive for inclusioin in all our spaces. The Office of Inclusion and Equity guides the university's DEI efforts. And the University will always support a student's safety, physical, and mental health. Our Campus Life and Well-Being Collaborative is an important student resource.





"When you are visiting schools, try to picture yourself surrounded by the students there. I think that students need to consider the type of environment that they will be in for the next four years and the kind of support that they will need to succeed."

Kaitlyn Naff, '24

Major: Nursing

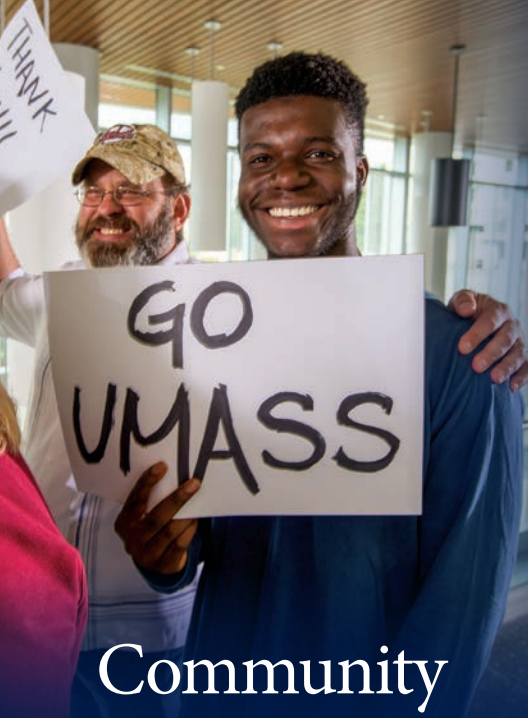


36%

Class of 2027 represents African-American, Latino/Hispanic, Asian, Hawaiian/Pacific Islander, or Native American students

#1

The Princeton Review's Best Campus Food seven years in a row



Community & Connection

Whatever your interest, you will find a UMass Amherst community that also loves it. With more than 300 student-run clubs and organizations, intramural and club sport teams, and a robust volunteering network, you can let your curiosity roam and make new friends at every turn. All UMass Amherst fraternities and sororities are open to full time undergraduate students. The Minuteman Battalion, our ROTC program, is one of the oldest in the nation. Intramural sports offer plenty of fun without a big commitment of time.

Want to make a difference during your UMass journey? Take the lead in the Student Government Association, the *Daily Collegian* newspaper, WMUA radio, or at the annual Mass Impact Day of Service. Individual UMass schools and colleges also give students myriad ways to expand their interests through clubs, competitions, presentations, and networking opportunities.

There are endless ways to find your community!



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35

Fraternities and
Sororities

10

Religious and
spiritual organizations

5

Five stars Campus
Pride Index Based on
LGBTQ Inclusivity





Athletics

The UMass Amherst Minutemen and Minutewomen compete in NCAA Division I sports, one of only 16 universities in the nation to play both Division I football and men's ice hockey. Currently competing in the Atlantic 10 conference, most UMass Amherst teams will switch to the Mid-American conference in July of 2025.

Sam the Minuteman, our mascot (based on the historic Concord Minuteman), can usually be found cheering on our teams and amusing spectators.

There are also more than 40 club sport teams, and students can compete on intramural sports teams or grab a workout at our state-of-the-art recreational facilities or at our new 2,300-square-foot climbing wall. All our fitness centers, pools, fields, and courts are free to undergraduates during the academic year.



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Photo: Kayla Wong, Massachusetts Daily Collegian



Book a Campus Tour

Two tours a day,
Monday through Friday.

Scan the code and
book a tour today





Location



Train service

From Northampton, 15 minutes from Amherst, to New York City and Vermont



Bus service

From UMass campus to Boston and New York City



Car rental

Zip Car and car rentals from UMass campus



Airports

Bradley International Airport (Hartford, CT)

Logan Airport (Boston)

Albany International Airport (Albany, NY)

Newark Liberty International Airport (Newark, NJ)
JFK and LaGuardia Airports (NYC)

Nestled in the picturesque Pioneer Valley of western Massachusetts, UMass Amherst is neighbors with four other prestigious colleges, making this place one of the smartest corners of New England. Amherst is consistently ranked as one of the country's best college towns.

Love exploring the outdoors? You can be on a hiking or biking trail in minutes and on a ski trail within an hour. Need a dose of the big city? Grab a bus from campus to New York City (168 miles) or Boston (94 miles). Bradley International in Hartford, CT., located 45 miles away, is the closest commercial airport, and campus airport shuttle service is available to several locations.



Admissions At A Glance

Fall 2024

50,345

FIRST-YEAR
APPLICATIONS

68.9%

IN-STATE

7.8%

INTERNATIONAL

23.3%

OUT-OF-STATE

59%

ADMIT RATE

5,350

STUDENTS IN
FIRST-YEAR
CLASS

22,854

UNDERGRADUATE
STUDENTS TOTAL

40%

Of UMass
undergraduates
graduate with
no debt

44%

Of first-year students
receive grant or
scholarship need-
based aid

Grades & Test Scores* of
First-Year Undergraduate
Admitted Students

3.93–4.38

Middle 50% GPA
(4.0 scale)

1330–1490

Middle 50% SAT

29–34

Middle 50% ACT

* UMass Amherst is test optional.
Standardized test ranges only
represent the less than 40% of
applicants who elected to submit
test scores as part of their
application materials for fall 2023.

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Tuition & Financial Aid

In-State Tuition:	\$17,772
Out-of-State Tuition	\$40,449
Average On-Campus Living Expenses	\$16,709

UMass Amherst uses the Common Application and standardized tests are optional for first-year undergraduate applicants, although you are welcome to submit your SAT/ACT scores. The university's admissions team is committed to conducting a holistic review process that carefully considers applicants in an individualized context.

RETURN ON INVESTMENT

The Princeton Review has named UMass Amherst one of the nation's top 50 Best Value Colleges in the public schools category. The Review's guide lauded the university for its high return on tuition investment as well as for educator accessibility, campus quality of life, and the school's commitment to sustainability.

FINANCIAL AID

UMass offers need-based financial aid and merit funding to eligible students. For more information on financial aid and a sense of what your actual cost of attendance may be, please visit the Office of Financial Aid Services at umass.edu/umfa.

Application Deadlines

Fall of 2025

NOV 5

Early Action Application Deadline

Acceptance announcements usually occur in late-January

JAN 15

Regular Decision Application Deadline

Acceptance announcements usually occur in mid-March

Get Connected!



Spring 2025 application deadline is October 15.



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