Consider Princeton

The process of choosing a college can be a bit daunting, but we are proud that Princeton is a diverse community where students are curious about the world around them and use the skills they learn to make real differences in their communities.

**RESEARCH MEETS LIBERAL ARTS**

Princeton is consistently ranked among the top universities in the country and the world. We are a major research institution with the heart of a liberal arts college, which means our students receive unparalleled opportunities to work with faculty who are leaders in their fields. Small classes and a 5:1 student-faculty ratio allows students to form strong academic relationships with their professors. Undergraduate research—with faculty and on your own—is central to a Princeton degree.

**DIVERSE AND INCLUSIVE**

At Princeton you'll meet students from a variety of racial, ethnic, socioeconomic, religious, and national backgrounds. About 16% of the students in the Class of 2023 are the first in their families to go to college, more than 45% are Americans of color, and 24% qualify for a Pell grant. We believe that when students from different backgrounds lend their voices and talents to the academic and social fabric of our community, everyone benefits.

**AFFORDABLE**

Our financial aid program is the best in its class. Research shows that many high-achieving, low-income students don't apply to selective colleges like Princeton because they think the cost is prohibitive. This isn't true.

*In fact, for students from low-income families, Princeton typically costs less than most state universities, community colleges, or smaller liberal arts schools.*

If you come from a background of modest financial means, you can expect your need to be met completely by Princeton's aid program. About 61% of our students receive financial aid, which is awarded through grants, not loans. 82% percent of recent seniors graduated debt free. We encourage you to use our confidential Financial Aid Estimator, which provides information about the amount your family would be expected to contribute toward your college costs, as well as the aid you could receive from Princeton.

**SUPPORTIVE**

We offer a strong network of academic support including unique programs and opportunities for first-generation and low-income students. Our Scholars Institute Fellows Program (SIFP), for example, provides a four-year leadership and mentoring experience that emphasizes peer-to-peer support, faculty engagement and community building.