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.

**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. Eighty-three 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.

**DIVERSE AND INCLUSIVE**

At Princeton you’ll meet students from a variety of racial, ethnic, socioeconomic, religious, and national backgrounds. About 18% of the students in the Class of 2025 are the first in their families to go to college, 48% are Americans of color, and 22% qualified 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.

**SUPPORTIVE**

The Emma Bloomberg Center for Access and Opportunity advances Princeton’s commitment to an inclusive student body. Our programs are designed to provide all students, including those from first-generation, low-income and underrepresented backgrounds, with the mentorship, academic enrichment and community that they need to thrive at Princeton. These programs support students to, through, and beyond their college experience by focusing on academic access, student success, and post-graduate pathways.