

USU Engineering Programs Ranked in 'Best Graduate Schools' Survey | College of Engineering

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Apr. 1, 2021 — Several graduate programs within Utah State University's College of Engineering were ranked alongside some of the top-performing schools in the nation.



USU's biological, aerospace, and civil & environmental engineering graduate programs ranked within the top 50 and top 100 in the nation.

The U.S. News & World Report's Best Graduate Schools rankings were released on Mar. 30. USU earned the following rankings:

- #23 Biological Engineering — tied with Oregon State University and University of Tennessee — Knoxville
- #51 Aerospace Engineering — tied with Oklahoma State University and University of Central Florida
- #65 Civil Engineering — tied with the University of Utah, University of Kansas, and University of South Florida
- #70 Environmental Engineering — tied with Oklahoma State University, University of Missouri, and New York University, Tandon

These graduate programs have consistently ranked well in recent years. Overall, the College of Engineering ranked at #113, up from #125 last year. It tied with Binghamton University – SUNY and the University of Georgia.

The Biological Engineering Department advances research in biofuels, bionanomaterials, cell and metabolic engineering, tissue engineering, viral gene vectors, and waste-to-bioproducts. Graduate school alumni pursue research in consumer and medical products, diagnostics, food, instrumentation, pharmaceutical,

and water treatment in industry, federal, and academic institutions.

USU's aerospace program is closely associated with the world-renowned [Space Dynamics Lab](#). Faculty in the department regularly secure major grants for aerospace research, and many student-built projects have flown in space.

USU's Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering boasts active research programs in water resources, environmental, transportation, structural, geotechnical, and irrigation engineering. CEE graduate students can choose to specialize in emphases more closely aligned with either civil or environmental engineering. The department is also home to the world-famous [Utah Water Research Laboratory](#) and the SMASH Lab.

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