



THE UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS



We make the

climb to reach

new heights.

KU

We achieve top rankings and wide recognition.

— U.S. NEWS & WORLD REPORT RANKINGS —

#1

overall
local government
management

7 other graduate programs in the top 10 among public universities, including:

Physical therapy

Public management and leadership

Speech-language Pathology

Occupational Therapy

Education

Audiology

41 other programs rank in the top 50

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among public universities
special education

4 Top 50 online programs: *nursing, graduate education, MBA, master's in special education*

KU is ranked **28th among public universities** for Best Value Schools.

The University of Kansas is one of just 66 members of the prestigious **Association of American Universities**.

Supporting our veterans

Military Times ranks KU as the **No. 5 best college** among Tier 1 research institutions for **veterans and military-affiliated students**.

Faculty in national academies and associations:

1 – National Academy of Medicine

5 – National Academy of Engineering

2 – National Academy of Sciences

5 – National Academy of Inventors

7 – National Academy of Public Administrators

22 – American Association for the Advancement of Science Fellows

KU is one of just 52 research institutions to receive the **Carnegie Community Engagement Classification**.



We seek solutions to sustain our planet

KU researchers working to restore Kansas prairie ecosystems will get \$3 million of a \$12.5 million, multi-institutional grant from the National Science Foundation. The KU team — five scientists from the Kansas Biological Survey & Center for Ecological Research — will focus on the relationship between plants and the soil ecosphere. Advancing the understanding of that interplay could help improve restoration and sustainability practices.

Access to water in Kansas is increasingly important as we grapple with our changing climate. That's why KU School of Engineering researchers are developing models to forecast water availability and allocation in the state. Partnering with the Kansas Water Office, the researchers are applying old drought records to new models, which can in turn shed light on potential water scarcity to prepare us for the future.

Tony Reames, a 2013 graduate from KU's School of Public Affairs & Administration doctoral program, was recently appointed as a senior adviser in the Office of Economic Impact and Diversity in the U.S. Department of Energy. Reames' research focuses on the relationship between environmental justice and racial equity.



We connect through creation.

The Studio 804 architecture program completed construction of its Monarch Village project in May 2021. The yearlong project saw architecture students conceptualizing and building 12 tiny homes from repurposed shipping containers. The units, built on the grounds of the Lawrence Community Shelter, were each designed as temporary shelters for people experiencing homelessness.



Since 2008,
all Studio 804
projects have met
the Leadership
in Energy and
Environmental
Design's (LEED)
Platinum standards.



Healing in art

- *The Spencer Museum of Art received a \$1.4 million grant from the U.S. Department of Education to integrate art and art therapy into Kansas K-12 classrooms. It's the largest federal grant for arts education KU has received.*
- *A feasibility study co-written by KU music professor Cindy Colwell concludes that operating principles in child music education may be effectively applied to music therapy in adult cancer treatments.*



Studio 804 was founded and is led by Dan Rockhill, a J.L. Constant Distinguished Professor of Architecture.



The Project on the History of Black Writing

received a \$350,000 grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities to expand its digital archive and scholars program. The expansion is more than a decade in the making, and aims in part to broaden access to the KU program's Black Book Interactive Project — one of the largest digital archives of African American novels written since the 19th century.

Jaroslav Piekalkiewicz, professor emeritus of political science and Russian & East European studies, received the *Krzyz Walecznych*, the Cross of Valour, from the Polish government. The award honors his bravery during the Nazi occupation of World War II, when he survived multiple captures and escapes as a platoon sergeant in the Polish II Corps.



KU scholar Beth

Bailey was one of 26 researchers to be named a 2021 Carnegie Fellow. Bailey is a Foundation Distinguished Professor in the Department of History and founding director of the Center for Military, War, and Society Studies. She'll use the \$200,000 fellowship to fund the completion of her book about the U.S. Army and racial justice in the Vietnam era.

We search the outer reaches of understanding ...



An at-home COVID test developed at KU is on track for production in early 2022. Led by Foundation Distinguished Professor Steven Soper, researchers have created a handheld device that can analyze a user's saliva and provide results in roughly 15 minutes. Although the team's focus is on COVID and its variants, the device could eventually be used to diagnose other viruses and bacterial infections.



Grants totaling \$13 million will fund research examining autism spectrum disorder. In partnership with the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill and Kansas City's Juniper Gardens Children's Project, KU researchers are improving

assessment tools and community resources for children and families affected by ASD.

Are we gullible? That's a question asked by researchers from the School of Journalism & Mass Communications, who led a study on

the spread of online health misinformation. After the researchers circulated fake news about cancer, they observed that the likelihood of users sharing it depended on their social media literacy — not content or authorship.

Breaking barriers



In 2021, Suzanne Shontz, professor of electrical engineering and computer science, became the first woman to receive Sandia National Laboratory's International Meshing Roundtable Fellow Award.



Rondy Malik, a postdoctoral researcher studying microbial ecology in Foundation Distinguished Professor Jim Bever's lab, was named a "Rising Star" on a list of "1,000 Inspiring Black Scientists in America."

Steven Soper in the KU lab where he and his team develop groundbreaking research.



... and discover new worlds of possibility

An \$11.35 million grant from the National Institutes of Health will fund KU's continuing fight against infectious disease. The award is a Phase II grant from NIH's Centers of Biomedical Research Excellence, and is intended to strengthen research infrastructure and expand mentorship opportunities within KU's Chemical Biology of Infectious Diseases Center.

42 active startup companies are the result of KU research.



**U.S. News
& World
Report ranks
KU's School
of Medicine
No. 9 among
U.S. public
universities for
primary care.**





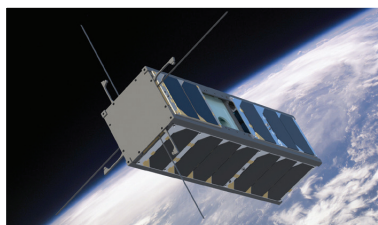
Based on tests conducted at the Large Hadron Collider in Switzerland, KU Foundation Distinguished Professor **Christophe Royon** and his fellow researchers have discovered experimental evidence of the “odderon” — an elusive particle sought for 50 years by particle physicists.



The School of Pharmacy’s 2020 graduating class posted a 95% pass rate on the North American Pharmacist Licensure Exam.



Students in the KUBeSat program may make history as the first Kansas organization to build and launch a satellite through NASA’s CubeSat Launch Initiative. The student-led project is on track for a summer 2022 launch.



KU paleobotanist Brian Atkinson will lead an international team of researchers into the icy climes of Antarctica. Funded by a grant from the National Science Foundation, Atkinson and his team will seek insights into the continent’s role in the evolution of flowering plants.



We serve Kansas and strengthen communities

The expanding KU Innovation Park currently houses 60 tech companies with more than \$27 million in annual payroll.

- *A \$1 million grant from the National Science Foundation will help researchers enrich the lives of Kansas City youths. The project focuses on connecting young people with their community through out-of-school experiences and access to affordable, reliable transportation.*
- *KU's Center for Educational Opportunity Programs has received \$2.44 million to improve dual language learning in Topeka schools. The five-year project will enhance professional development for dual-language instructors and academic outcomes for language learners.*

A \$3.7 million dollar grant will help researchers from the School of Social Welfare and Center for Public Partnerships & Research improve Kansas' child welfare systems. In collaboration with local agencies, the researchers will implement stronger community services to intervene in and assist with family crises, thereby decreasing the likelihood of children entering foster care.

KU's direct effect on Kansas innovation and development

- **One year** since the KU School of Professional Studies began providing workforce education.
- **More than 100** KU telemedicine sites hosted across Kansas.
- **400** KU pharmacy students placed in Kansas rotation sites annually.
- **1,400** western and central Kansas water wells monitored by KU to help agricultural producers plan for the future.
- **7,900** firefighters and first responders and **10,000** law enforcement officers trained through KU programming annually.

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Rhodes
scholars

\$275.4

million in externally funded
research in FY 2020

27,685 Total enrollment

- *Lawrence and Edwards: 23,958*
- *Medical Center campuses in Kansas City, Wichita, and Salina: 3,727*
- *KU students come from all 50 states and 114 countries.*

7,071 degrees and certificates
granted in 2020-21

- *4,322 bachelor's and undergraduate certificates.*
- *2,749 master's, doctoral, professional, post-baccalaureate, and graduate certificates.*

We empower Jayhawks to excel.

14 academic schools

offering over 430 degree & certificate programs

Architecture & Design • Business • Education & Human Sciences • Engineering • Health Professions • Journalism & Mass Communications • Law • Liberal Arts & Sciences • Arts • Public Affairs & Administration* • Medicine • Music • Nursing • Pharmacy • Professional Studies • Social Welfare • *A unit of the College of Liberal Arts & Sciences*

SUPPORT STUDENTS

KU provides **\$383 million** in financial aid to nearly **22,000** undergraduates and graduate students.

2021 FRESHMAN CLASS

Composite
incoming GPA:
3.66

Diversity:
25% minority

PRIVATE GIVING

In **2020**, KU Endowment provided **\$161 million** in direct support to KU through private philanthropy, strengthening virtually every aspect of the university.

PRIMED FOR SUCCESS

The School of Law's class of 2020 reported a **93% graduate employment rate**.



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