

Achievement
begins on our
campuses and
reaches ever
onward.

THE UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS

KU ranks at the top and among the best.

U.S. NEWS & WORLD REPORT

KU has 51 academic programs that rank in the top 50 among public universities:

#1 nationwide
local government management
among public universities
special education
paleontology

6 more programs in the top 10 among public universities:

Physical therapy
Public management and leadership
Speech-language pathology
Occupational therapy
Audiology
Education

For online graduate programs,
three rank in the top 50:

#1 special education

along with our *master's in curriculum and instruction* and *MBA programs*

Among public institutions, the **KU School of Medicine ranks among the best** for percent of graduates practicing in:

#5 Rural areas

#9 Primary care

#11 Health profession shortage areas

The School of Law is **No. 18** among public law schools and in the **top 40** law schools nationwide.

KU is **one of only 38** public institutions in the **Association of American Universities**, a prestigious group of leading research universities.

Military Friendly Schools survey has awarded KU with a **Gold Award designation** for exceptional practices, outcomes, and programs for military-affiliated students.

We embrace tradition and progress.



The **Gateway District** project and new **David Booth Kansas Memorial Stadium** begin a groundbreaking chapter for KU athletics as well as our university and state. This project will include a world-class venue for fans and student athletes, along with a conference center and a mix of entertainment, dining, retail, and lodging to drive economic development, academics, and student recruitment.



Our new 30,000-square-foot **Jayhawk Welcome Center at Adams Alumni Center** uses interactive digital displays to introduce prospective students to KU opportunities, help current Jayhawks explore our community, strengthen alumni pride, and increase KU fan enjoyment.

KU Innovation Park is an ideal location for established companies to connect with KU resources and skills. In collaboration with more than 70 companies, it has created over 675 private sector jobs and \$45.1 million in annual payroll. More than 4,000 direct jobs are expected by 2036.



We empower *Kansas and Kansans.*

Sustaining our future

The U.S. National Science Foundation Convergence Accelerator awarded \$650,000 to **a team led by KU scientists** — including geology, mechanical engineering, data science, and economics researchers — to develop a water management data ecosystem to facilitate insightful and equitable water-related practices for Kansas.

Jim Butler with Kansas Geological Survey has developed a new method of water conservation, which has helped farmers in northwest Kansas reduce pumping by 25% with little to no impact on their incomes.

Our mission of healing

Half of all doctors in Kansas have been trained at KU. We are currently developing a new health education campus in Wichita to train health care practitioners for underserved Kansas communities.

The University of Kansas School of Nursing has received a \$500,000 gift to fund a centralized data collection and exchange system for the Kansas Nursing Workforce Center to better understand the statewide nursing workforce and enhance patient care.

Enabling community

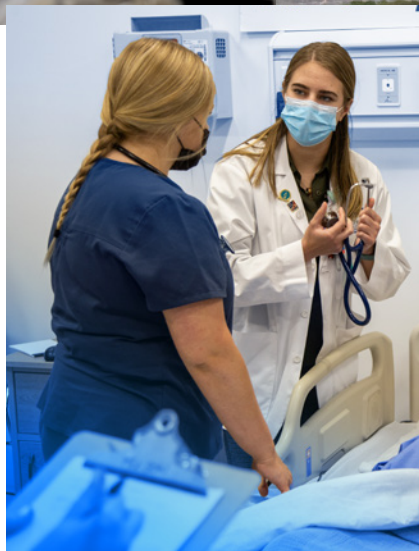
The Kansas University Center on Developmental Disabilities based at the KU Life Span Institute received a \$2.9 million grant to expand its work that supports, educates, and gives voice to Kansans with disabilities and their families.

A team at KU — **including journalism and computer science researchers** — was awarded a \$1.6 million grant to expand their program for women leaving incarceration. The project educates on gaining employment — thereby lowering recidivism — through exploring online job applications, housing options, and more.

In the pursuit to address disparities in underserved communities, **KU's School of Social Welfare** received a \$2.5 million grant to help empower Black and Indigenous communities by identifying and addressing racial disparities in the child welfare system and developing solutions.

Enriching our economy

- **\$78.9 million** spent in 97 counties on research-related goods and services.
- **4,372 Kansas jobs** supported by externally funded KU research in FY23.
- **50 active startup companies** with more than half based in Kansas.



We research worldwide interests ...



NASA astronaut and School of Engineering graduate Loral O'Hara traveled to the International Space Station in September 2023 to participate in a variety of research projects exploring human health on and off the planet. **She is the fourth graduate of KU to become a NASA astronaut.**



A project led by **Taejoon Kim**, **associate professor of electrical engineering and computer science**, will work to strengthen security of 5G wireless communication networks for use by the U.S. armed forces. A \$5 million award from the National Science Foundation will help fund this project and create training opportunities for KU students.



Two sister species of near-primate — called “primatomorphans” — dating back about 52 million years have been identified by researchers at **the University of Kansas Biodiversity Institute and Natural History Museum** as the oldest to have dwelled north of the Arctic Circle. One of those species has been named after KU alumna Mary Dawson, an early pioneer for women in the field of paleontology.

The KU Cancer Center, which ranks among the top 1% of cancer centers nationally, has received a \$100 million gift to build innovative facilities to enhance cancer care.



Liqin Zhao, KU associate professor of pharmacology and toxicology and investigator at the Life Span Institute, led a team of researchers exploring the human ApoE gene and its relation to Alzheimer's disease. In the process, the team has discovered new possible treatments for stroke, diabetes, and heart disease.

Fosociclopirox, a new drug invented by KU researchers, is in clinical trials and development to be used in the **treatment of bladder cancer**.



A new book by **School of Architecture & Design Dean Mahbub Rashid** — “Built Environment and Population Health in Small-Town America: Learning from Small Cities of Kansas” — examines the relationship that exists between the size of a city and population health, which relates to communities in Kansas and nationwide.



... and foster exemplary expertise and opportunity.

Three assistant professors from the **KU School of Engineering** have each received prestigious national awards granted to early-career faculty whose research shows promise:

- **Mohammad Alian:** \$533,000 National Science Foundation grant to evaluate the internal networking of data centers.
- **Cheng Huang:** \$450,000 Air Force Office of Scientific Research grant to improve combustion devices' performance and safety.
- **Justin Hutchinson:** \$560,000 National Science Foundation grant to examine microbes that can break up chemicals in soil and groundwater.



Aerospace engineering students from KU won three awards in two major international design competitions in 2023. This makes **KU the first university in the world to receive over 100 student awards in international aerospace design competitions.**



Kelly Matsunaga, assistant curator of paleobotany and Thomas N. Taylor Assistant Professor of Ecology & Evolutionary Biology, has received a Faculty Early Career Development (CAREER) Award from the National Science Foundation. The grant, totaling over \$946,000, will be used to research and educate on how conifer trees — some of the tallest and longest-lived organisms — have evolved over the last 300 million years in response to a changing planet.

The School of Business received a \$50 million donation to enrich business education and research. The gift, the largest in KU School of Business history, will also provide funds to advance key initiatives supporting undergraduate student success.



Four new degree programs were launched by the **School of Professional Studies** in 2023 to meet the workforce demands in the region and beyond. The programs in cybersecurity, data analytics, operations management, and criminal justice are all available online.



- **KU is one of the top 100 universities in the U.S.** for issued U.S. utility patents. We have filed 455 U.S. patents and have been issued 150 U.S. patents in the past five years.
- **KU Endowment provided \$207 million** last year in direct support to KU through private philanthropy, strengthening virtually every aspect of the university.
- **KU research received \$368.6 million** in external funding for FY23



Our art explores new ideas and perspectives.

The children's book "Small-Girl Toni and the Quest for Gold" is an original story inspired by the works of Toni Morrison. Written by **Giselle Liza Anatol, director of the Hall Center for the Humanities and professor of English professor of English**, this story combines the magic of Morrison's storytelling with the power of family and perseverance.

A partnership between **School of Music faculty member Roberta Gumbel** and New York composer Susan Kander has resulted in "Carry My Own Suitcase," a new chamber opera exploring autism.

The **Spencer Museum of Art** unveiled the redesign of its fourth floor, encompassing nearly 15,000 square-feet of space. Exhibits acknowledge the histories of objects, their meanings to different populations, and how they came to exist within the Spencer's 48,000-object collection.



The 2023 documentary film "Garden City, Kansas" by **Robert Hurst, associate professor of film & media studies**, explores the lives of immigrants in rural Kansas and how pluralism contributes to a more diverse and inclusive community.

5,259

record-breaking freshman class

- 3.65 composite incoming GPA.
- 28% from racially diverse backgrounds.
- 43.5% from out of state.

27

Rhodes Scholars

more than any other Kansas university

\$392M

in institutional financial aid provided to nearly 22,000 undergraduate and graduate students.

14

academic schools

465

degree and 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

** Unit of Liberal Arts & Sciences*

7,512

degrees and certificates
granted in 2023

- 4,662 bachelor's degrees and undergraduate certificates.
- 2,850 master's, doctoral, and professional degrees and post-baccalaureate and graduate certificates.

29,355

Total enrollment

- 25,469 – Lawrence and Edwards campuses.
- 3,886 – Medical Center campuses in Kansas City, Wichita, and Salina.
- Students from all 50 states and 119 countries.

Faculty in national academies and associations:

National Academy of Medicine: **1**
National Academy of Engineering: **3**
National Academy of Sciences: **1**
National Academy of Inventors: **6**

National Academy of Public
Administrators: **5**
National Association for the
Advancement of Science Fellows: **29**

