Graduate employability: top universities in the United States ranked by employers

The best universities in the United States for graduate employability have been chosen by local recruiters.

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See the full results of the Global University Employability Ranking 2016

Almost 100 universities in the United States have been chosen by employers as the best in the country for preparing graduates for jobs, as revealed by the Global University Employability Survey 2016.

The top 10 includes many of the usual suspects – Harvard, Princeton, CalTech and Stanford – but also the University of Florida and Arizona State University, which are not always found right at the top of university rankings.

Tuition fees at American colleges vary widely, particularly for international students, so value for money arguably depends both on tuition fees and how likely graduates are to be successful in their future career.
A number of state universities in the US, which generally have lower tuition fees, do particularly well when evaluated by employers.

The survey has been running for six years as a collaboration between Human Resources consultancy Emerging and employment research group Trendence. It is published exclusively by Times Higher Education.

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**The top three universities in the US for graduate employability:**

**New York University**

NYU's Wasserman Center supports students at the university on every step of their career development. The center connects with employers to ensure that their needs are met by the right students. Even after graduation, alumni can meet with career coaches, attend workshops and use the university's job search service. Employers often work directly with university clubs to help prepare students to apply the same skills in the workplace.

**Harvard University**

Harvard is not only one of the most prestigious universities in the world, it is also a top choice for recruiters, for many reasons.

Students are taught by world-leading academics and can take advantage of events on campus outside the core curriculum, on topics ranging from Chilean film to the psychology of prosperity.

Alumni are supplied with a HarvardKey, which gives them access to an alumni directory so that they can build a strong professional network through fellow alumni.

**Princeton University**

Princeton is the fourth oldest university in the US, and is well renowned for the quality of its research. It is also, it seems, a big hit with companies looking for graduates.

The institution, which is based in New Jersey, has an undergraduate student-to-faculty ratio of just 5:1, meaning students have plenty of guidance during their time at the college.

Princeton prides itself on its financial aid programme, which it says ensures that talented students from all economic backgrounds can afford a Princeton education.

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