Knowledge is the beginning of incalculable good.
Smith College founder Sophia Smith had a daring vision—that through education women’s power for good would be “incalculably enlarged.”

For Sophia, knowledge was a potent force for progress. Educated women, she believed, were the courageous agents of change the world needed most.

Today, nearly 150 years later, Smith College is still nurturing leaders and visionaries, empowering the loud voices that inspire change as well as the quiet ones who instill it.

Smith is here to push the world forward, and Smithies—as students and graduates endearingly call themselves—come here to learn to do the same. They are the thinkers, doers, advocates and allies emboldened by an education steeped in the liberal arts and supported by a community of friends and scholars who share a deep desire to make our world better.
Find your place at Smith—and in the world

When you become a Smithie, you join a global community of scholars, entrepreneurs, educators, innovators, artists, researchers and humanitarians dedicated to equity, fairness and justice.

You get to live and learn among students who share your curiosity, your joy and your courage to speak out, be audacious and take action.

Smith encourages you to express the boldness in you. You’ll get the resources and support you need to thrive and to work toward the change you’d like to see in the world.
At Smith College, you will develop your passions, use your voice and learn to lead.
Learning at Smith

AN EDUCATION FOR A LIFE OF PURPOSE

Faculty will be by your side at every step on your academic journey.

Here, students say faculty are dynamic, generous, empathetic, thoughtful, original, creative and innovative. You’ll get to know them, and they’ll get to know you, too—your interests, your ideas, your dreams and your passions.
You’ll have the freedom to explore

Smith is one of a small number of colleges that do not require a core curriculum or distribution requirements. Your only requirement outside of your major is a first-year writing course, so you get to choose your own courses and pursue what excites you. This open curriculum approach encourages you to think, to critique, to try new things and to appreciate and respect different perspectives. Inside and outside of the classroom, you’ll have lots of opportunities to work side by side with your classmates on projects of your own making. You won’t just learn about topics. A Smith education will prepare you to ask the questions that get to the heart of a problem and to develop the solutions that lift communities and push society forward.
“Each and every day, Smith challenged me and pushed me outside of my comfort zone. I love how Smith created a safe environment to promote academic and personal growth.”

RUTH PENBERTHY ’21

Engineering Major and Landscape Studies Minor
BIG IDEAS. ENDLESS DISCOVERIES.

With more than a thousand courses at your fingertips, your academic journey at Smith will be filled with excitement and the joy of discovery. Every day, you’ll partner with faculty to explore big ideas and create knowledge that has the potential to shift our thinking, cure disease, change public policy or move our world forward. Students at Smith conduct research and have experiences that are often reserved for graduate-level study.

BE INSPIRED BY THE INCREDIBLE RANGE OF SUBJECTS DISCUSSED IN SMITH CLASSROOMS.

- The history of the domestic worker organizing movement in the U.S.
- The study of how landscape and place offer inspiration for dance and performance
- The application of engineering design to address issues related to human health
- The cultural impact of the writers, artists, poets and activists of the Harlem Renaissance
- The impact of the tiny homes movement on the environment, housing injustice, class and race in America
- The social structures that influence the way we produce, prepare and consume food
- The legacy of confessional poetry by women, queer, trans and nonbinary writers
- The human side of climate change
- The ethical and political questions related to big data

Based on spring 2022 semester course offerings.
TOP 3 LIBERAL ARTS COLLEGES IN THE U.S.

FULBRIGHT AWARDS
IN 16 OF THE LAST 18 YEARS

1,000+ COURSES
50+ SUBJECTS
9:1 STUDENT-FACULTY RATIO

18% OF STUDENTS ARE THE FIRST GENERATION IN THEIR FAMILIES TO ATTEND COLLEGE

14% OF STUDENTS HOLD CITIZENSHIP OUTSIDE THE U.S.

100 STUDY ABROAD PROGRAMS ON 6 CONTINENTS

ALUMS CAN BE FOUND IN 120 COUNTRIES
Majors

- Africana Studies
- American Studies
- Anthropology
- Art: Architecture and Urbanism
- Art: History
- Art: Studio
- Astronomy
- Biochemistry
- Biological Sciences
- Chemistry
- Classical Studies
- Classics
- Computer Science
- Dance
- East Asian Languages and Cultures
- Economics
- Education and Child Study
- Engineering Science
- English Language and Literature
- Environmental Science and Policy
- Film and Media Studies
- French Studies
- Geosciences
- German Studies
- Government
- Greek
- History
- Italian Studies
- Jewish Studies
- Latin
- Latin American Studies
- Mathematics
- Medieval Studies
- Middle East Studies
- Music
- Neuroscience
- Philosophy
- Physics
- Portuguese-Brazilian Studies
- Psychology
- Quantitative Economics
- Religion
- Russian, East European and Eurasian Studies
- Sociology
- Spanish
- Statistical and Data Sciences
- Study of Women and Gender
- Theatre
- World Literatures

Concentrations

- Archives
- Book Studies
- Collaborative Innovation
- Community Engagement & Social Change
- Environmental Global Finance
- Journalism
- Museums
- Poetry
- Translation Studies

Academic Concentrations allow you to integrate practical experiences into your area of interest.
MINORS

African Studies
Africana Studies
Ancient Studies
Applied Statistics
Arabic
Archaeology
Art: Architecture and Urbanism
Art: Graphic Arts
Art: History of Art
Art: Studio Art
Arts and Technology
Astronomy
Astrophysics
Biological Sciences
Buddhist Studies
Chemistry
Classical Languages and Literature
Computer Science
Computer Science: Digital Art
Computer Science: Digital Music
Dance
East Asian Languages and Cultures
Economics
Education and Child Study
Engineering Science
English Language and Literature
Environmental Science and Policy
Exercise and Sport Studies
Film and Media Studies
Geosciences
German Studies
Global South Development Studies
Government
History
History of Science and Technology
Italian Studies
Jewish Studies
Landscape Studies
Latin American and Latino/a Studies
Linguistics
Mathematical Statistics
Medieval Studies
Middle East Studies
Music
Neuroscience
Philosophy
Physics
Portuguese-Brazilian Studies
Psychology
Public Policy
Religion
Sociology
South Asian Studies
Spanish
Statistical and Data Sciences
Theatre
Urban Studies
Women and Gender Studies

“Together, my students and I make sense of the ways that questions of race and gender intersect and unfold in the stories we study. I think it’s important to model the process of being teachable—of being willing to learn something new.”

ELIZABETH STORDEUR PRYOR
Associate Professor of History

“It’s a privilege to be allowed into my students’ lives during this special time and to be able to help them navigate their own path through school and life.”

JAMES LOWENTHAL
Mary Elizabeth Moses Professor of Astronomy
Within a 12-mile radius of Smith’s campus are Amherst, Mount Holyoke and Hampshire colleges as well as the University of Massachusetts Amherst. Through the Five College Consortium, you can take courses at any of these exceptional institutions or take part in certificate programs in Native American and Indigenous Studies; Reproductive Health, Rights, and Justice; or Ethnomusicology, among others. Looking to expand your social circle? There are countless events and clubs—like a popular five-college dance crew and a ski club—available to connect you to others who share your interests. The great part: All of these opportunities are just a bus ride away.

“My goal has been to foster a stronger relationship between Black students at Smith and the five colleges. I have had the opportunity to form a community with other Black students from the five-college area. Having that community enriches my stay at Smith.”

AMA BOAMAH ’23
When you arrive on campus, you’ll be welcomed by fellow students, faculty and staff who want nothing more than for you to succeed. Smithies help Smithies. Imagine what you can accomplish with 2,500 fellow Smithies standing ready to lift you up at every step.

Your ideas, your voice, your scholarship and your personal experiences add richness to the fabric of Smith, creating a remarkable environment in which to learn, live and grow.

“I promised myself that I would come to Smith and challenge myself academically, step out of my comfort zone and forge strong relationships on campus. I am glad to say that I did exactly that, and the Smith community made it feel so easy and comfortable for me to be who I wanted to be.”

PAAVANI OJHA ’25  Intended: Government and Economics Majors
A joyful place to belong

Smith does not have traditional dorms or sororities. Instead, you’ll live in a house on campus with housemates who are a mix of first-years, sophomores, juniors and seniors. In your house and in the campus community, you’ll be surrounded by others with different backgrounds and perspectives. Smith’s Unity alliance—11 cultural organizations reflecting the different communities, ethnicities and nationalities on campus—fosters a sense of pride, understanding, respect and belonging.

CHERISHED TRADITIONS

Mountain Day
A surprise day off in the fall. Students can enjoy seasonal outdoor activities or relax on campus with cider and donuts.

Friday house teas
A chance to end the week with housemates and enjoy snacks and a cup of tea.

Rally Day
A time for celebrating graduating seniors and honoring the accomplishments of alums.

Cromwell Day
A day dedicated to reflecting on issues of diversity, equity and racism.

“Knowing that everyone at Smith was working to support my interests and needs felt like a superpower!”
JAMILA DEPEIZA ’21
Anthropology Major and Landscape Studies Minor
Smithies are everywhere

The strength of the Smith community endures. When you graduate there will be more than 53,000 alums ready to help you. Looking for a job? Smithies love to hire Smithies. Moving to a new city? A group of Smithies will help you settle in. Need some advice? Smithies are a source of inspiration—and make great mentors. The Smith network is one of the most powerful benefits of a Smith education—and it’s yours for life. Together, Smithies are a force for the change the world needs.
A beautiful place to live and learn

With its exquisite gardens and picturesque architecture, Smith is a classic New England college. Our 147-acre campus has a feeling about it: a special kind of energy that fuels creativity and innovation and fosters connections that last a lifetime. When asked, students say they came to Smith because it just felt right.

SIMPLY, SMITH FEELS LIKE HOME.

EXTRAORDINARY FACILITIES. SHARED KNOWLEDGE.

Since its founding, Smith has invested in facilities, courses of study and programs that meet the ever-evolving expectations of students as well as the needs of the times. From its earliest days, the Smith campus was designed as a botanic garden so you can immerse yourself in and learn directly from nature. Ford Hall is home to the college’s ground-breaking engineering program—the first of its kind at a U.S. liberal arts college for women. Art lovers will find their happy place in the Smith College Museum of Art’s spectacular galleries and among its more than 27,000 artworks, dating from antiquity to the present. And theatre buffs and dance fans will find plenty of spaces around campus to participate in or simply enjoy a variety of performances, from plays to choreographed shows.
Smith's newly renovated Neilson Library, designed by renowned architectural designer Maya Lin, meets all of your expectations for a contemporary academic library. It is a work of art and a state-of-the-art study space equipped with the latest technology, as well as recording studios and maker spaces, to enhance your scholarly work. There are lots of books, too—more than 250,000 at your fingertips. The Sophia Smith Collection—housed on Neilson's third floor—is one of the most extensive archives of women's history in the country, giving you easy access to a remarkable selection of original documents, papers, photographs and other ephemera from some of the world’s leading scholars, activists, educators, authors, policy makers and thinkers. And if you just want to take a study break with friends, the library’s Compass café is the perfect spot to grab a snack and relax.
Where education and action go hand in hand

Like you, Smith believes deeply in being a good global citizen. We are driven by our mission to develop global leaders to address society’s challenges. Together, we are committed to community, equity and inclusion, anti-racism work, sustainability, equal access to education, and fairness and justice.

SMITH IS TAKING BIG STEPS TO MAKE OUR CAMPUS—AND THE WORLD—A BETTER PLACE.

In 2021-22, Smith awarded $78 million in grants.

WE HAVE ELIMINATED LOANS FROM OUR FINANCIAL AID PACKAGES and replaced them with grants from the college, enabling students to graduate with little or no debt.

Students, faculty and staff worked together to create TOWARD RACIAL JUSTICE AT SMITH COLLEGE, a comprehensive plan to address issues of race and racism and create a more welcoming campus for everyone.

45 action items demonstrate Smith’s commitment to building a more just and inclusive community.

56% of Smith students are participating in sustainability research with faculty.

In ways big and small, we are doing our part to combat climate change, adopting new approaches to energy usage and investing in new technologies to ELIMINATE OUR CARBON FOOTPRINT BY 2030.

WE BUY AND SERVE LOCALLY GROWN PRODUCTS and have a goal of reducing meat consumption on campus by 15% by 2024. For being a “dedicated, creative problem-solving partner to farms around the region,” Smith’s Dining Services was honored with a 2022 Local Hero Award.

9 + 2 dining rooms offer a range of vegan, vegetarian, gluten-free, kosher and halal menus.
Welcome to Paradise

Northampton, also known as Paradise City, is the picture-perfect college town. Set within the mountains of the Pioneer Valley in western Massachusetts, Northampton is home to theaters, restaurants for every taste, cozy cafés, music venues, new and used book and clothing stores, parks, and miles and miles of hiking and bike trails—all within walking distance of campus.

DOWNTOWN DELIGHTS

Herrell’s Ice Cream & Bakery
Home to more than 300 flavors of the best gourmet ice cream in the valley. Flavor every Smithie should try: Mountain Day (apple cinnamon ice cream with caramel and English toffee).

Raven Used Books
A quintessential college-town bookstore filled with rare and hard-to-find tomes you never thought you needed.

Haymarket Café
Locally roasted coffees, tasty baked treats, and an array of soups and sandwiches make this the perfect off-campus study spot.

Thornes Marketplace
A fun shopping and food destination in the heart of downtown Northampton. Grab a quick coffee or spend a memorable afternoon with friends perusing three floors of shops and boutiques.
YOU HAVE BIG DREAMS, AND WE KNOW YOU’LL WORK HARD TO ACHIEVE THEM.

We’ll partner with you to put the lessons you learn in the classroom into action in the outside world, preparing you for whatever career, whatever path, whatever cause, you choose to pursue.

DISCOVER WHAT WORKS FOR YOU.

Experience matters, and at Smith we’ll give you a stipend of up to $4,000 through our Praxis program to take advantage of any internship opportunity that excites you. Smithies have conducted cutting-edge bioengineering research at the Centre for Nanosciences and Molecular Medicine in India, strategized with government leaders in the White House’s Executive Office of the President and organized exhibits for some of the world’s greatest artists at the Whitney Museum of American Art. What will you do?

40,000+ jobs and internships are posted annually through Smith’s career development platform.

READINESS

84% of graduates completed a college-funded internship while at Smith.

EMPLOYMENT

97% of graduates are in full-time employment, graduate school or full-time service programs.

SATISFACTION

73% of graduates say they are satisfied with their early career path.

Statistics are from the class of 2021 first-destination survey administered within six months after graduation, with a 69% knowledge rate.
WE ARE COMMITTED TO YOUR SUCCESS.

Preparing you for career success in whatever field you choose is part of the culture here at Smith. From the moment you arrive on campus, you’ll find that Smith’s inclusive approach to career development meets you where you are and responds to your unique needs. You’ll have access to targeted skills training, global internships and customized networking opportunities. Our team of advisers will help you identify your strengths and interests, build your skills and connect you to employers. Alums will have your back, too, serving as mentors, opening up their networks to you and letting you know about job leads.

We know you have big dreams, so we are committed to providing the best possible career preparation to every Smithie.
SMITH STRIVES TO ENSURE THERE ARE NO FINANCIAL BARRIERS TO YOUR SUCCESS.

We’ll make sure you have the financial resources to experience all that is amazing about Smith. Our generous financial aid packages meet 100% of every admitted student’s demonstrated need for all four years of college. Low-income students are eligible for one-time start-up grants of $1,000, to help with the cost of transitioning to college. Every student has access to Praxis funding to pursue an unpaid internship.

You are our greatest investment.

“In my hometown, a high school diploma is the highest degree completed by most individuals. Because of financial aid, I have been able to break this barrier, this cycle, and I inspired high schoolers in my community to do the same. This scholarship has opened a whole new world not only for me and my family, but for other students who were also told that college was an impossible dream.”

LAISHA ANICETO ’23
No loans equals bigger ambitions

Smith recently became the first women’s college to eliminate loans from its financial aid packages, further advancing Smith’s goals of becoming more accessible and affordable. What this means for you: Instead of worrying about paying back student loans after college, you can focus on what you came to Smith to do—study, learn and have a bit of fun while you’re at it. You’ll graduate ready to jump right into the profession of your choice or graduate school—or maybe even start your own enterprise—because you won’t have the burden of loans.

GO FIGURE
Estimate your financial aid package: smith.edu/estimate

90%
of students who apply for aid receive need-based grants from any source (2021-22)

$55,571
Average need-based grant for the class of 2026

(estimate for 2022-23)
Applying to Smith

THIS IS YOUR CALL TO ACTION

START NOW

Smith accepts two applications for first-year admission—the Coalition Application and the Common Application. Both application types receive equal consideration in the admission process. It’s free to apply, and we’ve been test-optional since 2006.

There are three admission plans for first-year applicants: Early Decision I and II, and Regular Decision. Early Decision is binding. Students who choose to apply Early Decision agree to enroll at Smith if admitted and withdraw all applications to other colleges. Early Decision is a good option for students who have determined that Smith is their first-choice college.

Whether you choose to apply as an Early Decision or Regular Decision candidate, we welcome your application and look forward to learning more about you!

EARLY DECISION I
Complete application by November 15

EARLY DECISION II
Complete application by January 1

REGULAR DECISION
Complete application by January 15

TRANSFER STUDENTS
Smith welcomes applications from students wishing to transfer into the sophomore and junior classes. Transfer students apply using the Common Application. smith.edu/transfer/apply

CONNECT WITH AN ADMISSION COUNSELOR: SMITH.EDU/ADMISSION

FIND A COMPLETE LIST OF REQUIRED FORMS, MATERIALS AND DEADLINES ON OUR WEBSITE: SMITH.EDU/APPLY
Take a tour!

Schedule an in-person tour: smith.edu/schedulevisit
Virtual campus immersion: smith.edu/virtualtour