

The Center for Green Schools and The Princeton Review Release 4th Annual Guide to Green Colleges

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GUIDE TO 322 GREEN COLLEGES

At The Princeton Review, we are genuinely pleased to partner for the fourth consecutive year with our friends at the U.S. Green Building Council's Center For Green Schools on this unique, one-of-a-kind resource. We thank them and their chief sponsor, United Technologies Corp., for their long-standing and generous support for this project. We hope it helps many outstanding college applicants interested in attending "green colleges" find the best school for them.

Interest in the environment and sustainability has been burgeoning on many fronts. In recent years, the U.S. Patent Office handed out over 300,000 trademarks to names that included "eco" or "green" in their title. Investors have been rushing to fund a huge range of new companies, featuring everything from solar energy to green building materials. Even corporations like Wal-Mart, Google and HP are greening their products and improving their environmental record in response to consumer demand.

For students seeking colleges committed to the environment and possibly career in the green economy, here are some thoughts about some of the academic, research and extracurricular opportunities available at some of the schools in our [Guide to 322 Green Colleges: 2013 Edition](#).

Schools that made it into this year's edition scored well on our Green Rating for several reasons. They have courses that help you understand your way around renewable energy, organic agriculture and the tools for developing smart, efficient products. For example, at [Santa Clara University](#), the Sustainability Across the Curriculum project trains all faculty on how to integrate environment and sustainability into new or existing curriculum. Schools like [Georgetown University](#) and [Northland College](#) in Wisconsin offer environmental literacy courses to undergraduates.

Not only do green colleges provide great courses, they also have undergrads involved in top-notch research. Students at [State University of New York—College of Environmental Science and Forestry](#) get to participate in projects such as the development of the state's first wood ethanol bio-refinery, which produces renewable fuel and biodegradable plastics from wood. Undergrads at [Goucher College](#) have taken the green lead, launching the school's recycling program, composting program and pushing for more environmentally friendly policies.

You'll find more information about all of the colleges in our guide — plus several hundred other outstanding colleges — including tips for applying to them for admission and for financial aid at [our site](#).

Best of luck in your green college search and in your career ahead!

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