



## The University of Illinois College of ACES: The Best Investment You'll Ever Make

*It's simple. The University of Illinois College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences (ACES) offers you tremendous opportunities to achieve success...success that results in a fulfilling and lucrative career. College involves a significant financial commitment. But your education also has value. You get much more than you pay for when you obtain a degree from our campus. Here are a few reasons why you can't afford not to attend!*

### RETURN ON INVESTMENT

*The "return on investment" (basically the expected salary over a 30-year period) from the University of Illinois is 3 times the return of other Illinois colleges that offer agriculture and related majors. It's an investment that will bring returns for the rest of your life!*

- Among public universities, University of Illinois graduates rank first in the Big Ten and eighth nationally in starting and mid-career median salary (*PayScale.com*).

### SCHOLARSHIPS

*Nearly \$2 million in scholarships are awarded each year in the College of ACES.*

- In addition to need-based and merit-based awards, scholarships are also available to support leadership, research, and study abroad experiences, all with our nationally and internationally renowned faculty.

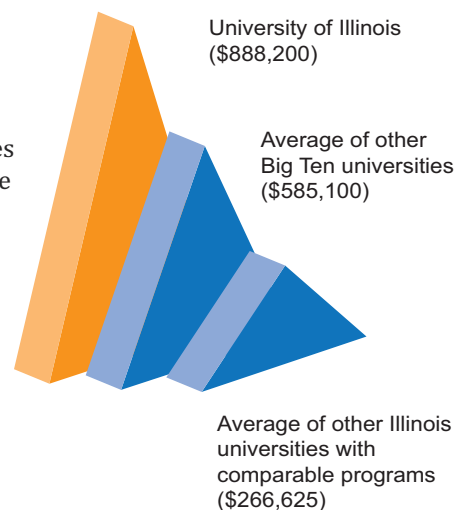
### CAREER PREPARATION

*Our Career Services Network provides robust services designed to meet students' career and professional development needs.*

- 81% of 2009-2010 ACES graduates had work, volunteer or internship experiences related to their professional aspirations prior to completing their degree.
- Nearly one-third of ACES graduates pursue advanced degrees in a wide variety of disciplines, including the sciences, business, law, health and medicine.
- University of Illinois was rated third nationally by company recruiters for outstanding graduates in a *Wall Street Journal* (WSJ) report.
- Recruiters in the WSJ survey said, "U of I graduates...perform well and tend to stay with the company." ►

### Return on Investment

Numbers reflect expected additional income for a college graduate over a high school graduate for a 30-year period, and adjusted for cost of the education.



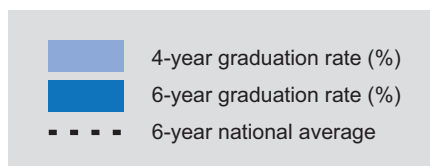
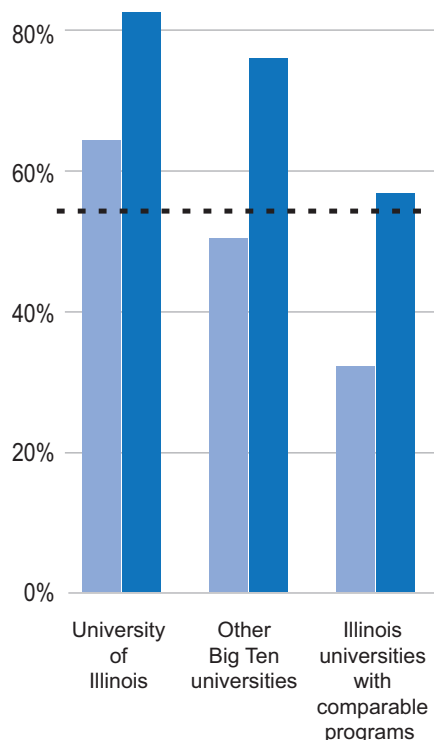
Source: [www.payscale.com/education/average-cost-for-college-ROI](http://www.payscale.com/education/average-cost-for-college-ROI)

- According to *WSJ*, “Recruiters say graduates of top public universities are often among the most prepared and well-rounded academically, and companies have found they fit well into their corporate cultures and over time have the best track record in their firms.”

## ACHIEVING GRADUATION

*When comparing cost, it's important to consider the amount of time it takes to graduate.*

- The University of Illinois has the highest four-year graduation rate among Illinois universities with comparable programs and other Big Ten universities.



Source: <http://www.kiplinger.com/tools/colleges/>



## THE INTANGIBLES

*Many of the benefits that our students receive from their University of Illinois experience are not measured by dollars.*

- Students experience a Big Ten campus atmosphere with all of its opportunities while enjoying a “small college” community within the College of ACES.
- More than 1,000 student clubs and organizations provide students with a wealth of opportunities and experiences beyond the classroom.
- In ACES, over 30 organizations provide students with the opportunity to network, learn about careers, and contribute to the life of the college.
- More than one-third of ACES students have at least one international experience. Many receive scholarships to help make that happen.

## WHAT OTHERS SAY

*Perhaps the best measure of our success is to see what others have to say about it.*

“The University of Illinois is one of our targeted schools. The College of ACES has a lot of variety and different areas of study that line up with many segments of our business. With 200 internship opportunities each year and a need to hire 4,000 employees within the next five years, we have many opportunities within our company.”

— Recruiter from an international Fortune 500 company

“At the University of Illinois, you are guaranteed a quality education. It takes work, but the work pays off. In the end, you’re a more well-rounded individual with tons of opportunities.”

— Katelyn Jones, Senior in Animal Sciences, Saybrook, Illinois

“ACES is more of a family than a college, so even though the University of Illinois as a whole may be pretty large, ACES puts things in perspective. Regardless of your background, you will find your niche here. Everything a student needs is in ACES. We have our own career services and job fair. In ACES, I can walk into any Dean’s office and have a conversation with him or her. Nearly all of them know me by name. If you take the time and make the effort to get to know faculty members, they will look out for you. The connections are incredible – that’s what I love the most about ACES.”

— Amelia Martens, Freshman in Agricultural Communications, Orion, Illinois

*In the University of Illinois College of ACES, you will be surrounded by success, and you will have the opportunity to make your own contributions to our college and campus. For information, contact Dr. Jason Emmert, Assistant Dean at 217-244-4540 or [jemmert@illinois.edu](mailto:jemmert@illinois.edu). Visit online: <http://futurestudents.aces.illinois.edu/>*



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