

Governance Model Analysis

Top 30 Universities and Big Ten Institutions

Observations:

- * In a review of the top 30 research universities, a single oversight Board is the most prevalent as 21 of the top 30 research universities have a Board focused only on that institution.
- * UW-Madison had the largest decline in the top 10 - from 4th to 8th over the last decade.
- * There are 16 public universities in the top 30, representing 14 different states. Of those 14 states, 7 have a single oversight Board for their flagship institution. The University of California System has 3 universities in the top 10 and 8 of their 10 Universities are R1.
- * Among Big Ten universities, the University of Wisconsin-Madison has the largest number of schools overseen by the same board as the flagship institution (13 vs. a mean of 4 and median of 1).
- * Wisconsin has an unusually small number of boards dedicated to higher education compared to other states (3 vs. mean and median of 8).

	Big Ten	2013 Rank (a)	2022 Rank (a)	2022 R&D Expenditures (\$000) (a)	Public vs. Private (c)	Total Higher Governance Boards within State (b, c)	Institutions Governed by Same Board as Flagship (b,c)
Top 30 Research Universities							
Johns Hopkins U.		1	1	3,420,312	Private	n/a	1
U. California, San Francisco		6	2	1,805,950	Public	3	10
U. Pennsylvania		18	3	1,791,311	Private	n/a	1
U. Michigan, Ann Arbor	✓	2	4	1,770,708	Public	13	1
U. Washington, Seattle	✓	3	5	1,559,708	Public	6	1
U. California, Los Angeles	✓	10	6	1,536,197	Public	3	10
U. California, San Diego		5	7	1,533,357	Public	3	10
U. Wisconsin-Madison	✓	4	8	1,523,513	Public	2	13
Duke U.		8	9	1,390,538	Private	n/a	1
Stanford U.		11	10	1,384,555	Private	n/a	1
Ohio State U., The	✓	20	11	1,363,388	Public	15	1
U. North Carolina, The, Chapel Hill		9	12	1,361,028	Public	18	1
Harvard U.		7	13	1,308,458	Private	n/a	1
Cornell U.		16	14	1,300,357	Private	n/a	1
New York U.		42	15	1,276,038	Private	n/a	1
U. Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh		14	16	1,251,998	Public	19	1
Georgia Institute of Technology		23	17	1,231,485	Public	2	26
Columbia U. in the City of New York		13	18	1,230,924	Private	n/a	1
U. Maryland, The	✓	0	19	1,228,550	Public	4	11
U. Minnesota, Twin Cities	✓	15	20	1,202,084	Public	2	5
Yale U.		21	21	1,191,201	Private	n/a	1
U. Texas M. D. Anderson Cancer Center, The		26	22	1,182,536	Public	12	9
Texas A&M U., College Station and Health Science Center		19	23	1,152,666	Public	12	11
Vanderbilt U. and Vanderbilt U. Medical Center		35	24	1,086,223	Private	n/a	1
U. Florida		27	25	1,085,834	Public	13	1
Washington U., Saint Louis		28	26	1,047,098	Private	n/a	1
U. Southern California	✓	29	27	1,039,905	Private	n/a	1
Pennsylvania State U.	✓	17	28	1,019,940	Public	19	1
Northwestern U.	✓	30	29	1,000,695	Private	n/a	1
Massachusetts Institute of Technology		12	30	989,166	Private	n/a	1

U. Wisconsin-Madison	2	13
Mean for top 30	9	4
Median for top 30	9	1

Other Big Ten Schools							
U. Illinois, Urbana-Champaign	✓	22	39	765,909	Public	11	3
Michigan State	✓	36	40	759,229	Public	13	1
Purdue U., West Lafayette	✓	33	41	754,627	Public	8	3
Indiana U., Bloomington	✓	102	42	751,309	Public	8	1
Rutgers, The State U. New Jersey, New Brunswick	✓	40	46	712,231	Public	11	1
U. Iowa	✓	47	52	594,215	Public	2	3
U. Nebraska, Lincoln	✓	81	87	340,260	Public	3	5
U. Oregon	✓	151	146	160,500	Public	9	1

U. Wisconsin-Madison	2	13
Mean for Big 10	8	4
Median for Big 10	8	1

Sources:

- (a) National Science Foundation (<https://ncsesdata.nsf.gov/profiles/site?method=rankingbysource&ds=herd>).
- (b) AGB State Governance Factsheets (<https://agb.org/knowledge-center/board-fundamentals/state-profiles/>).
- (c) Campus Specific Websites.