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**Reasons
to Choose
Stony Brook
University**

A Guide for Parents

**STONY
BROOK**
STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK

Selecting an institution that will provide the best education and readiness for the future is a big step.



If Stony Brook University is not already at the top of your family's list, **here are eight reasons why it should be.**



1 Top-Ranked School

Stony Brook is listed among the top 1 percent of all universities in the world by the London *Times Higher Education World University Rankings*. We're also listed among the top 100 universities in the nation and the top 50 public universities, according to *U.S. News & World Report*, and we belong to the invitation-only Association of American Universities (AAU), an organization of North America's top 61 research universities. Your son or daughter will receive a degree from one of the most respected universities in the world.

2 Preparation for the Future

Your son or daughter can explore his or her interests, develop workplace skills, and start developing a professional network. We offer extensive opportunities for experiential learning both on and off campus through internships, study abroad, and leadership opportunities. Our Career Center provides résumé and interview training, job fairs, and events to interact with successful alumni. Unique study abroad programs allow our students to research journalism in Russia, tropical marine ecology in Jamaica, history along the fabled Silk Road in China, and the ecosystem of Madagascar. The *Wall Street Journal* ranks Stony Brook eighth among public institutions placing graduates in elite graduate programs in medicine, law, and business. More than 90 percent of our recent graduates have gone on to a job or graduate school.



3 Outstanding Academics

Stony Brook offers 150 majors, minors, and combined-degree programs, including New York's only public undergraduate School of Journalism, seven ABET-accredited engineering programs, a challenging pre-health curriculum, and a School of Marine and Atmospheric Sciences offering classroom experiences on the Atlantic Ocean and Long Island Sound. Our Fast Track MBA program allows students to earn both a bachelor's degree in the field of their choice and a master's degree in five and a half years. We also offer first-rate research opportunities through our award-winning Undergraduate Research and Creative Activities (URECA) program, including chances to engage in cutting-edge research at nearby Brookhaven National Laboratory, which we co-manage.

4 First-Year Communities

Every student starts life at Stony Brook in one of six themed Undergraduate Colleges. These Colleges are small academic and social communities that bring together students with similar interests and offer personalized advising, close faculty connections, and first-year seminars with only 20 students in a class. We also coordinate opportunities for healthy social experiences. We have more than 300 clubs and organizations, a "First on Us" program, which gives students a free ticket to a live performance at the Staller Center for the Arts, exciting athletic events, and unique traditions like the Roth Pond Regatta, Strawberry Fest, and Earthstock.



5 A Safe, Caring Environment

Stony Brook University is committed to providing our students with the safest possible environment for learning, living, and succeeding. We have one of the safest campuses in the area, supported by both professional staff and student organizations. University Police Officers patrol the campus 24 hours a day and can communicate with students through our blue light phone system and our GPS-driven mobile communication system. Our Residential Safety Program is a student-based organization that provides walking escorts and a presence at the main entrance of every Residence Hall at night. Pre-health students can also gain valuable experience by joining our Volunteer Ambulance Corps.

6 Strong Support Systems

Your son or daughter will receive dedicated academic advising to ensure that he or she stays on track. Stony Brook also offers extensive, free tutoring resources, including Learning Centers for Biology, Chemistry, and Mathematics, the Writing Center, and residential tutoring centers. The Center for Prevention and Outreach provides help and peer education programs on alcohol and drug abuse, depression, gender issues, and making healthy choices. More than 500 Stony Brook students have become trained members of the Red Watch Band program, which educates campus community members about the dangers of toxic drinking.



7 Ideal, Accessible Locale

Our 1,000-acre campus is located just 60 miles east of New York City on Long Island's North Shore. Free campus buses make it easy to get around campus and to nearby shopping areas. West Meadow beach and the historic villages of Stony Brook, Setauket, and Port Jefferson—rich with maritime tradition—all are within five miles. A Long Island Rail Road station right on campus allows easy access to New York City and JFK airport. In fact, we are served by three major airports (JFK, LaGuardia, and Islip-MacArthur), as well as a ferry from neighboring Port Jefferson to Bridgeport, Connecticut, for travel throughout New England by car or Amtrak.

8 Great Return on Investment

Your son or daughter can graduate with a valuable degree from Stony Brook without racking up a mountain of debt. *Kiplinger* rates us as one of the 25 best values in public higher education, the *Fiske Guide to Colleges* calls us a “best buy,” and we are ranked among “Best Colleges: Least Debt” by *U.S. News & World Report*. Stony Brook's affordable tuition means less future debt and real savings that can help your family pay for graduate studies or any number of expenses yet to come.





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