

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 collaborate with renowned faculty in search of answers to some of the most pressing questions of the day.

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.***

Smith
2021

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 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 science and biology of dance

The many ways food informs
gender, community, race,
class, nationality, and religion

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 WAYS IN WHICH POLITICS, RACE, CURRENT EVENTS, AND
CULTURAL EQUALITY HAVE SHAPED ICONIC COMIC BOOKS

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 historical development of
Black feminist theory from the
19th century to the present*

THE ETHICAL AND POLITICAL QUESTIONS RELATED TO BIG DATA

Based on spring 2023 and fall 2023 course offerings.



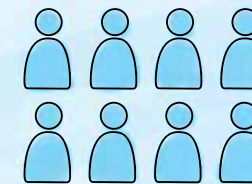
1,000+
COURSES



83
AREAS OF STUDY

18%

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



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STUDENT-FACULTY RATIO



A Top Producer of
**FULBRIGHT
SCHOLARS**

for the Past 20 Years

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



MORE THAN
100
STUDY ABROAD
PROGRAMS ON
6 CONTINENTS



ALUMS CAN BE FOUND IN
119
COUNTRIES

Majors

Africana Studies
 American Studies
 Anthropology
 Art: Architecture and
 Urbanism / History of Art /
 Studio Art
 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
 Mathematical Statistics
 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



**ACADEMIC
 CONCENTRATIONS
 ALLOW YOU TO
 INTEGRATE PRACTICAL
 EXPERIENCES INTO
 YOUR AREA OF INTEREST.**



CONCENTRATIONS

Archives
 Book Studies
 Collaborative Innovation
 Community Engagement
 and Social Change

Environmental
 Global Finance
 Interdisciplinary Making
 Journalism

Museums
 Poetry
 Translation Studies

MINORS

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

“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

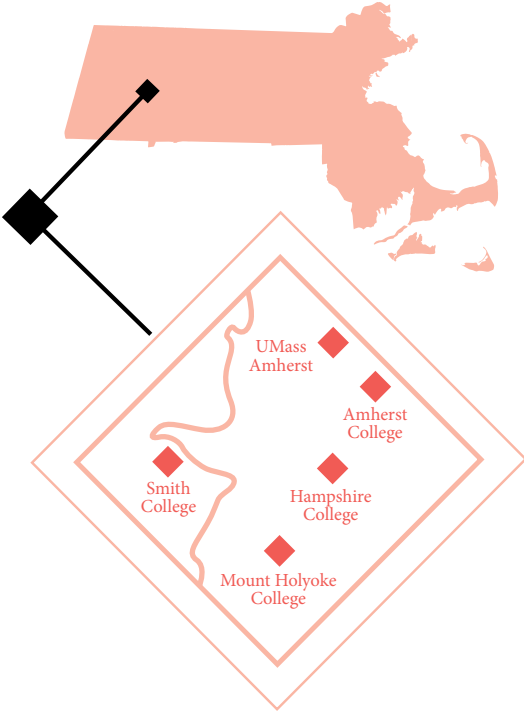
“It’s a privilege to be allowed into my students’ lives during this special time and to be able to help them navigate their own path through school and life.”

JAMES LOWENTHAL

Mary Elizabeth Moses Professor of Astronomy

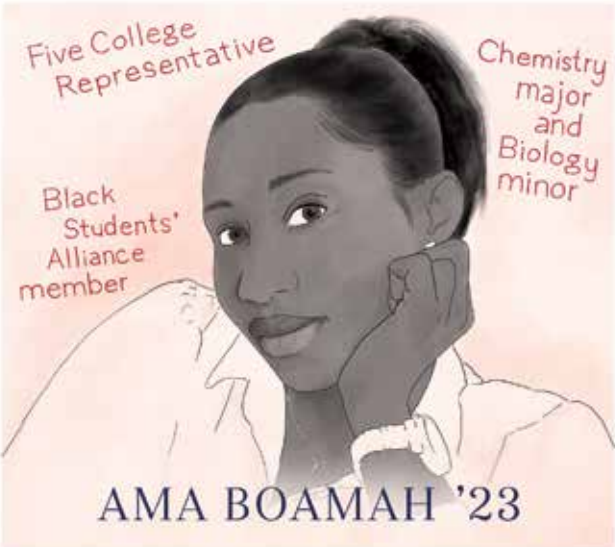


***Five colleges,
no limits***



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.”



Living at Smith

A COMMUNITY FOR EVERYONE

LIFE—AND COLLEGE—IS EASIER WHEN YOU ARE SURROUNDED BY PEOPLE WHO SUPPORT YOU.

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 more than 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 Majors: Economics and Government



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

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

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

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

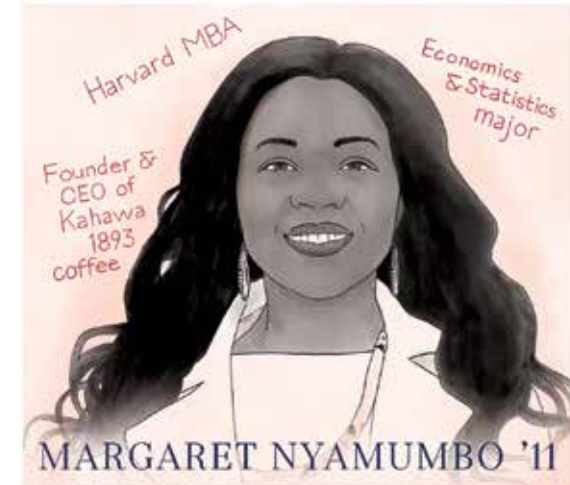


41		11	More than	140	11
houses		Unity organizations		clubs and organizations	intercollegiate sports

“Knowing that everyone at Smith was working to support my interests and needs felt like a superpower!”
JAMILA DEPEIZA-KERN '22
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 groundbreaking 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 theater 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.



THE INTELLECTUAL HEART OF CAMPUS

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, policymakers, 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 2022–23,
Smith awarded

\$88
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.

48
action
items

demonstrate Smith's commitment to building a more just and inclusive community.

Over the next seven years,
Smith will eliminate

20,000

metric tons of green-house gases annually from its energy ledger.

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 red 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.

13 + 2
dining cafés
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 400 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

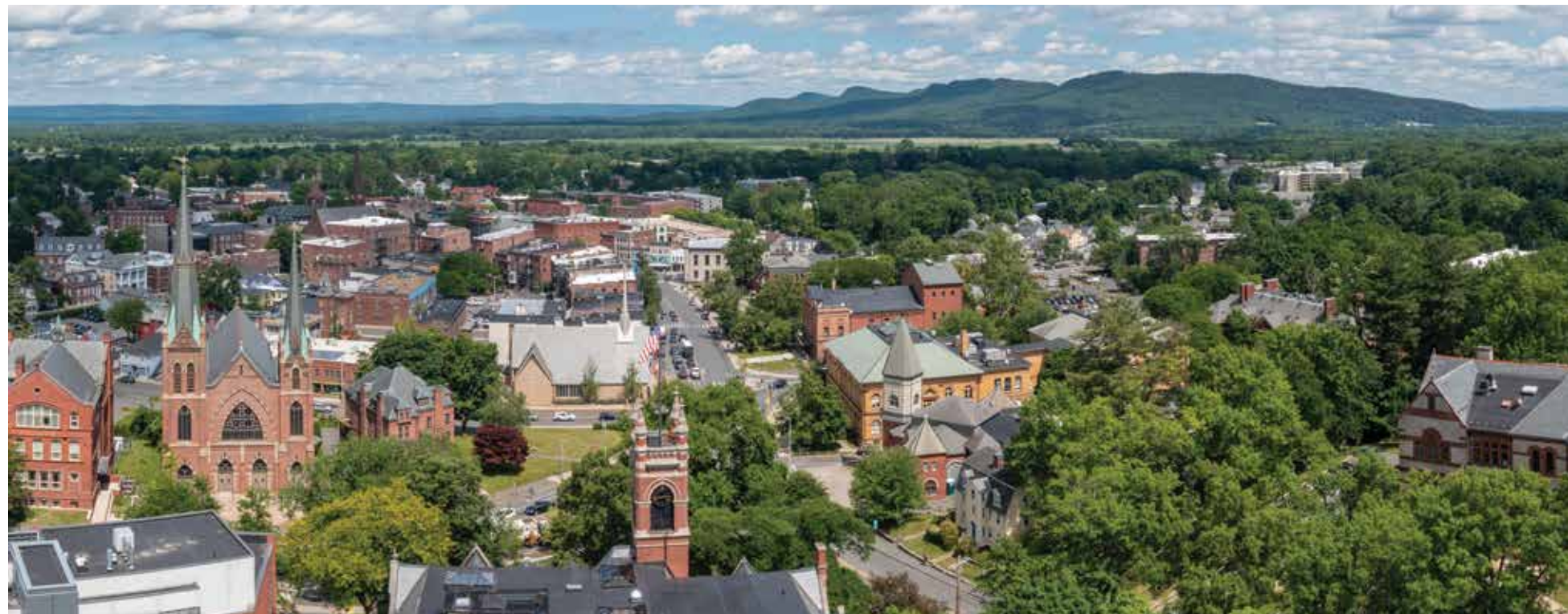
A quintessential college-town bookstore filled with rare and hard-to-find tomes you never thought you needed.

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.



Leading at Smith—and Beyond

YOUR
AMBITION,
ACTIVATED

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.

100,000+ jobs posted
through Smith’s career
development platform
in the last year

DISCOVER WHAT
WORKS FOR YOU.

Experience matters, and at Smith we’ll give you a stipend of up to \$4,500 through our Praxis program to take advantage of any unpaid internship opportunity that excites you. Smithies have conducted cutting-edge bioengineering research at the Amrita Center 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?

READINESS

84%

of graduates complete an internship while at Smith.

EMPLOYMENT

97%

of graduates are employed, in graduate school, or in a full-time fellowship within six months of graduation.

SATISFACTION

95%

of students who engage with Lazarus Center programming report that it advanced their career education.

The above statistics are from the Class of 2022 First-Destination Survey administered within six months of graduation.

Statistic sourced from anonymous program and advising exit surveys aggregated from the 2022-23 academic year.

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.



Gwen Gignac '23 (above), Praxis internship at Abundance Farm, working with the Shefa teen summer program; Sena Amuzu '24 (top photo, right), internship at the Brooklyn Museum, assisting Caroline Gillaspie with the reinstallation of the American Art floor; Nicole Teo '24J (bottom photo), internship at the Clerk's Office of the Supreme Court



Paying for Smith

**YOUR
GOALS ARE
OUR TOP
PRIORITY**

**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 startup 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."



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**

87%

of undergraduate
students who apply for
aid receive need-based
grants from any source
(2022-23)

Average need-
based grant for the class
of 2026

\$58,272

(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 2009.

There are three admission plans for first-year applicants: Early Decision I, Early Decision 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. For more information, visit: **smith.edu/transfer/apply**

CONNECT WITH AN
ADMISSION COUNSELOR:
[SMITH.EDU/ADMISSION](https://smith.edu/admission)

FIND A COMPLETE
LIST OF REQUIRED
FORMS, MATERIALS, AND
DEADLINES ON OUR
WEBSITE:
[SMITH.EDU/APPLY](https://smith.edu/apply)



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Virtual campus immersion: smith.edu/virtualtour

SMITH COLLEGE.

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