an education FOR GOOD.
An Earlham education has never been so relevant, important and needed as it is in the world today. The problems of our time don’t come in neat packages. Earlham produces graduates ready to find the creative and practical solutions that the world so badly needs.

What does it take to do that? Courage, curiosity and fresh ways forward. And that’s where you come in.

Since Earlham’s founding in 1847, we have built a collaborative learning community of people from around the world. This community inspires and motivates, demands and supports, and provides transformative opportunities and experiences so you can become a catalyst for good in a changing world.

“MY CLASSMATES AT EARLHAM CAME FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD AND HAD DIFFERENT FAITHS, BACKGROUNDS AND EXPERIENCES. THE COMMUNITY SUPPORTED ME IN A WAY WHERE I COULD FIND MY VOICE AND make meaningful contributions to the issues that I am most passionate about.” CYRUS BUCKMAN, EARLHAM GRADUATE
What makes Earlham a great place to achieve your potential?

Talented faculty and dedicated staff committed to your professional preparation and success
As mentors and advocates, our faculty and staff have an unwavering commitment to Earlham students. They’ll work alongside you as you discover your true potential and forge your own distinct path. Because we want you to have not just a successful future—but the right future for you.

Students are active partners in learning
At Earlham, learning is inclusive. It happens in class lessons and discussions, through research projects on and off campus—even in the campus coffee shop. You and your professors will engage in a learning partnership that is constant, expected, and supportive.

Intentional global influences and connections
An Earlham education brings the world to Earlham and Earlham to the world. Our students come from over 50 countries and most U.S. states. More than 60 percent of our students spend a semester or more studying away through one of our nationally-recognized off-campus study programs. The result? Our students develop a unique perspective for understanding, one that listens thoughtfully to other cultures and personal experiences.

The power of our purpose: Quaker values, principles, and practices
Earlham was founded by Quakers, and their purpose-driven heritage remains with us to this day in our shared desire to live by some important core values: respect for persons, integrity, peace and justice, simplicity and community. No, you don’t need to be a Quaker to be an Earlhamite. In fact, most of us aren’t. Earlhamites come from all faiths and no faith, from various political and socio-economic backgrounds, and many different sexual, gender, racial and ethnic identities.

A distinctive community
There’s a Quaker understanding that every voice is important—that each of us is capable of bringing our unique knowledge and insight to the table. At Earlham, we hold that to be a powerful truth. Differences, including viewpoints, are welcomed here and students thrive because of it. From the college president to your professors to students and staff, we’re each expected to contribute our voice and understanding to this shared enterprise. It’s one of the reasons we’re all on a first-name basis—no titles here.

Rigorous academics that test and support in equal measure
Our academics are rigorous, but it’s not for the sake of “separating the weak from the strong,” like some colleges. Academics should be engaging and supportive. That balance is one of Earlham’s most cherished legacies, and this approach has repeatedly earned Earlham national distinction for “best undergraduate teaching” and “best classroom experiences.”
Your Earlham journey is shaped by the academic programs you choose. Don’t see exactly what you’re looking for? Talk to us about how you can design your own major at Earlham.

“WE HAVE A uniquely collaborative relationship WITH OUR STUDENTS. WE ARE ALL COLLEAGUES IN THE LAB, WORKING AS true partners. THE STUDENTS CALL PROFESSORS BY OUR FIRST NAMES.”

Lori Watson, professor of chemistry

“Dr. Watson? No, I don’t know her. Oh wait, you mean Lori? Yeah, she’s great.”
Earlham graduate and doctoral candidate at University of Dayton

Learn more about our programs at earlham.edu/academics

Pre-professional programs

Pre-health
Our medical school and other health professions acceptance rate is twice the national average, with alumni attending prestigious schools such as Harvard, Yale and Johns Hopkins.

Pre-law
Our students receive excellent preparation for law school while choosing from a variety of majors.

Education
Our 3+1 program allows students to earn a B.A. and a Master of Arts in Teaching (M.A.T.) in only four years.

Engineering
Earlham offers a variety of dual-degree and transfer programs with top schools such as Case Western, Columbia and Washington University (St. Louis).
AT EARLHAM, EDUCATION IS AN all-in, participatory activity—AND IT HAPPENS both in and out OF THE CLASSROOM.

An adventure in learning becomes an adventure in living

Use the Earlham advantage to explore careers.
The Earlham advantage is our guarantee that every student has access to a funded internship or research experience, allowing you to apply the ideas and skills you learn in the classroom to real-world problems and situations.

Earlham students have used their advantage to intern at NASA, Microsoft, and the Smithsonian, to conduct research alongside geology and computer science faculty in Iceland, and to work with pre-health faculty in addressing public health inequities in Peru and Costa Rica.

“I feel more equipped to navigate the complexities and challenges of the real world because I have been in the real world, with practical tools, an open mind, and a critical eye to deal with the challenges that come my way.”

-Abhay Chaudhary '20
“When I come back to the alumni reunions and we get to share what everybody is doing ... there is a sort of a trend around the room that people are living full lives. They are exploring their condition, their situation. They are trying to change the world in a small way—wherever they are. That, I think, is the stamp of Earlham.”

Juan Dies, Earlham Class of 1988
Co-founder and executive director of the twice Grammy-nominated Sones de Mexico Ensemble

For good. For life.

An Earlham education prepares you for life. Wherever you want to go, whatever you want to do. Our alumni go on to have rewarding careers and fulfilling lives.

Check out the data from the class of 2019 below to see what we’re talking about:

2019 student outcomes within 6 MONTHS OF GRADUATION

- Employed: 61%
- Continuing Education: 23%
- Volunteering in a Service Program: 8%
- Still Seeking: 7%

TOP INDUSTRIES
where they’re working

- K-12 Education
- Nonprofits
- Healthcare
- Internet & Software

JOB FUNCTIONS...
what they’re doing

- Education / Teaching / Training
- Research
- Healthcare Services
- Web / Software Engineering

...ALL OVER THE GLOBE

Learn more at earlham.edu/outcomes
Our community

From vegan selections and halal meat options in the dining hall, to gender non-binary housing opportunities, to supportive groups for students from a wide variety of backgrounds and identities, Earlham is focused on creating a living and learning environment where you feel welcomed, supported and safe. Your voice, your experience, your unique perspective on the world—these things matter at Earlham.

Our student housing options

Student housing options include traditional residence halls, apartments and houses dedicated to the shared interests of students who live there. Earlham does not have Greek organizations because we aspire to create one campus community that is open and welcoming to all.

Our athletic program

Our athletic program at Earlham is an NCAA Division III school, offering men and women’s basketball, cross country, golf, lacrosse, soccer, track and field, men’s baseball, and women’s field hockey and volleyball. We also offer club and recreational sports such as badminton, hunt seat equestrian, rugby, kickball and soccer.

View the full list at earlham.edu/athletics

Our student organizations

Earlham student organizations cover a wide range—from the Center for Inclusive Gender Identities and the Buddhist Student Union to Cabaret Club and esports. And students are encouraged to create new groups according to their interests and needs.

Learn more at earlham.edu/student-life

“Put yourself out there. Show up. Take it all in. The learning at Earlham isn’t just a matter of submitting your answers to a test & getting a score back. Some of the biggest rewards come from taking the risk of being uncomfortable & allowing the experience to take you some place amazing.”

-Lily Fishleder, Earlham graduate

“I think my Earlham education allowed me to grow into my true self. I didn’t feel like I had to pretend to be someone who I wasn’t. And that for me was an incredible sort of personal awakening.”

-Carrie Seltzer, Earlham graduate
Financial aid

We’re consistently ranked one of the country’s “Best Value” colleges by the Princeton Review, because we’re committed to creating financial access to qualified students from all backgrounds.

We award more than $30 million in financial aid every year to ensure cost isn’t a barrier.

We do everything we can to make Earlham affordable to all students. Significant aid, in the forms of scholarships, grants, loans and student employment, is awarded each year to those showing high academic achievement and creative expression, those who demonstrate financial need, and qualified members of underrepresented racial and ethnic groups.

Merit-based scholarships are determined by the Office of Admissions at the time of admission, with no additional application needed. Need-based financial aid requires the completion of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Go to fafsa.ed.gov to fill out your application. Our school code is 001793.

International students should complete the International Student Financial Aid Application (ISFAA). Download the form from earlham.edu/financial-aid/applying-for-aid and upload it through your application status portal.

Learn more at earlham.edu/financial-aid

Plan your visit

Some essential aspects of our college need to be experienced in person.

Come visit with us, and we’ll help you learn if being an Earlhamite is the right fit for you. You can take a guided tour, shadow a student and meet with an admissions counselor.

Can’t make it to Richmond, Indiana anytime soon? We offer virtual information sessions and tours, too!

Schedule a visit online at earlham.edu/visit or by calling 1-800-EARLHAM

START YOUR APPLICATION TODAY

We’re a distinctively selective college. Our applicants present strong records of academic achievement and of special interests and talents.

Our best applicants are those who impress us with their personality, compassion, commitment and intellectual curiosity.

Ways to apply

Earlham App: earlham.edu/apply
Common App: commonapp.org

Deadlines to note

12/1/20 for early decision (priority consideration for invitation to Scholarship Day)
3/1/21 for regular decision
“AFTER BEING HERE FOR FOUR YEARS, I CAN SAY THAT this is an elite place, without the elitism.”

RYDER COMSTOCK, EARLHAM GRADUATE