

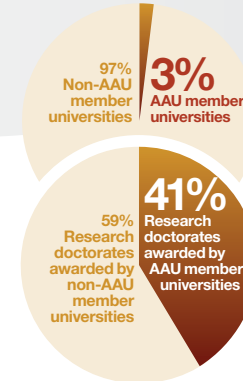
65 LEADING RESEARCH UNIVERSITIES



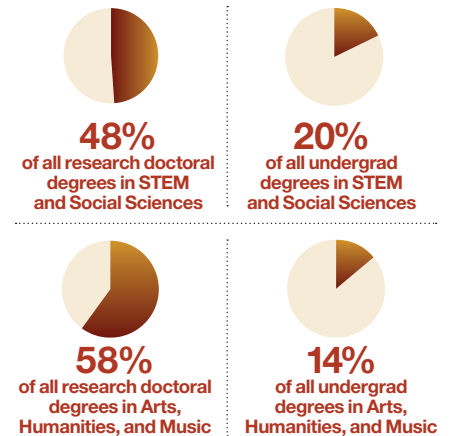
Founded in 1900, the Association of American Universities is composed of America's leading research universities. AAU's 65 research universities transform lives through education, research, and innovation. Our member universities earn the majority of competitively awarded federal funding for research that improves public health, seeks to address national challenges, and contributes significantly to our economic strength, while educating and training tomorrow's visionary leaders and innovators.

EDUCATION 2020 Data

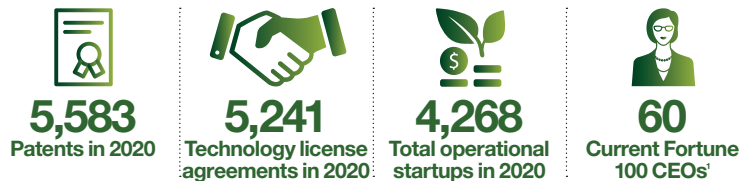
AAU universities make up only 3% of all 4-year universities in the U.S., yet award nearly 41% of all research doctorate degrees.³



% Degrees awarded by AAU universities



ECONOMIC IMPACT



VALUE



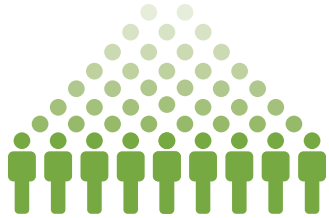
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¹ CEOs who attended an AAU university as of 2021. ² 2020 graduation rate at AAU universities. ³ Not including professional doctoral degrees.

ECONOMIC IMPACT

EMPLOYEES



794,947

Total employees
at AAU universities in 2020

SALARIES



\$100.4 Billion

Total salaries
paid by AAU universities
in 2020

EMPLOYMENT



25 in Top 10

25 AAU universities
were among the top
10 employers in their
state as of 2020

ENTREPRENEURS



38 in Top 50

38 AAU universities were
in the top 50 for producing
venture-capital-backed
entrepreneurs as of 2020

PATENTS



5,583

Patents issued
in 2020

LICENSES



5,241

Technology
license agreements
in 2020

TOTAL STARTUPS



4,268

Cumulative operational
startup companies
formed as of 2020

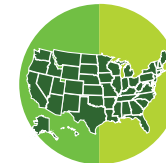
STARTUPS IN 2019



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Startup companies
formed in 2020

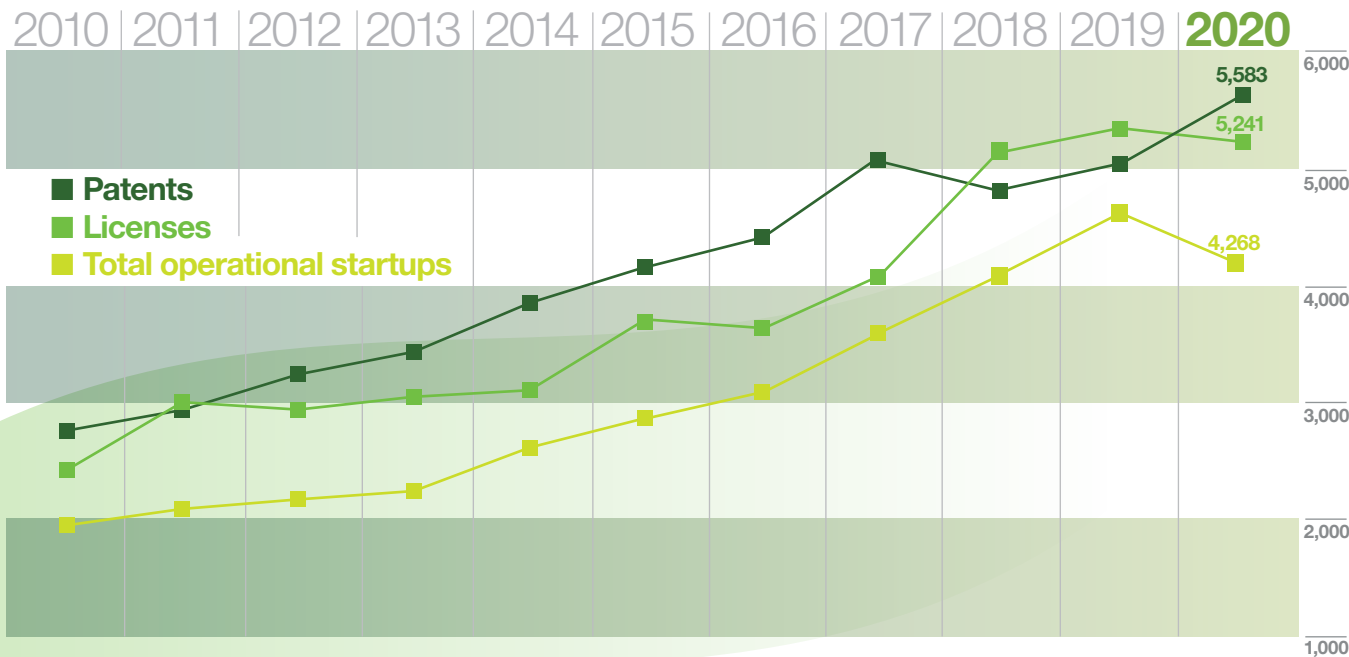
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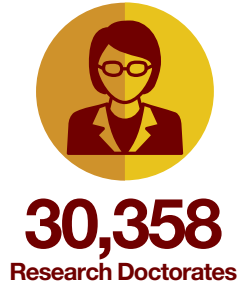
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Startup companies
created in home
state in 2020

ECONOMIC IMPACT OVER TIME (2010-20)



DEGREES AWARDED BY AAU UNIVERSITIES IN THE U.S. AS OF 2020

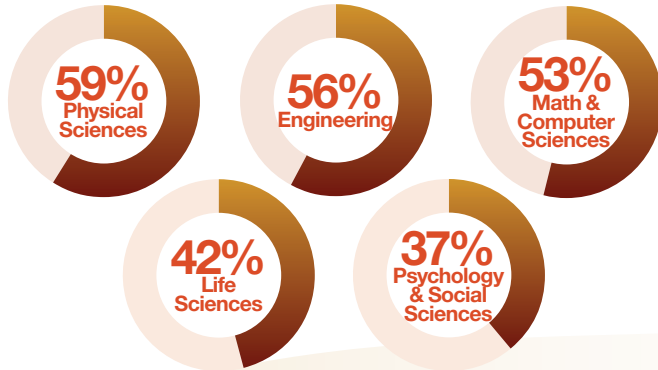


GRADUATES OF AAU UNIVERSITIES

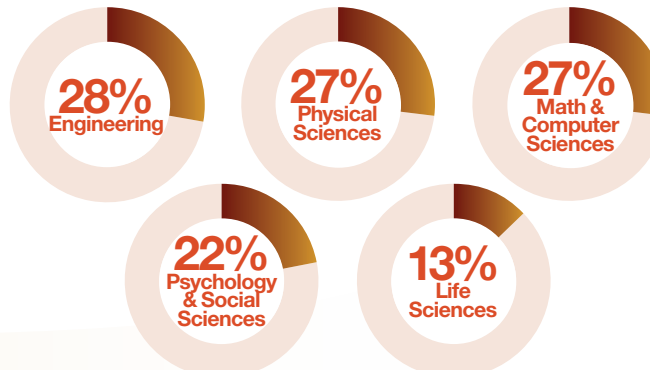


In 2020, AAU institutions awarded 48% of all research doctoral degrees and 20% of all undergraduate degrees in STEM and Social Sciences

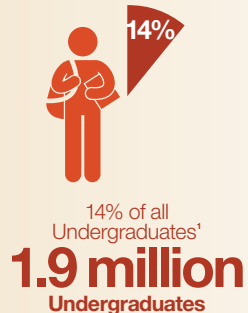
RESEARCH DOCTORAL DEGREES in STEM out of National Total (2020)



BACHELOR'S DEGREES in STEM out of National Total (2020)

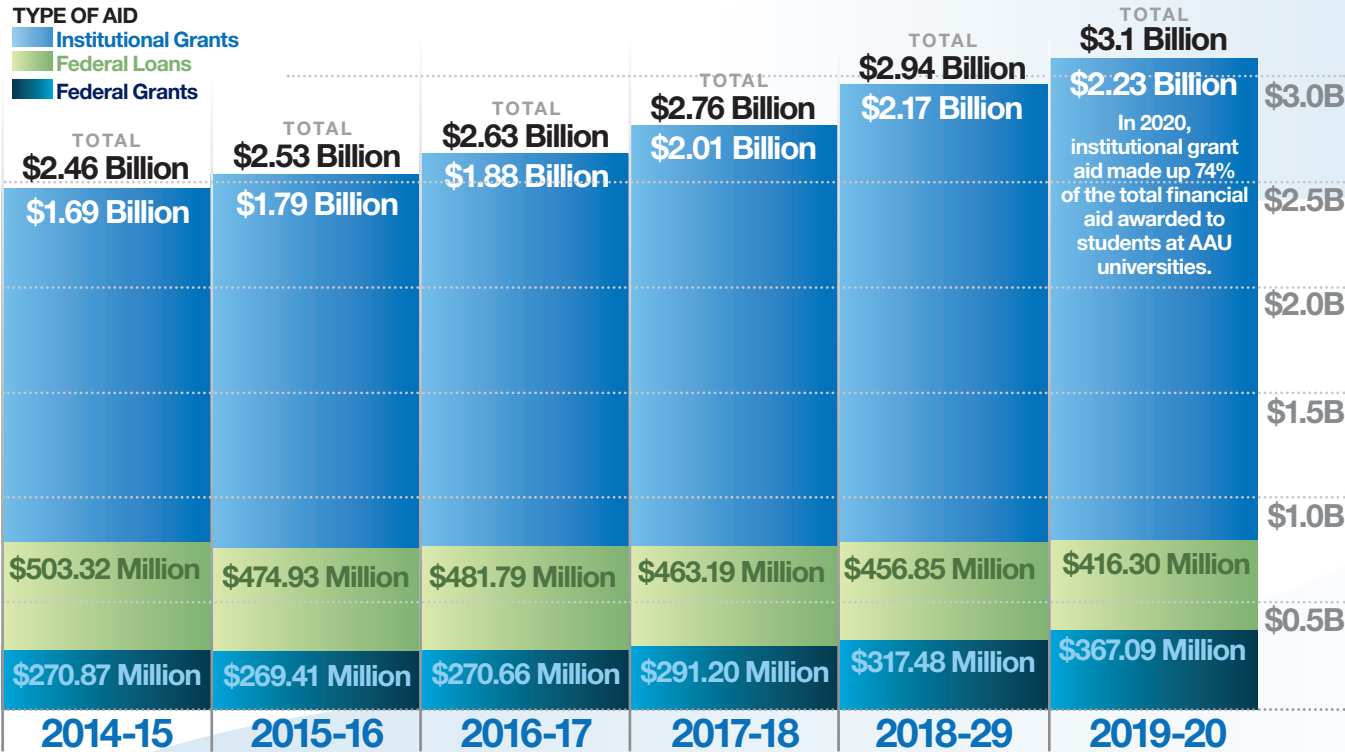


STUDENTS AT AAU UNIVERSITIES IN 2020



1 For all 4-year U.S. institutions. 2 Number of Postdocs in 2019. 3 Number of International Students in 2021.

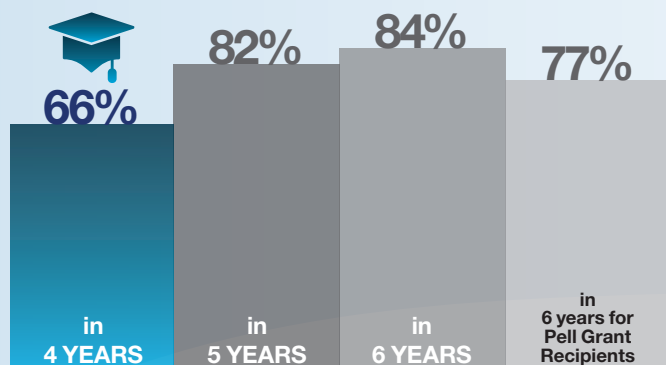
INSTITUTIONAL GRANT AID IN 2020



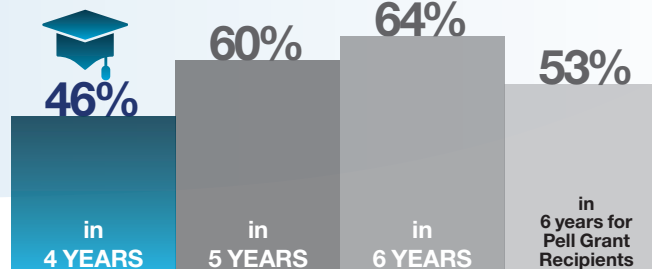
STUDENT DEBT



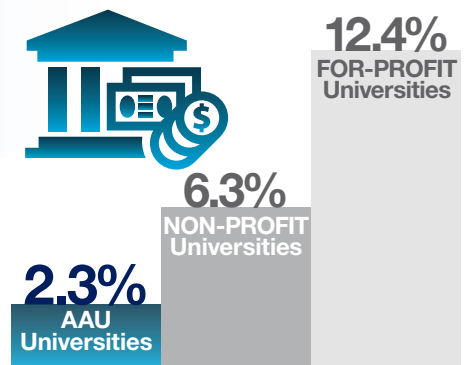
2020 AAU GRADUATION RATE



2020 GRADUATION RATE AT ALL U.S. BACHELOR'S DEGREE GRANTING INSTITUTIONS

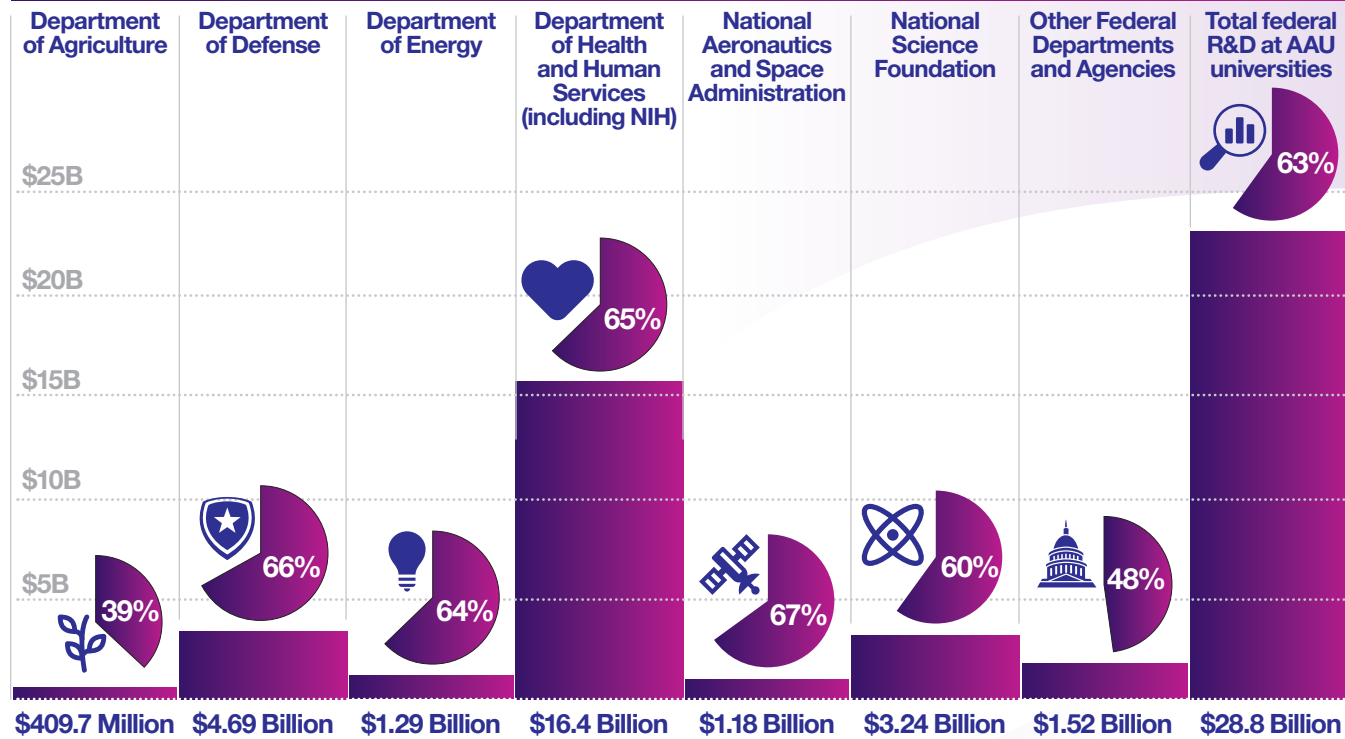


STUDENT DEBT DEFAULT RATES



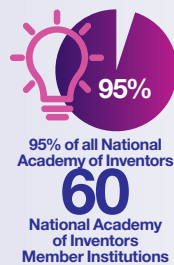
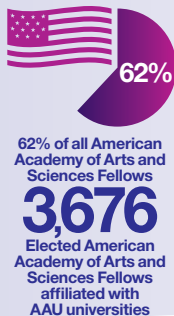
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FEDERALLY FUNDED ACADEMIC RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT IN 2020¹



¹ % of total amount awarded to AAU Universities / total dollar amount received by AAU Universities

HONORS & AWARDS



SCHOLARLY OUTPUT



^{2, 3} Thomson-Reuters InCites
⁴ 2020 Academic Analytics

RESOURCES

