

## Highest Concentration of Life Science Bachelor's Degrees to URMs is found in Southern States

This week we have listed the top 25 U.S. institutions granting bachelor's degrees to under-represented minorities (URM) in the life sciences (agricultural, biological, and health sciences). The Florida International University granted the most degrees in life sciences to URMs with 493 degrees in 2006. Of these 493, 73.2% (361) degrees were awarded to Hispanics, 26.6% (131) to Blacks, and only 1 degree (>1%) was granted to an American Indian.

Again, just as with the total number of URMs, Florida was the state where URMs receive the highest number of life sciences bachelor's degrees. Within the top 10 schools, five were located in Florida. Also, of the top 25 institutions, there are six that are classified as a Historically Black College/University (HBCU). The HBCU's are as follows:

- Prairie View A&M University
- Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University
- Howard University
- Hampton University
- Xavier University of Louisiana
- Winston-Salem State University
- Southern University A&M College at Baton Rouge

Top 25 Institutions Awarding Life Science Bachelor's Degrees to URMs, 2006				
Rank	Institution	Total URM	Total Female	
			URM	Total Male URM
1	Florida International University	493	366	127
2	University of PR Mayaguez Campus	332	279	117
3	University of Phoenix	307	215	84
4	University of Texas – Pan American	290	206	76
5	Florida Atlantic University	265	206	76
6	University of Florida	256	202	65
7	University of Miami	254	189	63
8	University of Texas at El Paso	250	187	59
9	University of Central Florida	234	180	58
10	CUNY Herbert H Lehman College	218	174	51
11	Prairie View A&M University	192	157	49
12	Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University	184	148	48
13	Howard University	180	148	45
14	Hampton University	173	146	45
15	SUNY at Stony Brook, All Campuses	169	146	42
16	University of Texas at Austin	167	141	41
17	Xavier University of Louisiana	167	134	40
18	Winston-Salem State University	166	133	40
19	University of South Florida	165	130	38
20	Southern University A&M Col at Baton Rouge	152	125	38
21	Texas A&M University Main Campus	151	110	36
22	New Mexico State University, All Campuses	140	110	36
23	Texas Woman's University	139	110	35
24	University of Texas at San Antonio	139	107	35
25	University of California–Davis	137	106	34

Source: CPST analysis of Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS) obtained via the WebCASPAR database, of the National Science Foundation

There were 5,320 life science bachelor's degrees granted to URMs in the list of the top 25, of which, 4,155 (78.1%) were granted to URM women. In the list of the top 100 schools, a total of 12,362 degrees were granted to URMs, 77.6% (9,587) of which were granted to URM women. The school that ranked 100 on this list was Drexel University.

To see the complete list of the top 100 institutions awarding bachelor's degrees to URM's in the life sciences, please visit [www.cpst.org](http://www.cpst.org).

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