Lake Forest College supports the academic growth and personal success of all our students. Our transfer-inclusive campus community provides the personal attention you need to find success, while offering opportunities and resources often associated with much larger institutions.

Lake Forest College is located 30 miles north of Chicago in the historic North Shore community of Lake Forest, Illinois. The beautiful 107-acre campus is within walking distance to the train to Chicago and the shore of Lake Michigan.

You will have access to top professors, alumni, internships, and research. Classes are small—the average class size is 19—and professors do all the teaching and advising. Internship opportunities are widely available and 96% of recent graduates had jobs, grad school, or other opportunities lined up within six to nine months of graduation.

At a Glance

- 1,500+ students from 43 states and 96 countries
- 31% are domestic students of color
- 14% of students are international
- 16% are transfer students
- More than 80 clubs and organizations
- 25 Division III varsity sports
- Top 25 Best Schools for Internships —The Princeton Review
- Top 6 Degrees Awarded: Biology, Business, Communication, Economics, Finance, Psychology

Campus Updates

- New Health Professions Program in partnership with local Rosalind Franklin University of Medicine and Science
- New Data Science Major with 3 tracks: Computer Science, Finance and Economics, and Statistics
- New Oppenheimer Center for Entrepreneurship and Innovation
- Ranked #2 as a Top Performer for Social Mobility (U.S. News & World Report)
- Renovation and expansion of Young Hall, the largest academic building and future home of our Career Advancement Center, which will be known as Brown Hall.
- Adding men’s and women’s varsity lacrosse teams in Fall 2021
The College offers generous financial aid packages for all admitted transfer students, including international and undocumented students. In fact, over 95% of transfer students receive financial aid and $5 million was awarded to the 2020 transfer class (98 students). We also offer generous scholarships to transfer students who have distinguished themselves through academic achievement.

- Our Forester Flagship Program offers qualified in-state students up to 100% of the College's tuition covered in grants and scholarships
- Merit-based scholarship awards up to $32,000
- Presidential scholarship up to $25,000 OR
- $25,000 Phi Theta Kappa scholarship ($30,000 for 3.75+ GPA)
- $2,000 Community College Honors Program scholarship
- International students receive up to $37,000
- Undocumented students receive up to $40,000
- Fine arts scholarships in art, music, or theater up to $5,000
- $2,000 annual visit grant awarded to students who take part in an in-person or virtual visit
- Generous need-based financial aid, including grants, are also available

Application Process

- Application materials: Transfer Application, High School Transcript, College Transcript(s), Letter of Recommendation
- An interview with your Admissions Counselor is required
- Transfer up to 2 years of college coursework
- If you are a recipient of an associate of arts (AA) or associate of science (AS) degree in an applicable liberal-arts field from an accredited community college, you may be granted full junior standing.
- Personal advising with admissions counselor and faculty advisor
- Transcript Credit Evaluation provided at any stage of the application process

Visit Opportunities

- On-Campus Tour
- 1-on-1 Virtual Appointment with a Transfer Counselor
- Virtual Appointments with a Financial Aid Officer
- Virtual Transfer Events at lakeforest.edu/virtual-events
- Virtual Guided Tour with a Current Student

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Scholarships and Affordability

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