

# ZIPPY'S GUIDE

TO SCHOLARLY SEARCHING:  
FINDING YOUR BEST FIT SCHOOL





# ZIPPY!



Hi, I'm Zippy, The University of Akron's mascot! I'd like to share some advice to help you discover the school that matches your goals—a place where you can find a home away from home (I'm from Australia, but I found my true community here!). Read on to see some key things to look out for as you consider your college options!



# THE IMPORTANCE OF CARE

This is one of the most important tips I have: The best schools truly value and care for their students. They make sure that your education means more than four years of studying and a degree. Dig deep as you explore schools and see how your future college will ensure your success during your time on campus and well after graduation through everything from support services to the atmosphere on campus.

*At UA, **Zips are given our full attention from day one.** We're proud to be a mid-sized university because it means we're able to offer all the resources of a larger institution while still providing individual attention to our students—it includes everything from our academic and career counseling resources to the **Help-A-Zip referral program.** Our sustainable size enables our experienced faculty and staff to always put students' goals first. It all adds up to students who receive a meaningful education that helps them hop, skip, and jump far in life!*



**ZIPPY  
FACT**

UA students learn from expert faculty who do everything from engaging in groundbreaking research to working on space equipment and more!

# WHERE YOUR PASSIONS MEET POSSIBILITY

Academics are at the core of finding the right college, and how a school approaches the education it offers is vital to your success. You'll want to make sure a school offers high-quality courses in the subject you want to study! But think beyond the classroom, too, and see how potential schools push students to do more and prepare them for the real world after graduation. For example, how easy do they make it to gain experience outside the classroom?

*We make sure our students can become more than their majors by giving them plenty of opportunities to gain real-world experiences and form invaluable professional connections. Zips don't just study; they take action on their big dreams, whether they're mechanical engineers who design, build, and race formula-style cars, or education majors who start and grow their own non-profits. Any of our **200+ undergraduate majors** can help you pave the way to a meaningful career.*



**ZIPPY  
FACT**

Ninety-six percent of UA graduates are employed within six months of graduation!

# LOCATION, LOCATION, LOCATION!

I know it seems like a cliché, but the right location can provide a lot of opportunities on its own, and a great school will integrate studies and activities to make sure students can take advantage of everything a locale has to offer. This can include everything from unique, hands-on learning opportunities to entertainment and community-building activities.

*I love our main campus's location in vibrant downtown Akron! It gives students access to everything from top-notch internships and other hands-on career development opportunities to fantastic coffee shops, exciting entertainment venues like Lock 3 or the Akron Civic Theater, and more. And within student activity initiatives such as "Zips Invade" and the Downtown Akron Partnership, it's easy to experience everything the city of Akron has to offer!*



**ZIPPY  
FACT**

In 2022, 3,486 Zips completed 14,404 service hours through programs coordinated by the Department of Student Life!

# A LITTLE FUN IS IMPORTANT

Last but not least, we all need time to unwind so we can bring our best selves to everything we do. Whether that means being part of a student organization, chatting with friends over cookies, or a relaxing stroll through a local park. Check out the social and recreational opportunities at potential schools to see how you can get involved, make new friends, and relax!

*At UA, we have **300+ student organizations**, 20+ club sports, and 30 intramural sports league teams, so there are plenty of ways to find community and be part of our welcoming campus. Add that to beloved traditions like SpringFest, Homecoming, and cheering (or playing on!) one of our Division I athletics teams, and there are countless ways to kick back, make lasting connections, and make cherished memories here. You might even catch me ordering a hot dog at one of our events!*



## ZIPPY FACT

The AK Rowdies are one of our largest student organizations, with nearly 2,000 members who cheer our student-athletes on to victory! (*Zips also get into home games for free!*)

# SEE WHY YOU BELONG HERE!

Now that you know a little more about what to look for in the right school, we'd love to have you come visit **The University of Akron!**

Plan your **on-campus visit online** or take a **virtual tour of campus** right now to get to know us even better.



## ZIPPY FACT

Zippy Fact: UA was built on a hilltop in Akron—a word meaning “the highest point.”

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