It’s simple. The University of Illinois College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences (ACES) offers tremendous opportunities for you to achieve success that results in a fulfilling and lucrative career.

College involves a significant financial commitment. But your education also has value. You get much more than you pay for when you obtain a degree from the University of Illinois.

Here are a few reasons why you can’t afford not to attend.

THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS
COLLEGE OF ACES:

The best investment you’ll ever make

YOUR RETURN ON INVESTMENT

The University of Illinois' "return on investment" is among the highest in the Big Ten and all Midwestern colleges offering similar programs. It's an investment that will bring returns for the rest of your life.

❖ Among public university graduates, those with degrees from the University of Illinois rank first in the Big Ten in midcareer median salaries (PayScale.com).
❖ Illinois is rated a “best value for undergraduate institutions” by The Princeton Review and Kiplinger.
❖ In its 2016 rankings, U.S. News & World Report's America's Best Colleges rated Illinois as the number 11 public university.

EXPECTED ADDITIONAL INCOME*

University of Illinois:
$551,200

Average of other Big Ten universities:
$442,431

Average of other Illinois universities with comparable programs:
$242,333

* Numbers reflect expected additional income for a college graduate over a high school graduate for a 20-year period, and are adjusted for the cost of the education. Source: Payscale.com
Imagine Your Future in ACES

+ Experience a Big Ten campus atmosphere while enjoying a “small college” community.
+ Participate in one of our dozens of ACES student organizations to network and discover careers.
+ Take advantage of the many scholarships available to students who study abroad.
+ Benefit from our 94 percent freshman retention rate.

Our Scholarships

More than $2.5 million in scholarships are awarded each year from the College of ACES.

+ In addition to need- and merit-based awards, scholarships are available to support leadership, research, and study abroad.

4-Year Graduation Rate (%)

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(Source: http://www.kiplinger.com/tools/colleges)

Our Career Preparation

Our outstanding Career Services Network meets students’ career and professional development needs.

+ More than 80 percent of ACES graduates have had work, volunteer, or internship experiences related to their professional aspirations before completing their degrees.
+ Nearly a third of ACES graduates pursue advanced degrees in a variety of disciplines, including the sciences, business, law, health, and medicine.
+ U of I undergraduates were ranked third in the nation as “best able to succeed once hired” by the Wall Street Journal.

Our Students Achieve Graduation

When evaluating the value of your investment, it’s important to consider the amount of time it takes to graduate.

+ The University of Illinois has the highest four-year graduation rate among Big Ten and Midwestern universities with comparable programs.

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We look to ACES because the college produces high quality students with the background and instruction we are looking for in a new hire. We’ve had really good luck with all the ACES students we’ve been able to hire.

~ recruiter from a Fortune 500 company

I believe the University of Illinois sets itself apart by giving students the complete package. It has clubs, internship opportunities, large-scale lecture classes, small-scale discussion classes, and the perks of being one of the best academic institutions out there. The U of I brings it all right to the student, and while challenging, it teaches them the classwork and the intangibles all at the same time.

~ Adam Sommer, Agricultural and Consumer Economics

I came from a huge high school, where I was just one in a thousand. I was nervous in coming to U of I that I would be in the same position, but ACES has proven to be a real community where faculty members want to form relationships with you and help you in any and every way they can.

~ Rachel Lauter, Natural Resources and Environmental Sciences