



Mount Holyoke College: A Leader in Educating Women in Science

Mount Holyoke ranks first among all liberal arts colleges in producing women who went on to receive U.S. doctorates in the life sciences (356) and in the physical sciences (109) from 1966 to 2004. This puts Mount Holyoke in the top 2% of all colleges and universities—even major research universities with at least double the enrollment and faculty.

(Source: National Science Foundation Survey of Earned Doctorates)

Among all colleges and universities, Mount Holyoke ranks eighth (tied with Stanford and Wellesley) in the number of graduates who earned U.S. doctorates in physics from 1966 to 2004; ninth in chemistry; and 16th in biology.

(Source: National Science Foundation Survey of Earned Doctorates)

Mount Holyoke is also a leader in educating international and minority students in the sciences. From 2000 to 2004, Mount Holyoke produced more international (non-U.S. citizen) female graduates who went on to receive U.S. doctorates in the physical and life sciences than any other college or university. Twenty-three MHC alumnae received U.S. doctorates in life or physical sciences, compared with 21 women from the University of California-Berkeley, 19 from Harvard, and 17 from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

(Source: National Science Foundation Survey of Earned Doctorates)

Among elite liberal arts colleges, Mount Holyoke ranks first in graduating minority women who went on to receive U.S. doctorates (22 total) in life and physical sciences from 2000 to 2004.

(Source: National Science Foundation Survey of Earned Doctorates)

Science students at Mount Holyoke work side-by-side with accomplished faculty. Since 2000, Mount Holyoke science faculty have been awarded more NSF grant money--\$8,122,015--than any other leading liberal arts college, which translates into unique research opportunities for students.

(Source: National Science Foundation, <http://nsf.gov/awards/about.jsps>)

Our science faculty mirrors our diverse student population: of our 51 full-time science faculty members, 57% are women, and 22% are individuals of color.

(Source: Mount Holyoke College)

Note: "Elite liberal arts colleges" is defined as the top 30 liberal arts colleges ranked by U.S. News & World Report, 2005