

# UMass Dartmouth gets gold ranking in 2023-2024 Military Friendly® School's list

*"University earns acclaim with Gold Ranking."*

UMass Dartmouth is proud to announce that it has earned the 2023-2024 Military Friendly® School Gold designation! Surpassing more than 1,800 participating schools, the University has earned a gold standard amongst 665 institutions that excel in accommodating our student veterans.

With this distinction, UMassD continues demonstrating a commitment to the success and accommodation of student veteran communities. Military Friendly®'s assessment, which included an analysis of Student Retention, Graduation, Job Placement, Loan Repayment, Persistence (Degree Advancement or Transfer), and Loan default rates, validates the University's gold standard for student veteran support.

"We're excited to be awarded the Military Friendly Gold designation as we have intentionally worked with our veteran and military students and Student Veteran's Association to enhance their overall experience," said Dr. Kimberly Scott, Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs at UMass Dartmouth. "We will open a new veterans resource center in the coming weeks and look forward to celebrating this and other accomplishments of our student veterans."

At UMass Dartmouth, veterans and active military duty students can expect a dedicated staff and resources to aid them in their academic journey. Student veterans are provided with a variety of assistance programs and financial benefits, as well as allocated physical spaces such as the Veteran's Reading Room in the Claire T. Carney Library. Later this spring, the Veterans Resource Center will open, which was created to

support military veterans and their family members. The center will serve as a place for military-affiliated students to meet with fellow veterans and learn about services and programs provided to assist them on their personal, educational, and professional journey.

The Military Friendly® Schools list comprises institutions that “show true commitment in their efforts, going over and above that standard.” The Military Friendly® Schools list is created yearly based on extensive research using public data sources from more than 8,800 schools nationwide, input from student veterans, and responses to the proprietary, data-driven Military Friendly® Schools survey from participating institutions.

The full list of Military Friendly® Schools can be found at [www.militaryfriendly.com](http://www.militaryfriendly.com).

For more information about UMass Dartmouth’s student veteran programs, visit UMass Dartmouth’s website at [www.umassd.edu/veterans](http://www.umassd.edu/veterans).”