

2012 MFA RANKINGS: TWENTY-FIVE HONORABLE MENTIONS

Rank	School	MFA Established	Overall Votes	Poetry Rank	Fiction Rank	Nonfiction Rank	Total-Funding Rank	Selectivity Rank	Fellowship-Placement Rank	Job-Placement Rank	Student-Fac. Ratio Rank	Years	Size	Full Funding	Cost of Living	Teaching Load	CGSR Compliant	GRE Required	Language Required	Cross-genre	Application Fee (\$)
52	George Mason University in Fairfax, Virginia	1980	34	48	★	7	★	—	42	38	—	3	L	Some	Very High	Heavy	Yes	No	No	Yes	70
52	Sarah Lawrence College in Bronxville, New York	1969	34	★	★	17	—	—	33	★	—	2	L	Very Few	Very High	n/a	No	No	No	No	60
54	Columbia College in Chicago	2006	32	46	★	—	—	n.d.	—	—	—	2	L	Very Few	High	n/a	No	No	No	Yes	55
54	Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond	1983	32	36	—	n/a	44	n.d.	—	—	★	3	S	Most	Average	Average	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	50
56	University of Miami in Florida	1991	30	★	★	n/a	26	49	—	—	14	2	XS	All	Low	Light	Yes	Yes	No	No	65
56	University of New Hampshire in Durham	2007	30	★	★	11	—	—	50	—	—	2–3	S	Very Few	High	n/a	Yes	No	No	Yes	65
58	West Virginia University in Morgantown	2001	29	★	★	—	41	★	—	28	★	3	S	Most	Very Low	n.d.	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	60
59	Rutgers University in Newark, New Jersey	2007	28	—	49	—	—	—	★	—	—	2–3	M	Some	Average	n.d.	Yes	Yes***	No	Yes	65
60	University of Kansas in Lawrence	2005	26	★	★	—	42	★	—	—	3	3	XS	Most	Low	Heavy	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	65
60	University of Maryland in College Park	1990	26	50	—	n/a	—	★	16	24	—	2	M	Few	High	n/a	Yes	Yes***	No	No	75
60	University of Memphis in Tennessee	1989	26	—	★	—	★	n.d.	★	—	—	3	M	Most	Very Low	Heavy	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	35
63	Emerson College in Boston	1981	25	★	★	—	—	—	46	★	—	3	XL	Very Few	Very High	n/a	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	60
64	University of Washington in Seattle	1987	24	★	—	n/a	—	46	30	25	19	2	S	Few	Very High	n/a	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	75
65	San Francisco State University in California	1991	23	★	★	n/a	—	—	—	★	—	3	XL	Very Few	Very High	n/a	Yes	No	No	Yes	55
66	Iowa State University in Ames	2006	22	★	★	—	14	n.d.	—	—	43	3	S	All	Very Low	Average	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	40
66	Old Dominion University in Norfolk, Virginia	1994	22	50	—	—	★	n.d.	47	—	43	3	XS	Most	Low	n.d.	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	50
68	Portland State University in Oregon	2009	21	—	★	★	—	—	—	—	—	2	S	Very Few	Very High	n/a	Yes	No	No	Yes	50
69	Florida State University in Tallahassee	2005	20	★	—	—	20	29	★	—	—	3	S	All	Low	Heavy	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	30
69	North Carolina State University in Raleigh	2005	20	—	—	n/a	★	28	—	—	★	2	XS	Most	Average	n.d.	Yes	Yes	No	No	65
71	American University in the District of Columbia	1980	19	★	—	20	—	—	★	39	—	2–3	M	Very Few	Very High	n/a	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	80
71	University of Idaho in Moscow	1996	19	—	★	20	★	★	—	—	★	3	S	Most	Low	Average	Yes	No	No	Yes	85
73	Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo	1981	18	—	—	n/a	★	42	39	—	—	3	XS	Most	Very Low	Light	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	35
74	Georgia College and State University in Milledgeville	2002	17	—	—	★	45	50	28	—	43	3	XS	Most	Very Low	n.d.	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	35
74	Oregon State University in Corvallis	2002	17	★	—	—	40	45	★	—	23	2	S	All	High	n.d.	Yes	No	No	Yes	60
74	San Diego State University in California	1989	17	50	—	n/a	—	n.d.	—	—	—	3	M	Some	Very High	Average	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	55