

A champion of American public higher education, Dr. James C. Schmidt has served as chancellor of the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire since July 2013. During his tenure, UW-Eau Claire has been ranked among the top 10 regional public universities in the Midwest by U.S. News. It was named the top masters-level university for excellence in undergraduate research by the Council for Undergraduate Research in 2016 and is currently the only master's-level university in Wisconsin among the top 20 nationally for student participation in study abroad. UW-Eau Claire has

few programs in the nation for annual evaluation of faculty and staff contributions to equity and diversity. In 2021 UW-Eau Claire was named among only 30 national "Best of the Best" institutions and first in Wisconsin by Campus Pride for its support of LGBTQ students. The University has received a perfect five-star rating for four consecutive years.

In 2020-21 student of color participation in immersion experiences, study abroad and