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📍 La Plata, Argentina

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Citations per Faculty2.9

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University of California, Santa Cruz

📍 Santa Cruz, United States

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Citations per Faculty62.4

Academic Reputation24.7

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Jordan University of Science & Technology

📍 Irbid, Jordan

🌟 5+ QS Stars

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Citations per Faculty12.3

Academic Reputation32

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Novosibirsk State University

📍 Novosibirsk , Russia

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Citations per Faculty13

Academic Reputation28.8

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Royal Holloway, University of London

📍 London, United Kingdom

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Citations per Faculty41

Academic Reputation22.8

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Università Vita-Salute San Raffaele

📍 Milan, Italy

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Citations per Faculty99.5

Academic Reputation4.8

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Anna University

📍 Chennai, India

Research & Discovery

Citations per Faculty99.8

Academic Reputation15



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Concordia University

📍 Montreal, Canada

Research & Discovery

Citations per Faculty32

Academic Reputation21.7

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Shanghai University

📍 Shanghai, China (Mainland)

Research & Discovery

Citations per Faculty48.5

Academic Reputation29.8

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University of Kansas

📍 Lawrence, United States

Research & Discovery

Citations per Faculty13.6

Academic Reputation17.6

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Ben-Gurion University of The Negev

📍 Be'er Sheva, Israel

Research & Discovery

Citations per Faculty58.7

Academic Reputation19.5

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Tashkent Institute of Irrigation and Agricultural Mechanization Engineers (TIAME)-National Research University

📍 Tashkent, Uzbekistan

🌟 4 QS Stars

Research & Discovery

Citations per Faculty4.2

Academic Reputation35.6

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Universidad de Sevilla

📍 Seville, Spain

Research & Discovery

Citations per Faculty15.1

Academic Reputation52.7

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Université Laval

📍 Québec, Canada

Research & Discovery

Citations per Faculty29.8

Academic Reputation25.3



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Jilin University

📍 Changchun, China (Mainland)

Research & Discovery

Citations per Faculty53.9

Academic Reputation16.2

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Johannes Kepler University Linz

📍 Linz, Austria

Research & Discovery

Citations per Faculty25.2

Academic Reputation17.5

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Pusan National University

📍 Busan, South Korea

Research & Discovery

Citations per Faculty36.7

Academic Reputation28.6

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USI - Università della Svizzera italiana

📍 Lugano, Switzerland

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Citations per Faculty43.4

Academic Reputation9.3

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Moscow Institute of Physics and Technology (MIPT / Moscow Phystech)

📍 Dolgoprudny, Russia

Research & Discovery

Citations per Faculty18.1

Academic Reputation20.3

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Universität Potsdam

📍 Potsdam, Germany

Research & Discovery

Citations per Faculty53.7

Academic Reputation22.3

479

Chung-Ang University (CAU)

📍 Seoul, South Korea

Research & Discovery

Citations per Faculty16.7

Academic Reputation24.9

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Hiroshima University

📍 Higashihiroshima City, Japan



Research & Discovery

Citations per Faculty17.2

Academic Reputation34.6

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University of Science and Technology Beijing

Beijing, China (Mainland)

Research & Discovery

Citations per Faculty99.2

Academic Reputation16.4

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Dalian University of Technology

Dalian, China (Mainland)

Research & Discovery

Citations per Faculty95.7

Academic Reputation11.4

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Duy Tan University

Da Nang, Vietnam

Research & Discovery

Citations per Faculty76

Academic Reputation13.7

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Kobe University

Kobe City, Japan

Research & Discovery

Citations per Faculty19.4

Academic Reputation36.9

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Aristotle University of Thessaloniki

Thessaloniki, Greece

Research & Discovery

Citations per Faculty28.4

Academic Reputation38.2

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University of Trento

Trento, Italy

Research & Discovery

Citations per Faculty40

Academic Reputation34.8

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Edith Cowan University

Joondalup, Australia

Research & Discovery

Citations per Faculty60.4

Academic Reputation13.7



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Technische Universität Bergakademie Freiberg

Freiberg, Germany

Research & Discovery

Citations per Faculty90.9

Academic Reputation7.4

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Warsaw University of Technology

Warsaw, Poland

Research & Discovery

Citations per Faculty9.5

Academic Reputation28.4

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Universidad de Santiago de Chile (USACH)

Santiago, Chile

Research & Discovery

Citations per Faculty7.8

Academic Reputation50.4

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Central South University

Changsha,, China (Mainland)

Research & Discovery

Citations per Faculty100

Academic Reputation12.1

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Imam Abdulrahman Bin Faisal University (IAU)

Dammam, Saudi Arabia

Research & Discovery

Citations per Faculty5.6

Academic Reputation16.9

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Universiti Utara Malaysia (UUM)

Sintok, Malaysia

Research & Discovery

Citations per Faculty12.7

Academic Reputation31.2

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University of Bordeaux

Talence, France

Research & Discovery

Citations per Faculty28.1

Academic Reputation43.2

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University of Canberra

Bruce, Australia

Research & Discovery



Citations per Faculty	50.8
Academic Reputation	18.2

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Iran University of Science and Technology

Tehran, Iran

Research & Discovery	
Citations per Faculty	99.9
Academic Reputation	11.8

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Justus-Liebig-University Giessen

Giessen, Germany

Research & Discovery	
Citations per Faculty	85.6
Academic Reputation	15.4

498

University of Jyväskylä

Jyväskylä, Finland

Research & Discovery	
Citations per Faculty	20.8
Academic Reputation	23.4

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Central Queensland University (CQUniversity Australia)

Norman Gardens, Australia

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Citations per Faculty	39.7
Academic Reputation	13.6

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Northwestern Polytechnical University

Xi'an, China (Mainland)

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Citations per Faculty	82.6
Academic Reputation	9.5

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Tomsk State University

Tomsk, Russia

Research & Discovery	
Citations per Faculty	7
Academic Reputation	25.3

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Universidad de Costa Rica

San Jose, Costa Rica

Research & Discovery	
Citations per Faculty	2.5
Academic Reputation	46.4



503

Shoolini University of Biotechnology and Management Sciences

📍 Solan, India

Research & Discovery

Citations per Faculty82.6

Academic Reputation16.2

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China Agricultural University

📍 Beijing, China (Mainland)

Research & Discovery

Citations per Faculty98.7

Academic Reputation12.3

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Chongqing University

📍 Chongqing, China (Mainland)

Research & Discovery

Citations per Faculty93.8

Academic Reputation11.9

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Ewha Womans University

📍 Seoul, South Korea

Research & Discovery

Citations per Faculty13.6

Academic Reputation33.5

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Hunan University

📍 Changsha, China (Mainland)

Research & Discovery

Citations per Faculty94.7

Academic Reputation10.9

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University of Guelph

📍 Guelph, Canada

Research & Discovery

Citations per Faculty55.2

Academic Reputation19.9

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China Medical University

📍 Taichung, Taiwan

Research & Discovery

Citations per Faculty99.9

Academic Reputation8.8

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INTI International University

📍 Nilai, Malaysia

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Research & Discovery

Citations per Faculty

3

Academic Reputation

14.3

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Institut Teknologi Sepuluh Nopember (ITS Surabaya)

📍 Surabaya, Indonesia

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Research & Discovery

Citations per Faculty

2.7

Academic Reputation

27.4

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Ateneo de Manila University

📍 Quezon City, Philippines

Research & Discovery

Citations per Faculty

3

Academic Reputation

32.2

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SOAS University of London

📍 London, United Kingdom

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Research & Discovery

Citations per Faculty

23.7

Academic Reputation

24.7

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Singapore Management University

📍 Singapore, Singapore

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Citations per Faculty

30.9

Academic Reputation

19.4

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University of Bradford

📍 Bradford, United Kingdom

Research & Discovery

Citations per Faculty

40.3

Academic Reputation

14

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Lebanese University

📍 Beirut, Lebanon

Research & Discovery

Citations per Faculty

3.4

Academic Reputation

32.9

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Universitas Padjadjaran (UNPAD)

📍 Bandung, Indonesia



Research & Discovery

Citations per Faculty2.2

Academic Reputation29.9

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Pontificia Universidad Católica Argentina

📍 Buenos Aires, Argentina

Research & Discovery

Citations per Faculty1.2

Academic Reputation30.2

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University of Stirling

📍 Stirling, United Kingdom

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Research & Discovery

Citations per Faculty38.3

Academic Reputation16.8

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Kyungpook National University

📍 Daegu, South Korea

Research & Discovery

Citations per Faculty29.6

Academic Reputation18

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Singapore University of Technology and Design

📍 Singapore, Singapore

Research & Discovery

Citations per Faculty71

Academic Reputation11

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Universidad Austral

📍 Pilar, Argentina

Research & Discovery

Citations per Faculty2.5

Academic Reputation29.8

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University of Electronic Science and Technology of China

📍 Chengdu, China (Mainland)

Research & Discovery

Citations per Faculty99.9

Academic Reputation5.8

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Ural Federal University - UrFU

📍 Ekaterinburg, Russia

Research & Discovery

Citations per Faculty3.5

Academic Reputation25.8



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University of Huddersfield

Huddersfield, United Kingdom

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Citations per Faculty36.3

Academic Reputation17.9

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The University of Georgia

Athens, United States

Research & Discovery

Citations per Faculty33

Academic Reputation27.9

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Boston College

Chestnut Hill, United States

Research & Discovery

Citations per Faculty26.8

Academic Reputation29.9

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Chiang Mai University

Chiang Mai, Thailand

Research & Discovery

Citations per Faculty8.8

Academic Reputation48.8

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University of Hull

Hull, United Kingdom

Research & Discovery

Citations per Faculty36.9

Academic Reputation13.2

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University of Salamanca

Salamanca, Spain

Research & Discovery

Citations per Faculty11.8

Academic Reputation36.9

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The Education University of Hong Kong

Hong Kong, Hong Kong SAR

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Citations per Faculty39.7

Academic Reputation9.4



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University of Genoa

📍 Genoa, Italy

Research & Discovery

Citations per Faculty52.6

Academic Reputation28

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University of Iowa

📍 Iowa City, United States

Research & Discovery

Citations per Faculty27.4

Academic Reputation25.5

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Universität Bremen

📍 Bremen, Germany

Research & Discovery

Citations per Faculty39.5

Academic Reputation25.7

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University of Connecticut

📍 Storrs, United States

Research & Discovery

Citations per Faculty33.5

Academic Reputation20.8

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King Khalid University

📍 Abha, Saudi Arabia

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Citations per Faculty7

Academic Reputation25.8

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Lebanese American University

📍 Byblos, Lebanon

Research & Discovery

Citations per Faculty10.7

Academic Reputation20.2

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Prince Sultan University

📍 Riyadh, Saudi Arabia

Research & Discovery

Citations per Faculty61.9

Academic Reputation10.6

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University of Ljubljana

📍 Ljubljana, Slovenia



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Citations per Faculty	11
Academic Reputation	29.7
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Universität Leipzig	
📍 Leipzig, Germany	
Research & Discovery	
Citations per Faculty	13
Academic Reputation	31.5
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Jinan University (China)	
📍 Guangzhou, China (Mainland)	
Research & Discovery	
Citations per Faculty	75.3
Academic Reputation	8.6
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University of Utah	
📍 Salt Lake City, United States	
Research & Discovery	
Citations per Faculty	38.3
Academic Reputation	21.8
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Ain Shams University in Cairo (ASU, Cairo)	
📍 Cairo, Egypt	
Research & Discovery	
Citations per Faculty	3.5
Academic Reputation	35.6
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Universiti Teknologi MARA - UiTM	
📍 Shah Alam, Malaysia	
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Citations per Faculty	5.6
Academic Reputation	44.5
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University of Milano-Bicocca	
📍 Milan, Italy	
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Citations per Faculty	56
Academic Reputation	28.6
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University of the Punjab	
📍 Lahore, Pakistan	
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Citations per Faculty	24.4



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📍 Tokyo, Japan

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Citations per Faculty4

Academic Reputation19.7

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University of Delaware

📍 Newark, United States

Research & Discovery

Citations per Faculty64.1

Academic Reputation12.5

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Lahore University of Management Sciences (LUMS)

📍 Lahore, Pakistan

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Citations per Faculty16.5

Academic Reputation21.4

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📍 Indore, India

Research & Discovery

Citations per Faculty96.9

Academic Reputation8

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University of Houston

📍 Houston, United States

Research & Discovery

Citations per Faculty30.2

Academic Reputation18.7

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Al Ain University

📍 Al Ain., United Arab Emirates

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Citations per Faculty17

Academic Reputation25.6

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Coventry University

📍 Coventry, United Kingdom

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Citations per Faculty14.8

Academic Reputation16

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Jawaharlal Nehru University

📍 New Delhi, India



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Citations per Faculty37.6

Academic Reputation39.8

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Sogang University

Seoul, South Korea

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Citations per Faculty8.9

Academic Reputation27.3

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University of Kwazulu-Natal

Pinetown, South Africa

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Citations per Faculty44.5

Academic Reputation17.9

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Ajou University

Suwon, South Korea

Research & Discovery

Citations per Faculty34.3

Academic Reputation19.8

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American University of the Middle East

Egaila, Kuwait

5+ QS Stars

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Citations per Faculty8.9

Academic Reputation25.9

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University of Debrecen

Debrecen, Hungary

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Citations per Faculty7.4

Academic Reputation27.3

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Bangor University

Bangor, United Kingdom

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Citations per Faculty44.4

Academic Reputation12.8

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Indian Institute of Technology BHU Varanasi (IIT BHU Varanasi)

Varanasi, India

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Citations per Faculty	98
Academic Reputation	9.3

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Renmin (People's) University of China

Beijing, China (Mainland)

Research & Discovery	
Citations per Faculty	16.6
Academic Reputation	29.7

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Savitribai Phule Pune University

Pune, India

Research & Discovery	
Citations per Faculty	63.8
Academic Reputation	11.1

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University of Minho

Braga, Portugal

Research & Discovery	
Citations per Faculty	38.6
Academic Reputation	22.2

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Colorado School of Mines

Golden, United States

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Citations per Faculty	69.9
Academic Reputation	11.3

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Hacettepe University

Ankara, Türkiye

Research & Discovery	
Citations per Faculty	11.8
Academic Reputation	33

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Isfahan University of Technology

Isfahan, Iran

Research & Discovery	
Citations per Faculty	97.7
Academic Reputation	7.8

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Pontifícia Universidade Católica do Rio de Janeiro

Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

Research & Discovery	
Citations per Faculty	14.6
Academic Reputation	42.5

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Brno University of Technology



📍 Brno, Czechia

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Citations per Faculty13.7

Academic Reputation17.7

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Chandigarh University

📍 Mohali, India

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Citations per Faculty2.8

Academic Reputation22.4

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Universität Jena

📍 Jena, Germany

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Citations per Faculty12.7

Academic Reputation23.4

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Universidad Adolfo Ibáñez

📍 Santiago, Chile

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Citations per Faculty9.1

Academic Reputation28.7

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Universiti Teknologi Brunei

📍 Bandar Seri Begawan, Brunei

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Citations per Faculty22.7

Academic Reputation20.2

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University of Tabriz

📍 Tabriz, Iran

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Citations per Faculty91.7

Academic Reputation9.7

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Comillas Pontifical University

📍 Madrid, Spain

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Citations per Faculty4.1

Academic Reputation12.3

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Florida International University

📍 Miami, United States

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Citations per Faculty	17.5
Academic Reputation	22.7

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University of Iceland

Reykjavík, Iceland

Research & Discovery	
Citations per Faculty	18
Academic Reputation	9.6

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Charles Darwin University

Casuarina, Australia

Research & Discovery	
Citations per Faculty	65.1
Academic Reputation	7.8

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Eötvös Loránd University

Budapest, Hungary

Research & Discovery	
Citations per Faculty	9.3
Academic Reputation	31.6

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University of Dhaka

Dhaka, Bangladesh

Research & Discovery	
Citations per Faculty	6.9
Academic Reputation	30.5

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American University

Washington D.C., United States

Research & Discovery	
Citations per Faculty	7.6
Academic Reputation	19.8

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National Central University

Taoyuan City, Taiwan

Research & Discovery	
Citations per Faculty	25.6
Academic Reputation	28.9

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Université Claude Bernard Lyon 1

Villeurbanne, France

Research & Discovery	
Citations per Faculty	53
Academic Reputation	26.1

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Université Paul Sabatier Toulouse III



Toulouse, France

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Citations per Faculty36.4

Academic Reputation24.6

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Ras Al Khaima, United Arab Emirates

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Citations per Faculty48.6

Academic Reputation8.4

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Bond University

Gold Coast, Australia

5 QS Stars

Research & Discovery

Citations per Faculty53.8

Academic Reputation5.9

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Illinois Institute of Technology

Chicago, United States

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Citations per Faculty47.5

Academic Reputation16.9

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National Research Nuclear University MEPhI (Moscow Engineering Physics Institute)

Moscow, Russia

Research & Discovery

Citations per Faculty11.2

Academic Reputation10.3

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Universidade Federal de Minas Gerais (UFMG)

Belo Horizonte, Brazil

Research & Discovery

Citations per Faculty11.8

Academic Reputation45.4

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Zayed University

Abu Dhabi,, United Arab Emirates

Research & Discovery

Citations per Faculty21.8

Academic Reputation19.8

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Asia Pacific University of Technology and Innovation (APU) Malaysia

Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia



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Research & Discovery

Citations per Faculty2.9

Academic Reputation17.3

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Hasselt University

Diepenbeek, Belgium

Research & Discovery

Citations per Faculty22.8

Academic Reputation8.8

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Management and Science University

Shah Alam, Malaysia

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Academic Reputation25.1

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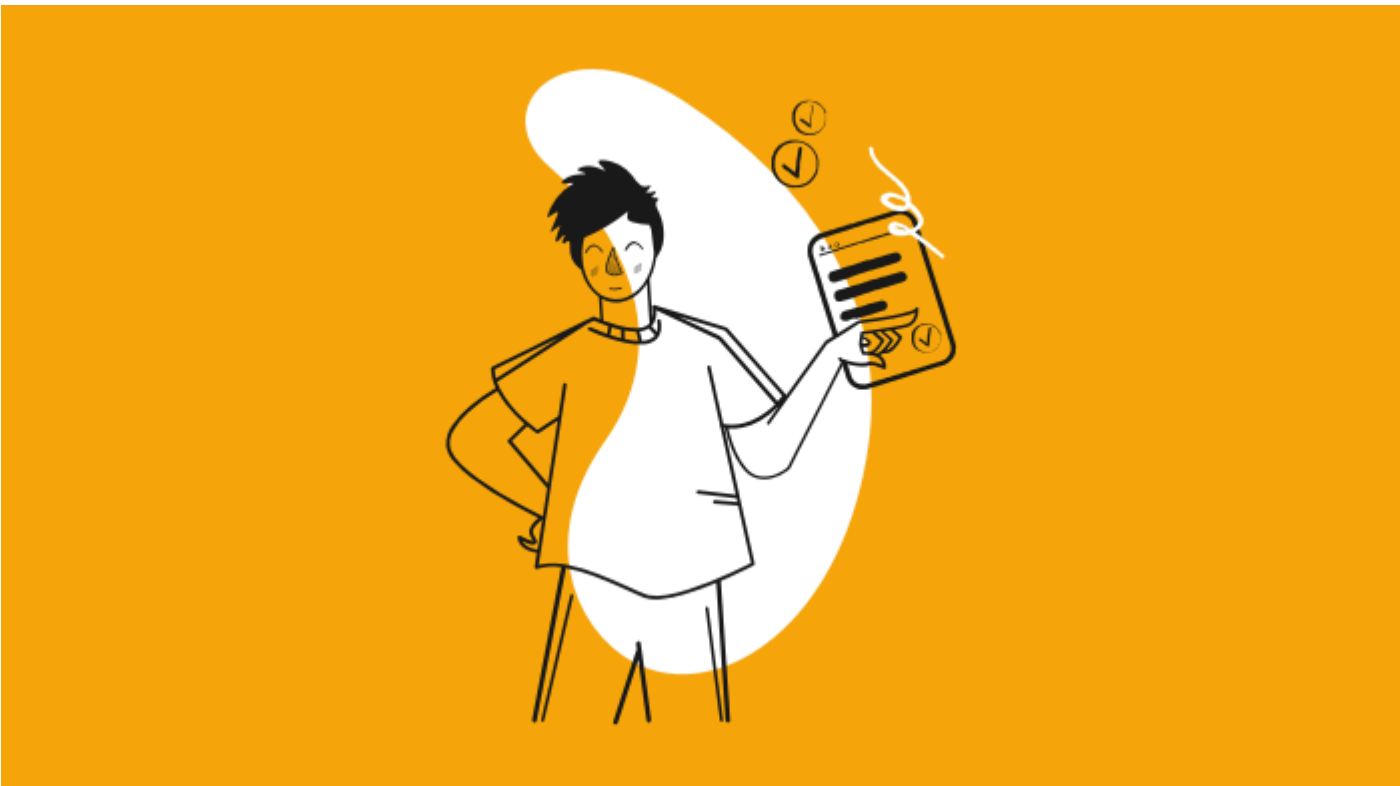
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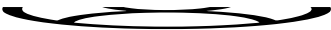
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