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Madrid, Spain

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Citations per Faculty

8.1

Academic Reputation

45.2

302

Stellenbosch University

Stellenbosch, South Africa

Research & Discovery

Citations per Faculty

67.5

Academic Reputation

36.7

=303

Jagiellonian University

Krakow, Poland

Research & Discovery

Citations per Faculty

10.4

Academic Reputation

49.9

=303

University of Southern Denmark (SDU)

Odense, Denmark

Research & Discovery

Citations per Faculty

68.4

Academic Reputation

29.2

305

Xi'an Jiaotong University

Xi'an, China (Mainland)

Research & Discovery

Citations per Faculty

97.8

Academic Reputation

28.5

=306

Aalborg University

Aalborg,, Denmark

5+ QS Stars

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Citations per Faculty

77.2

Academic Reputation

26.4

=306

Indiana University Bloomington

Bloomington, United States

Research & Discovery

Citations per Faculty

31.2

Academic Reputation

44.7

=308

Simon Fraser University

Burnaby, Canada

Research & Discovery

Citations per Faculty

59.6

Academic Reputation

34.9



=308

University of Johannesburg

Johannesburg, South Africa

Research & Discovery

Citations per Faculty45.2

Academic Reputation25.5

=310

City St George’s, University of London

London, United Kingdom

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Citations per Faculty57.8

Academic Reputation26.9

=310

Linköping University

Linköping, Sweden

Research & Discovery

Citations per Faculty55.2

Academic Reputation25.4

=310

Ulsan National Institute of Science and Technology (UNIST)

Ulsan, South Korea

Research & Discovery

Citations per Faculty99.5

Academic Reputation21.8

=310

Universität Stuttgart

Stuttgart, Germany

Research & Discovery

Citations per Faculty64.2

Academic Reputation33.4

=314

University of Miami

Miami, United States

Research & Discovery

Citations per Faculty48.4

Academic Reputation24.5

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University of Tasmania

Hobart, Australia

Research & Discovery

Citations per Faculty72.8

Academic Reputation22.5

316

Goethe–University Frankfurt am Main

Frankfurt am Main, Germany



Research & Discovery

Citations per Faculty31.7

Academic Reputation52.1

=317

L.N. Gumilyov Eurasian National University (ENU)

Astana, Kazakhstan

4 QS Stars

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Research & Discovery

Citations per Faculty2

Academic Reputation40.1

=317

Universidade Federal do Rio de Janeiro

Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

Research & Discovery

Citations per Faculty13.8

Academic Reputation73

319

Huazhong University of Science and Technology

Wuhan, China (Mainland)

Research & Discovery

Citations per Faculty100

Academic Reputation30.9

320

Bauman Moscow State Technical University

Moscow, Russia

Research & Discovery

Citations per Faculty2

Academic Reputation41.1

321

Université Grenoble Alpes

Grenoble, France

Research & Discovery

Citations per Faculty51.8

Academic Reputation55.3

322

University of Tehran

Tehran, Iran

Research & Discovery

Citations per Faculty91.1

Academic Reputation31

323

Koç University

Istanbul, Türkiye

Research & Discovery

Citations per Faculty52.6



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Kyung Hee University

Seoul, South Korea

Research & Discovery

Citations per Faculty25.9

Academic Reputation34.6

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Satbayev University

Almaty, Kazakhstan

4 QS Stars

Research & Discovery

Citations per Faculty1.7

Academic Reputation40.6

333

York University

Toronto, Canada

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Citations per Faculty37.8

Academic Reputation33.4

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Indian Institute of Technology Guwahati (IITG)

Guwahati, India

Research & Discovery

Citations per Faculty96.9

Academic Reputation25.4

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Sultan Qaboos University

Muscat, Oman

Research & Discovery

Citations per Faculty39.5

Academic Reputation28.9

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Tufts University

Medford, United States

Research & Discovery

Citations per Faculty52.5

Academic Reputation23.8

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Universidad Politécnica de Madrid (UPM)

Madrid, Spain

Research & Discovery

Citations per Faculty19.6

Academic Reputation43

=334

University of Illinois Chicago (UIC)



📍 Chicago, United States

Research & Discovery

Citations per Faculty39.2

Academic Reputation48.8

=339

Indian Institute of Technology Roorkee (IITR)

📍 Roorkee, India

Research & Discovery

Citations per Faculty96.6

Academic Reputation26.8

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Shandong University

📍 Jinan, China (Mainland)

Research & Discovery

Citations per Faculty97.1

Academic Reputation22.8

341

Xiamen University

📍 Xiamen, China (Mainland)

Research & Discovery

Citations per Faculty83.9

Academic Reputation34.3

342

University of Oulu

📍 Oulu, Finland

Research & Discovery

Citations per Faculty74.5

Academic Reputation23

=343

Southern University of Science and Technology (SUSTech)

📍 Shenzhen, China (Mainland)

Research & Discovery

Citations per Faculty100

Academic Reputation14.9

=343

University of Pisa

📍 Pisa, Italy

Research & Discovery

Citations per Faculty59.6

Academic Reputation51.6

=345

National Taiwan University of Science and Technology (Taiwan Tech)

📍 Taipei City, Taiwan

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Citations per Faculty	46.8
Academic Reputation	36.7

=345

Pontificia Universidad Catolica del Peru (PUCP)

Lima, Peru

Research & Discovery	
Citations per Faculty	2.3
Academic Reputation	63.1

=347

Cairo University

Giza, Egypt

Research & Discovery	
Citations per Faculty	6
Academic Reputation	60.8

=347

Tilburg University

Tilburg, Netherlands

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Research & Discovery	
Citations per Faculty	67.1
Academic Reputation	20.5

=347

University of Coimbra

Coimbra, Portugal

5 QS Stars

Research & Discovery	
Citations per Faculty	61.4
Academic Reputation	39.2

=350

Technion - Israel Institute of Technology

Haifa, Israel

Research & Discovery	
Citations per Faculty	33.3
Academic Reputation	32.2

=350

University of Tsukuba

Tsukuba City, Japan

Research & Discovery	
Citations per Faculty	30
Academic Reputation	49.9

=350

Universität Innsbruck

Innsbruck, Austria

Research & Discovery	
Citations per Faculty	17.7
Academic Reputation	27.7



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University of Münster

Munster, Germany

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Citations per Faculty15.5

Academic Reputation42.3

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Quaid-i-Azam University

Islamabad, Pakistan

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Citations per Faculty97.5

Academic Reputation24

=355

Nankai University

Tianjin, China (Mainland)

Research & Discovery

Citations per Faculty93.9

Academic Reputation27.1

=355

National Technical University of Athens

Athens, Greece

Research & Discovery

Citations per Faculty80.9

Academic Reputation28.2

=355

University of Rome "Tor Vergata"

Rome, Italy

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Citations per Faculty65.5

Academic Reputation40.7

=358

George Washington University

Washington D.C., United States

Research & Discovery

Citations per Faculty43.4

Academic Reputation31.7

=358

Mahidol University

Nakhon Pathom, Thailand

Research & Discovery

Citations per Faculty9

Academic Reputation59.4

=358

University of Victoria (UVic)

Victoria, Canada

Research & Discovery



Citations per Faculty	78.7
Academic Reputation	25.6

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Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University

Blacksburg, United States

Research & Discovery	
Citations per Faculty	38.7
Academic Reputation	34.5

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University of Chinese Academy of Sciences (UCAS)

Beijing, China (Mainland)

Research & Discovery	
Citations per Faculty	75.1
Academic Reputation	30.9

=362

University of Pretoria

Pretoria, South Africa

Research & Discovery	
Citations per Faculty	31.2
Academic Reputation	32.3

=362

University of Tartu

Tartu, Estonia

Research & Discovery	
Citations per Faculty	19.1
Academic Reputation	28.6

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University of the Philippines

Quezon City, Philippines

Research & Discovery	
Citations per Faculty	3.2
Academic Reputation	50.6

366

University of Turku

Turku, Finland

Research & Discovery	
Citations per Faculty	39.6
Academic Reputation	36.3

=367

RUDN University

Moscow, Russia

Research & Discovery	
Citations per Faculty	3.9
Academic Reputation	28.4

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Sciences Po



Paris, France

Research & Discovery

Citations per Faculty4.7

Academic Reputation24.6

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Universiti Brunei Darussalam (UBD)

Bandar Seri Begawan, Brunei

Research & Discovery

Citations per Faculty22.5

Academic Reputation29.9

370

Daegu Gyeongbuk Institute of Science and Technology (DGIST)

Daegu, South Korea

Research & Discovery

Citations per Faculty100

Academic Reputation17

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Bogaziçi Üniversitesi

Istanbul, Türkiye

Research & Discovery

Citations per Faculty23.7

Academic Reputation36.2

=371

National University of Sciences & Technology (NUST) Islamabad

Islamabad, Pakistan

Research & Discovery

Citations per Faculty32.3

Academic Reputation29.3

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Pontificia Universidad Javeriana

Bogotá, Colombia

Research & Discovery

Citations per Faculty2.7

Academic Reputation60.5

374

Oxford Brookes University

Oxford, United Kingdom

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Research & Discovery

Citations per Faculty12.4

Academic Reputation38.7

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Saint Petersburg State University

Saint Petersburg, Russia

Research & Discovery



Citations per Faculty

7.9

Academic Reputation

42.2

=375

Sharif University of Technology

Tehran, Iran

Research & Discovery

Citations per Faculty

99.2

Academic Reputation

17.8

377

South China University of Technology

Guangzhou, China (Mainland)

Research & Discovery

Citations per Faculty

99.3

Academic Reputation

18.8

378

University of Saskatchewan

Saskatoon, Canada

Research & Discovery

Citations per Faculty

71.9

Academic Reputation

16

=379

University of Naples - Federico II

Naples, Italy

Research & Discovery

Citations per Faculty

59.5

Academic Reputation

47.8

=379

Université de Liège

Liège, Belgium

Research & Discovery

Citations per Faculty

63.2

Academic Reputation

24.4

=381

The American University in Cairo

Cairo, Egypt

Research & Discovery

Citations per Faculty

12.2

Academic Reputation

40.8

=381

University of East Anglia (UEA)

Norwich, United Kingdom

Research & Discovery

Citations per Faculty

55.5

Academic Reputation

24.7

=381

University of Luxembourg



📍 Alzette, Luxembourg

Research & Discovery

Citations per Faculty39.5

Academic Reputation13.2

384

Northeastern University

📍 Boston, United States

Research & Discovery

Citations per Faculty33.7

Academic Reputation28

=385

Brunel University of London

📍 London, United Kingdom

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Research & Discovery

Citations per Faculty51.8

Academic Reputation17.6

=385

Gwangju Institute of Science and Technology (GIST)

📍 Gwangju, South Korea

Research & Discovery

Citations per Faculty99.9

Academic Reputation21.3

387

Flinders University

📍 Adelaide, Australia

Research & Discovery

Citations per Faculty64.3

Academic Reputation19.6

=388

Beihang University (former BUAA)

📍 Beijing, China (Mainland)

Research & Discovery

Citations per Faculty91.6

Academic Reputation18.3

=388

Birkbeck, University of London

📍 London, United Kingdom

Research & Discovery

Citations per Faculty79.6

Academic Reputation15.5

390

National and Kapodistrian University of Athens

📍 Athens, Greece

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Citations per Faculty	45.1
Academic Reputation	34.9

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Abu Dhabi University

Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates

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Citations per Faculty	35.9
Academic Reputation	24.6

=392

Sejong University

Seoul, South Korea

Research & Discovery	
Citations per Faculty	92.2
Academic Reputation	16.3

=392

Southeast University

Nanjing, China (Mainland)

Research & Discovery	
Citations per Faculty	93.6
Academic Reputation	21.1

=392

Universitat Politècnica de Catalunya · BarcelonaTech (UPC)

Barcelona, Spain

Research & Discovery	
Citations per Faculty	27
Academic Reputation	40.8

=395

Aston University

Birmingham, United Kingdom

Research & Discovery	
Citations per Faculty	56.7
Academic Reputation	18.1

=395

Ruhr-Universität Bochum

Bochum, Germany

Research & Discovery	
Citations per Faculty	65.8
Academic Reputation	29.1

=397

Lappeenranta-Lahti University of Technology LUT

Lappeenranta, Finland

Research & Discovery	
Citations per Faculty	95.9
Academic Reputation	8.7



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University of Kent

Canterbury, United Kingdom

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Citations per Faculty58.3

Academic Reputation20.2

399

IPB University (aka Bogor Agricultural University)

Bogor, Indonesia

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Citations per Faculty3

Academic Reputation35.1

400

Western Sydney University

Milperra, Australia

Research & Discovery

Citations per Faculty44.5

Academic Reputation26.3

=401

Umea University

Umeå, Sweden

Research & Discovery

Citations per Faculty25

Academic Reputation27.2

=401

University of Granada

Granada, Spain

Research & Discovery

Citations per Faculty26.3

Academic Reputation59.3

=401

University of Limerick

Limerick, Ireland

Research & Discovery

Citations per Faculty34.5

Academic Reputation27.9

=404

Sabanci University

Istanbul, Türkiye

Research & Discovery

Citations per Faculty39.2

Academic Reputation26.5

=404

University of Florence

Florence, Italy



Research & Discovery

Citations per Faculty49.7

Academic Reputation45.1

406

Institut National des Sciences Appliquées de Lyon (INSA)

📍 Lyon, France

Research & Discovery

Citations per Faculty69

Academic Reputation9.4

407

Lincoln University

📍 Lincoln, New Zealand

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Research & Discovery

Citations per Faculty62.6

Academic Reputation13.3

408

University of Turin

📍 Turin, Italy

Research & Discovery

Citations per Faculty42.5

Academic Reputation48.1

409

Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore

📍 Milan, Italy

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Citations per Faculty40.3

Academic Reputation33.1

=410

Auckland University of Technology (AUT)

📍 Auckland, New Zealand

🌟 5 QS Stars

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Research & Discovery

Citations per Faculty33.2

Academic Reputation29.6

=410

Dublin City University

📍 Dublin, Ireland

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Citations per Faculty22

Academic Reputation29.2

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Sunway University

📍 Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

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Citations per Faculty25.2

Academic Reputation20.9

=410

University at Buffalo SUNY

📍 Buffalo, United States

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Citations per Faculty53

Academic Reputation26.3

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University of Southern Queensland

📍 Toowoomba, Australia

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Citations per Faculty90.1

Academic Reputation11

415

Bilkent University

📍 Ankara, Türkiye

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Citations per Faculty27.7

Academic Reputation33.8

=416

Czech Technical University in Prague

📍 Prague, Czechia

Research & Discovery

Citations per Faculty6.2

Academic Reputation26.8

=416

Julius-Maximilians-Universität Würzburg

📍 Würzburg, Germany

Research & Discovery

Citations per Faculty87

Academic Reputation21.4

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Universität Mannheim

📍 Mannheim, Germany

Research & Discovery

Citations per Faculty42.4

Academic Reputation20.3

419

University of Aveiro

📍 Aveiro, Portugal



Research & Discovery	
Citations per Faculty	94.7
Academic Reputation	18.6

=420

National Taipei University of Technology

Taipei City, Taiwan

Research & Discovery	
Citations per Faculty	58.8
Academic Reputation	18.2

=420

Université de Strasbourg

Strasbourg, France

Research & Discovery	
Citations per Faculty	31.5
Academic Reputation	50.1

422

Universitat Politècnica de Valencia

València, Spain

Research & Discovery	
Citations per Faculty	31.2
Academic Reputation	38

=423

Murdoch University

Murdoch, Australia

Research & Discovery	
Citations per Faculty	73.9
Academic Reputation	13

=423

Tampere University

Tampere, Finland

Research & Discovery	
Citations per Faculty	47.7
Academic Reputation	29.2

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Università degli Studi di Pavia

Pavia, Italy

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Research & Discovery	
Citations per Faculty	72.3
Academic Reputation	29.4

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Washington State University

Pullman, United States

Research & Discovery	
Citations per Faculty	42.7

Academic Reputation		28.7
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427	<div><div>Graz University of Technology</div><div><div></div><div>Graz, Austria</div></div></div>	
Research & Discovery		
Citations per Faculty		18.8
Academic Reputation		21.9
=428	<div><div>Aix-Marseille University</div><div><div></div><div>Marseille, France</div></div></div>	
Research & Discovery		
Citations per Faculty		29.7
Academic Reputation		51
=428	<div><div>University of Dundee</div><div><div></div><div>Dundee, United Kingdom</div></div></div>	
Research & Discovery		
Citations per Faculty		20.6
Academic Reputation		25.5
=430	<div><div>Masaryk University</div><div><div></div><div>Brno, Czechia</div></div></div>	
Research & Discovery		
Citations per Faculty		18.8
Academic Reputation		32.3
=430	<div><div>Universitat de Valencia</div><div><div></div><div>València, Spain</div></div></div>	
Research & Discovery		
Citations per Faculty		31
Academic Reputation		49.7
=430	<div><div>Université de Montpellier</div><div><div></div><div>Montpellier, France</div></div></div>	
Research & Discovery		
Citations per Faculty		72.3
Academic Reputation		26.7
=433	<div><div>East China Normal University</div><div><div></div><div>Shanghai, China (Mainland)</div></div></div>	
Research & Discovery		
Citations per Faculty		82.1
Academic Reputation		19.9
=433	<div><div>Leibniz University Hannover</div><div><div></div><div>Hanover, Germany</div></div></div>	



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Citations per Faculty33.7

Academic Reputation29.6

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National Taiwan Normal University (NTNU)

Taipei City, Taiwan

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Citations per Faculty9.6

Academic Reputation47.8

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Prince Mohammad Bin Fahd university

Al Khobar, Saudi Arabia

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Research & Discovery

Citations per Faculty54.7

Academic Reputation22.5

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Universitat Ramon Llull

Barcelona, Spain

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Citations per Faculty15.5

Academic Reputation17.5

438

IE University

Segovia, Spain

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Research & Discovery

Citations per Faculty3.8

Academic Reputation12.7

439

National Sun Yat-sen University

Kaohsiung City, Taiwan

Research & Discovery

Citations per Faculty38

Academic Reputation36.8

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Ajman University

Ajman, United Arab Emirates

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Research & Discovery

Citations per Faculty10.2

Academic Reputation27.8

=440

HSE University



Moscow, Russia

Research & Discovery

Citations per Faculty2.7

Academic Reputation28.1

=440

James Cook University

Townsville, Australia

5 QS Stars

Research & Discovery

Citations per Faculty60.3

Academic Reputation21

=440

Macau University of Science and Technology

5+ QS Stars

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Citations per Faculty79.5

Academic Reputation7.4

=440

University of California, Riverside

Riverside, United States

Research & Discovery

Citations per Faculty64.2

Academic Reputation21.4

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Universität Konstanz

Konstanz, Germany

Research & Discovery

Citations per Faculty33.4

Academic Reputation25.5

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Vilnius University

Vilnius, Lithuania

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Research & Discovery

Citations per Faculty6.2

Academic Reputation26.9

447

Belarusian State University

Minsk, Belarus

Research & Discovery

Citations per Faculty1.7

Academic Reputation32.5



448

University of Bayreuth

Bayreuth, Germany

Research & Discovery

Citations per Faculty39.2

Academic Reputation14.1

449

Iowa State University

Ames, United States

Research & Discovery

Citations per Faculty61

Academic Reputation26.4

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Kazan (Volga region) Federal University

Kazan, Russia

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Citations per Faculty3.8

Academic Reputation27.2

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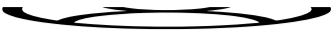
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