

QS World University Rankings 2026: Top global universities

Discover the top universities around the world with the QS World University Rankings 2026.

Over 1,500 of the world's top universities are included in the 2026 edition of the QS World University Rankings, with over 100 locations represented around the world.

For yet another year, [Massachusetts Institute of Technology \(MIT\)](#) has been ranked as the best university in the world, while nearly 500 universities have improved their performance since last year.

Of these, the biggest climber is [Sunway University](#) in Malaysia, which has risen over 120 places.

Learn more about how the ranking is compiled by consulting our [methodology](#).

[Read more](#)

120 places.

Learn more about how the ranking is compiled by consulting our [methodology](#).

[Read more](#)

Over 1,500 of the world's top universities are included in the 2026 edition of the QS World University Rankings, with over 100 locations represented around the world.

For yet another year, [Massachusetts Institute of Technology \(MIT\)](#) has been ranked as the best university in the world, while nearly 500 universities have improved their performance since last year.

Of these, the biggest climber is [Sunway University](#) in Malaysia, which has risen over

Register for free site membership to access direct university comparisons and more

[Register today!](#)

Find your perfect programme!

Answer a few questions and our programme matching tool will do the rest!

Start

1504 Results

Apply Filters 0

Search

Published on: 19 June 2025

Overall Rank

University

[More Indicators](#)

To explore more rankings indicators, click above

1

[Massachusetts Institute of Technology \(MIT\)](#)

Cambridge, United States

Research & Discovery

Citations per Faculty

100



●



9

UCL

📍 London, United Kingdom

[View Programmes](#)

Research & Discovery

Citations per Faculty80.9

Academic Reputation99.9

10

California Institute of Technology (Caltech)

📍 Pasadena, United States

Research & Discovery

Citations per Faculty100

Academic Reputation98.3

11

The University of Hong Kong

📍 Hong Kong, Hong Kong SAR

[View Programmes](#)

Research & Discovery

Citations per Faculty96.6

Academic Reputation99.3

12

Nanyang Technological University, Singapore (NTU Singapore)

📍 Singapore, Singapore

[View Programmes](#)

Research & Discovery

Citations per Faculty94.6

Academic Reputation97.1

13

University of Chicago

📍 Chicago, United States

Research & Discovery

Citations per Faculty78.1

Academic Reputation99.8

14

Peking University

📍 Beijing, China (Mainland)

Research & Discovery

Citations per Faculty99.2

Academic Reputation99.9

15

University of Pennsylvania

📍 Philadelphia, United States

Research & Discovery

Citations per Faculty72

Academic Reputation98.9



16	Cornell University 📍 Ithaca, United States
Research & Discovery	
Citations per Faculty	98
Academic Reputation	99.5
=17	Tsinghua University 📍 Beijing, China (Mainland)
Research & Discovery	
Citations per Faculty	99.6
Academic Reputation	99.9
=17	University of California, Berkeley (UCB) 📍 Berkeley, United States
Research & Discovery	
Citations per Faculty	97.2
Academic Reputation	100
19	The University of Melbourne 📍 Melbourne, Australia
Research & Discovery	
Citations per Faculty	94.8
Academic Reputation	99.7
20	The University of New South Wales (UNSW Sydney) 📍 Sydney, Australia View Programmes
Research & Discovery	
Citations per Faculty	96.9
Academic Reputation	96.3
21	Yale University 📍 New Haven, United States
Research & Discovery	
Citations per Faculty	64.8
Academic Reputation	100
=22	EPFL – École polytechnique fédérale de Lausanne 📍 Lausanne, Switzerland
Research & Discovery	
Citations per Faculty	93.1
Academic Reputation	92.7
=22	Technical University of Munich 📍 Munich, Germany



Research & Discovery

Citations per Faculty92.6

Academic Reputation92

24

Johns Hopkins University

Baltimore, United States

Research & Discovery

Citations per Faculty85.8

Academic Reputation93.2

=25

Princeton University

Princeton, United States

Research & Discovery

Citations per Faculty100

Academic Reputation100

=25

The University of Sydney

Sydney, Australia

View Programmes

Research & Discovery

Citations per Faculty94.3

Academic Reputation98.9

27

McGill University

Montreal, Canada

View Programmes

Research & Discovery

Citations per Faculty72.4

Academic Reputation98.1

28

Université PSL

Paris, France

Research & Discovery

Citations per Faculty85.1

Academic Reputation82.6

29

University of Toronto

Toronto, Canada

Research & Discovery

Citations per Faculty68.8

Academic Reputation100

30

Fudan University

Shanghai, China (Mainland)

Research & Discovery



Citations per Faculty	92.8
Academic Reputation	93.7

31

King's College London

London, United Kingdom

View Programmes

Research & Discovery	
Citations per Faculty	70.2
Academic Reputation	96.2

=32

Australian National University (ANU)

Canberra, Australia

View Programmes

Research & Discovery	
Citations per Faculty	91.7
Academic Reputation	97.9

=32

The Chinese University of Hong Kong (CUHK)

Hong Kong, Hong Kong SAR

View Programmes

Research & Discovery	
Citations per Faculty	95
Academic Reputation	94.2

34

The University of Edinburgh

Edinburgh, United Kingdom

View Programmes

Research & Discovery	
Citations per Faculty	54.3
Academic Reputation	99.6

35

The University of Manchester

Manchester, United Kingdom

View Programmes

Research & Discovery	
Citations per Faculty	56.8
Academic Reputation	98.6

=36

Monash University

Melbourne, Australia

View Programmes

Research & Discovery	
Citations per Faculty	93
Academic Reputation	95.7

=36

The University of Tokyo

Tokyo, Japan

View Programmes



Research & Discovery

Citations per Faculty69.9

Academic Reputation100

=38

Columbia University

New York City, United States

Research & Discovery

Citations per Faculty44.5

Academic Reputation99.9

=38

Seoul National University

Seoul, South Korea

Research & Discovery

Citations per Faculty81.2

Academic Reputation99.7

40

University of British Columbia

Vancouver, Canada

Research & Discovery

Citations per Faculty70.9

Academic Reputation99.6

41

Institut Polytechnique de Paris

Paris, France

View Programmes

Research & Discovery

Citations per Faculty97.3

Academic Reputation58.1

=42

Northwestern University

Evanston, United States

Research & Discovery

Citations per Faculty71.2

Academic Reputation92.2

=42

The University of Queensland

Brisbane City, Australia

View Programmes

Research & Discovery

Citations per Faculty94.2

Academic Reputation94.3

44

The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology

Hong Kong, Hong Kong SAR

Research & Discovery



Citations per Faculty

100

Academic Reputation

89.4

45

University of Michigan–Ann Arbor

Ann Arbor, United States

Research & Discovery

Citations per Faculty

54.5

Academic Reputation

99.3

46

University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA)

Los Angeles, United States

Research & Discovery

Citations per Faculty

84.3

Academic Reputation

100

=47

Delft University of Technology

Delft, Netherlands

View Programmes

Research & Discovery

Citations per Faculty

84.6

Academic Reputation

86.2

=47

Shanghai Jiao Tong University

Shanghai, China (Mainland)

Research & Discovery

Citations per Faculty

100

Academic Reputation

92.7

49

Zhejiang University

Hangzhou, China (Mainland)

Research & Discovery

Citations per Faculty

100

Academic Reputation

87

50

Yonsei University

Seoul, South Korea

Research & Discovery

Citations per Faculty

67.9

Academic Reputation

91.6

51

University of Bristol

Bristol, United Kingdom

5+ QS Stars

View Programmes

Research & Discovery



Citations per Faculty	83.2
Academic Reputation	87.3

52

Carnegie Mellon University

Pittsburgh, United States

Research & Discovery	
Citations per Faculty	98.6
Academic Reputation	80.1

53

University of Amsterdam

Amsterdam, Netherlands

View Programmes

Research & Discovery	
Citations per Faculty	87.2
Academic Reputation	92.5

54

The Hong Kong Polytechnic University

Hong Kong, Hong Kong SAR

View Programmes

Research & Discovery	
Citations per Faculty	98.7
Academic Reputation	81.2

55

New York University (NYU)

New York City, United States

Research & Discovery	
Citations per Faculty	31.7
Academic Reputation	98.6

56

The London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE)

London, United Kingdom

5+

 QS Stars

View Programmes

Research & Discovery	
Citations per Faculty	64
Academic Reputation	80.6

57

Kyoto University

Kyoto, Japan

Research & Discovery	
Citations per Faculty	50.9
Academic Reputation	99.7

=58

Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München

Munich, Germany



Research & Discovery

Citations per Faculty62.3

Academic Reputation97.1

=58

Universiti Malaya (UM)

Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

Research & Discovery

Citations per Faculty47.4

Academic Reputation92.3

60

KU Leuven

Leuven, Belgium

View Programmes

Research & Discovery

Citations per Faculty94.7

Academic Reputation93

61

Korea University

Seoul, South Korea

Research & Discovery

Citations per Faculty68.2

Academic Reputation89.2

62

Duke University

Durham, United States

Research & Discovery

Citations per Faculty47.1

Academic Reputation92.9

=63

City University of Hong Kong (CityUHK)

Kowloon,, Hong Kong SAR

View Programmes

Research & Discovery

Citations per Faculty100

Academic Reputation75.5

=63

National Taiwan University (NTU)

Taipei, Taiwan

View Programmes

Research & Discovery

Citations per Faculty70.9

Academic Reputation97.7

65

The University of Auckland

Auckland, New Zealand

[View Programmes](#)

Research & Discovery

Citations per Faculty79.1

Academic Reputation91.7

66

University of California, San Diego (UCSD)

📍 San Diego, United States

Research & Discovery

Citations per Faculty80.3

Academic Reputation94

67

KFUPM

📍 Dhahran, Saudi Arabia

Research & Discovery

Citations per Faculty93.2

Academic Reputation53.5

68

University of Texas at Austin

📍 Austin, United States

Research & Discovery

Citations per Faculty85.4

Academic Reputation97.6

69

Brown University

📍 Providence, United States

Research & Discovery

Citations per Faculty82.2

Academic Reputation72.4

=70

University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign

📍 Champaign, United States

Research & Discovery

Citations per Faculty81.6

Academic Reputation91.7

=70

Université Paris-Saclay

📍 Paris, France

Research & Discovery

Citations per Faculty42.4

Academic Reputation75.3

=72

Lund University

📍 Lund, Sweden

[View Programmes](#)



Research & Discovery

Citations per Faculty56.6

Academic Reputation80.1

=72

Sorbonne University

Paris, France

Research & Discovery

Citations per Faculty68.8

Academic Reputation93.2

74

The University of Warwick

Coventry, United Kingdom

Research & Discovery

Citations per Faculty43.6

Academic Reputation82.7

75

Trinity College Dublin, The University of Dublin

Dublin, Ireland

View Programmes

Research & Discovery

Citations per Faculty66

Academic Reputation82.5

76

University of Birmingham

Birmingham, United Kingdom

Research & Discovery

Citations per Faculty56.1

Academic Reputation81.1

77

The University of Western Australia

Perth, Australia

View Programmes

Research & Discovery

Citations per Faculty99.2

Academic Reputation69

78

KTH Royal Institute of Technology

Stockholm, Sweden

View Programmes

Research & Discovery

Citations per Faculty88.2

Academic Reputation60.2

79

University of Glasgow

Glasgow, United Kingdom



Research & Discovery

Citations per Faculty44.8

Academic Reputation88.3

80

Universität Heidelberg

Heidelberg, Germany

View Programmes

Research & Discovery

Citations per Faculty41.4

Academic Reputation87.1

81

University of Washington

Seattle, United States

Research & Discovery

Citations per Faculty69.2

Academic Reputation90.1

=82

Adelaide University

Adelaide, Australia

View Programmes

Research & Discovery

Citations per Faculty69.8

Academic Reputation78.3

=82

Pennsylvania State University

University Park, United States

5 QS Stars

Research & Discovery

Citations per Faculty67.2

Academic Reputation86.1

84

Universidad de Buenos Aires (UBA)

Buenos Aires, Argentina

Research & Discovery

Citations per Faculty2.3

Academic Reputation98.1

85

Tokyo Institute of Technology (Tokyo Tech)

Tokyo, Japan

Research & Discovery

Citations per Faculty54.2

Academic Reputation85

86

University of Leeds

Leeds, United Kingdom



Research & Discovery	
Citations per Faculty	48.8
Academic Reputation	81.8

87

University of Southampton

Southampton, United Kingdom

Research & Discovery	
Citations per Faculty	87.8
Academic Reputation	62.6

=88

Boston University

Boston, United States

Research & Discovery	
Citations per Faculty	61.9
Academic Reputation	75.3

=88

Freie Universitaet Berlin

Berlin, Germany

Research & Discovery	
Citations per Faculty	84.3
Academic Reputation	88.3

=88

Purdue University

West Lafayette, United States

Research & Discovery	
Citations per Faculty	62.4
Academic Reputation	74.3

91

Osaka University

Osaka City, Japan

Research & Discovery	
Citations per Faculty	65.8
Academic Reputation	90.5

92

The University of Sheffield

Sheffield,, United Kingdom

Research & Discovery	
Citations per Faculty	68.4
Academic Reputation	73

93

Uppsala University

Uppsala, Sweden

Research & Discovery	
Citations per Faculty	55.9
Academic Reputation	74.7



=94

Durham University

📍 Durham, United Kingdom

Research & Discovery

Citations per Faculty42.9

Academic Reputation74.1

=94

University of Alberta

📍 Edmonton,, Canada

View Programmes

Research & Discovery

Citations per Faculty71.5

Academic Reputation70.9

96

University of Technology Sydney

📍 Sydney, Australia

View Programmes

Research & Discovery

Citations per Faculty99.3

Academic Reputation58.7

97

University of Nottingham

📍 Nottingham, United Kingdom

View Programmes

Research & Discovery

Citations per Faculty48.6

Academic Reputation75.4

=98

KIT, Karlsruhe Institute of Technology

📍 Karlsruhe, Germany

Research & Discovery

Citations per Faculty77.1

Academic Reputation57.1

=98

Politecnico di Milano

📍 Milan,, Italy

View Programmes

Research & Discovery

Citations per Faculty53.9

Academic Reputation83.4

100

University of Zurich

📍 Zürich, Switzerland

Research & Discovery

Citations per Faculty52.3

Academic Reputation

71

QS

topUniversities

QS

topUniversities

101

University of Copenhagen

Copenhagen, Denmark

Research & Discovery

Citations per Faculty

Academic Reputation

36.6

85.5

102

Pohang University of Science And Technology (POSTECH)

Pohang , South Korea

Research & Discovery

Citations per Faculty

Academic Reputation

98.3

61.3

=103

Nanjing University

Nanjing, China (Mainland)

Research & Discovery

Citations per Faculty

Academic Reputation

99

72.1

=103

Utrecht University

Utrecht, Netherlands

Research & Discovery

Citations per Faculty

Academic Reputation

77.9

79.3

=105

Lomonosov Moscow State University

Moscow, Russia

Research & Discovery

Citations per Faculty

Academic Reputation

7.3

83.7

=105

RWTH Aachen University

Aachen, Germany

Research & Discovery

Citations per Faculty

Academic Reputation

79.7

57.7

107

Technical University of Denmark

Kongens Lyngby, Denmark

View Programmes

Research & Discovery

Citations per Faculty

Academic Reputation

90.9

44.8

108

Universidade de São Paulo



📍 São Paulo, Brazil

Research & Discovery	
Citations per Faculty	40.3
Academic Reputation	97.3

109

Tohoku University

📍 Sendai City, Japan

Research & Discovery	
Citations per Faculty	35.5
Academic Reputation	84.5

=110

Queen Mary University of London

📍 London, United Kingdom

Research & Discovery	
Citations per Faculty	83.4
Academic Reputation	63.6

=110

University of Wisconsin-Madison

📍 Madison, United States

Research & Discovery	
Citations per Faculty	28.1
Academic Reputation	85.7

112

Qatar University

📍 Doha, Qatar

Research & Discovery	
Citations per Faculty	73.3
Academic Reputation	43.3

113

University of St Andrews

📍 St. Andrews, United Kingdom

Research & Discovery	
Citations per Faculty	51.3
Academic Reputation	61.5

=114

Aalto University

📍 Espoo, Finland

[View Programmes](#)

Research & Discovery	
Citations per Faculty	79.6
Academic Reputation	57.5

=114

University of California, Davis

📍 Davis, United States

Research & Discovery	
----------------------	--



Citations per Faculty

66.5

Academic Reputation

72.7

=116

Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile (UC)

Santiago, Chile

Research & Discovery	
Citations per Faculty	14.2
Academic Reputation	98

=116

University of Helsinki

Helsinki, Finland

View Programmes

Research & Discovery	
Citations per Faculty	62.7
Academic Reputation	74.5

118

University College Dublin

Dublin, Ireland

View Programmes

Research & Discovery	
Citations per Faculty	62
Academic Reputation	66.5

=119

Leiden University

Leiden, Netherlands

View Programmes

Research & Discovery	
Citations per Faculty	64.9
Academic Reputation	80.4

=119

Rice University

Houston, United States

Research & Discovery	
Citations per Faculty	81.6
Academic Reputation	50.6

=119

University of Oslo

Oslo, Norway

Research & Discovery	
Citations per Faculty	67.7
Academic Reputation	67.8

=119

University of Waterloo

Waterloo, Canada

Research & Discovery	
----------------------	--



Citations per Faculty	88.3
Academic Reputation	53

=123

Georgia Institute of Technology

Atlanta, United States

Research & Discovery	
Citations per Faculty	54.2
Academic Reputation	76

=123

Indian Institute of Technology Delhi (IITD)

New Delhi, India

Research & Discovery	
Citations per Faculty	93.1
Academic Reputation	67.9

125

RMIT University

Melbourne, Australia

Research & Discovery	
Citations per Faculty	91.3
Academic Reputation	55.1

=126

Sungkyunkwan University (SKKU)

Seoul, South Korea

Research & Discovery	
Citations per Faculty	62.3
Academic Reputation	68.4

=126

Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia (UKM)

Bangi, Malaysia

Research & Discovery	
Citations per Faculty	30.1
Academic Reputation	76.2

128

Sapienza University of Rome

Rome, Italy

View Programmes

Research & Discovery	
Citations per Faculty	62.9
Academic Reputation	90.7

129

Indian Institute of Technology Bombay (IITB)

Mumbai, India

Research & Discovery	
Citations per Faculty	82.9
Academic Reputation	73.3



130

Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin

Berlin, Germany

Research & Discovery

Citations per Faculty43.4

Academic Reputation94.3

131

Aarhus University

Aarhus, Denmark

View Programmes

Research & Discovery

Citations per Faculty74.1

Academic Reputation68.3

=132

University of Bath

Bath, United Kingdom

View Programmes

Research & Discovery

Citations per Faculty75.9

Academic Reputation48.9

=132

University of Science and Technology of China

Hefei, China (Mainland)

View Programmes

Research & Discovery

Citations per Faculty99.4

Academic Reputation57.6

=134

Universiti Putra Malaysia (UPM)

Serdang, Malaysia

Research & Discovery

Citations per Faculty38.3

Academic Reputation75.7

=134

Universiti Sains Malaysia (USM)

Gelugor, Malaysia

Research & Discovery

Citations per Faculty38.4

Academic Reputation77.6

136

Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México (UNAM)

Mexico City, Mexico

Research & Discovery

Citations per Faculty4.1

Academic Reputation99.2



137

Newcastle University

Newcastle upon Tyne, United Kingdom

5+ QS Stars

View Programmes

Research & Discovery

Citations per Faculty49.1

Academic Reputation62.9

=138

Alma Mater Studiorum - Università di Bologna

Bologna, Italy

View Programmes

Research & Discovery

Citations per Faculty51.9

Academic Reputation90.6

=138

Macquarie University (Sydney, Australia)

Sydney, Australia

View Programmes

Research & Discovery

Citations per Faculty85.8

Academic Reputation47.7

=140

Eindhoven University of Technology

Eindhoven, Netherlands

View Programmes

Research & Discovery

Citations per Faculty81.9

Academic Reputation40.5

=140

Erasmus University Rotterdam

Rotterdam, Netherlands

Research & Discovery

Citations per Faculty75.7

Academic Reputation49.4

=140

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Chapel Hill, United States

Research & Discovery

Citations per Faculty47.9

Academic Reputation72.2

143

King Saud University

Riyadh, Saudi Arabia

Research & Discovery



Citations per Faculty	65.6
Academic Reputation	54.8

144

Texas A&M University

College Station, United States

Research & Discovery	
Citations per Faculty	75.5
Academic Reputation	72.9

145

Technische Universität Berlin (TU Berlin)

Berlin, Germany

Research & Discovery	
Citations per Faculty	34.3
Academic Reputation	64.6

146

University of Southern California

Los Angeles, United States

Research & Discovery	
Citations per Faculty	66.2
Academic Reputation	61.2

=147

Stockholm University

Stockholm, Sweden

Research & Discovery	
Citations per Faculty	73.6
Academic Reputation	65.1

=147

University of Groningen

Groningen, Netherlands

Research & Discovery	
Citations per Faculty	53
Academic Reputation	67.2

=147

University of Liverpool

Liverpool, United Kingdom

View Programmes

Research & Discovery	
Citations per Faculty	61.7
Academic Reputation	60.7

150

University of Cape Town

Cape Town, South Africa

Research & Discovery	
Citations per Faculty	75.4
Academic Reputation	58.2

† Corrections to university performance may be made after publication. You can [view the release version and a summary of any edits here](#).

Recommended articles

[View All](#)



Meet Spain's new top universities in the QS Wo...

The latest QS World University Rankings include over 30 universities from Spain, and three of these institutions were making their debut in the rankings, thanks to consistent year-on-year growth in reputation and performance.

By Craig OCallaghan
Jan 08, 2026

1.2K



What does it mean if a university is a 'Q...

We've created a new label to recognise universities that actively engage with QS by submitting data for our rankings. Here's what it means to be called a QS Contributor.

By Anna Z
Nov 06, 2025

2.0K 0

[Article Image](#)

Top universities in Hong Kong SAR

Here are the top universities in Hong Kong SAR according to the QS World University Rankings.

By Holly Hemmings
Nov 03, 2025

1.1K

Monthly updates



Get the latest student and graduate news straight to your inbox.

[Sign me up](#)

Course Matching Tool



Use our tool to find your perfect course. Answer a few questions and we will do the rest!

[Start Matching](#)

Admission Support



Our expert teams are here to help start your academic journey by guiding you through the application process.

[Know More](#)





For Students▼

- [Find the right programme for you](#)
- [Use university rankings](#)
- [Connect with universities in person](#)
- [Get free counselling](#)



For Professionals▼

- [Advance your career with the right programme](#)
- [Make informed choices with university rankings](#)
- [Network with university representatives](#)
- [Get professional advice and counselling](#)

For institution▼

- [Download our digital solutions pack](#)
- [Visit our solutions catalogue](#)
- [Exhibit at recruitment events](#)
- [Register to our Summits](#)

Subscribe to our newsletter

Please enter your email



© QS Quacquarelli Symonds Limited 1994 - 2026. All rights reserved.