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152	<div>University of Vienna</div> <div><div></div>Vienna, Austria</div>	
Research & Discovery		
Citations per Faculty		22.2
Academic Reputation		82.3
=153	<div>Universiti Teknologi Malaysia</div> <div><div></div>Skudai, Malaysia</div>	
Research & Discovery		
Citations per Faculty		57.8
Academic Reputation		64
=153	<div>Wageningen University & Research</div> <div><div></div>Wageningen, Netherlands</div>	
Research & Discovery		
Citations per Faculty		54.8
Academic Reputation		55
=155	<div>University of Exeter</div> <div><div></div>Exeter, United Kingdom</div> <div><div>View Programmes</div></div>	
Research & Discovery		
Citations per Faculty		55.8
Academic Reputation		57.9
=155	<div>University of Geneva</div> <div><div></div>Geneva, Switzerland</div>	
Research & Discovery		
Citations per Faculty		70.3
Academic Reputation		55.3
157	<div>Lancaster University</div> <div><div></div>Lancaster,, United Kingdom</div> <div><div><div></div>5 QS Stars</div></div> <div><div>View Programmes</div></div>	
Research & Discovery		
Citations per Faculty		77.5
Academic Reputation		51.2
158	<div>University of Basel</div> <div><div></div>Basel, Switzerland</div>	
Research & Discovery		
Citations per Faculty		94.2

Academic Reputation		34
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159	<div><div>Hanyang University</div><div>Seoul, South Korea</div></div>	
Research & Discovery		
Citations per Faculty		42.9
Academic Reputation		58.2
160	<div><div>Universitat de Barcelona</div><div>Barcelona, Spain</div></div>	
Research & Discovery		
Citations per Faculty		47.8
Academic Reputation		84.9
161	<div><div>Michigan State University</div><div>East Lansing, United States</div></div>	
Research & Discovery		
Citations per Faculty		61.2
Academic Reputation		67.3
162	<div><div>Ghent University</div><div>Ghent, Belgium</div></div>	
Research & Discovery		
Citations per Faculty		32.4
Academic Reputation		68.2
163	<div><div>King Abdulaziz University (KAU)</div><div>Jeddah, Saudi Arabia</div><div>5 QS Stars</div><div>View Programmes</div></div>	
Research & Discovery		
Citations per Faculty		47.8
Academic Reputation		67.5
164	<div><div>Nagoya University</div><div>Nagoya, Japan</div></div>	
Research & Discovery		
Citations per Faculty		38.2
Academic Reputation		74.2
165	<div><div>Chalmers University of Technology</div><div>Gothenburg, Sweden</div><div>View Programmes</div></div>	
Research & Discovery		
Citations per Faculty		80.9

Academic Reputation		34.6
<div><div><div>QS</div><div>topuniversities</div></div><div><div>QS</div><div>topuniversities</div></div></div>		
166	<div><div>Al-Farabi Kazakh National University</div><div><div></div>Almaty, Kazakhstan</div><div><div>★</div>5 QS Stars</div><div>View Programmes</div></div>	
Research & Discovery		
Citations per Faculty		2.1
Academic Reputation		60.7
167	<div><div>Washington University in St. Louis</div><div><div></div>St. Louis, United States</div></div>	
Research & Discovery		
Citations per Faculty		62.6
Academic Reputation		46.5
168	<div><div>Université de Montréal</div><div><div></div>Montreal, Canada</div><div>View Programmes</div></div>	
Research & Discovery		
Citations per Faculty		26.3
Academic Reputation		66.1
169	<div><div>University of York</div><div><div></div>York, United Kingdom</div></div>	
Research & Discovery		
Citations per Faculty		53.8
Academic Reputation		56.8
=170	<div><div>Hokkaido University</div><div><div></div>Sapporo, Japan</div></div>	
Research & Discovery		
Citations per Faculty		42.7
Academic Reputation		71.5
=170	<div><div>Kyushu University</div><div><div></div>Fukuoka City, Japan</div></div>	
Research & Discovery		
Citations per Faculty		34.2
Academic Reputation		71.3
172	<div><div>Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona</div><div><div></div>Barcelona, Spain</div><div>View Programmes</div></div>	
Research & Discovery		



Citations per Faculty	76.2
Academic Reputation	76.4

=173

Arizona State University

Tempe, United States

Research & Discovery	
Citations per Faculty	61.5
Academic Reputation	63.9

=173

McMaster University

Hamilton, Canada

Research & Discovery	
Citations per Faculty	56.6
Academic Reputation	52.5

=173

Universidad de Chile

Santiago, Chile

Research & Discovery	
Citations per Faculty	18.2
Academic Reputation	91.9

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National Tsing Hua University - NTHU

Hsinchu City, Taiwan

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Citations per Faculty	73.5
Academic Reputation	67

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Khalifa University

Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates

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Research & Discovery	
Citations per Faculty	83.9
Academic Reputation	34.3

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Tongji University

Shanghai, China (Mainland)

Research & Discovery	
Citations per Faculty	99.6
Academic Reputation	45.2

179

University of California, Santa Barbara (UCSB)

Santa Barbara, United States

Research & Discovery	
Citations per Faculty	99

Academic Reputation		65.3
<div><div>QS</div><div>TopUniversities</div><div>QS</div><div>TopUniversities</div></div>		
180	<div>Indian Institute of Technology Madras (IITM)</div> <div><div></div>Chennai, India</div>	
Research & Discovery		
Citations per Faculty	90.2	
Academic Reputation	56.8	
181	<div>Cardiff University</div> <div><div></div>Cardiff, United Kingdom</div> <div>View Programmes</div>	
Research & Discovery		
Citations per Faculty	42.2	
Academic Reputation	60.1	
182	<div>Emory University</div> <div><div></div>Atlanta, United States</div>	
Research & Discovery		
Citations per Faculty	85.7	
Academic Reputation	34.5	
183	<div>Curtin University</div> <div><div></div>Perth, Australia</div> <div><div></div>5+ QS Stars</div> <div>View Programmes</div>	
Research & Discovery		
Citations per Faculty	89.6	
Academic Reputation	46.3	
=184	<div>University of Bern</div> <div><div></div>Bern, Switzerland</div>	
Research & Discovery		
Citations per Faculty	99.3	
Academic Reputation	38	
=184	<div>University of Wollongong</div> <div><div></div>Wollongong, Australia</div>	
Research & Discovery		
Citations per Faculty	95.6	
Academic Reputation	41.6	
186	<div>Wuhan University</div> <div><div></div>Wuhan, China (Mainland)</div>	
Research & Discovery		
Citations per Faculty	98	

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Citations per Faculty	12.8
Academic Reputation	78.5

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Citations per Faculty	4.8
Academic Reputation	69.9

190	The Ohio State University 📍 Columbus, United States
Research & Discovery	
Citations per Faculty	33.8
Academic Reputation	71.1

=191		Université catholique de Louvain (UCLouvain) 📍 Louvain-la-Neuve, Belgium
Research & Discovery		
Citations per Faculty		59.5
Academic Reputation		61.7



=194

University of Reading

📍 Reading, United Kingdom

Research & Discovery

Citations per Faculty63

Academic Reputation45.7

=194

Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam

📍 Amsterdam, Netherlands

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Citations per Faculty80.7

Academic Reputation53.3

196

Waseda University

📍 Tokyo, Japan

Research & Discovery

Citations per Faculty7.3

Academic Reputation73.6

=197

Technische Universität Wien

📍 Vienna, Austria

Research & Discovery

Citations per Faculty71.1

Academic Reputation47.6

=197

University of Otago

📍 Dunedin, New Zealand

🌟 5+ QS Stars

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Citations per Faculty63.2

Academic Reputation60

=199

National Yang Ming Chiao Tung University (NYCU Taiwan)

📍 Hsinchu City, Taiwan

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Research & Discovery

Citations per Faculty71.8

Academic Reputation42.1

=199

Queen's University Belfast

📍 Belfast, United Kingdom

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Citations per Faculty	57.5
Academic Reputation	49.6

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Albert-Ludwigs-Universitaet Freiburg

Freiburg im Breisgau, Germany

Research & Discovery	
Citations per Faculty	66.4
Academic Reputation	56.8

202

University of Gothenburg

Gothenburg, Sweden

Research & Discovery	
Citations per Faculty	45.4
Academic Reputation	46.4

=203

National Cheng Kung University (NCKU)

Tainan City, Taiwan

Research & Discovery	
Citations per Faculty	39.8
Academic Reputation	66.4

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University of Twente

Enschede, Netherlands

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Citations per Faculty	77
Academic Reputation	29.3

205

École Normale Supérieure de Lyon

Lyon, France

Research & Discovery	
Citations per Faculty	89.2
Academic Reputation	41.7

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Universidad Autónoma de Madrid

Madrid, Spain

Research & Discovery	
Citations per Faculty	26.5
Academic Reputation	73.1

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Deakin University

Melbourne, Australia

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Citations per Faculty	86.2
Academic Reputation	42.3



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Rheinische Friedrich-Wilhelms-Universität Bonn

Bonn, Germany

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Citations per Faculty24.9

Academic Reputation67.7

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University of Maryland, College Park

College Park, United States

Research & Discovery

Citations per Faculty60.5

Academic Reputation57.2

210

University of Minnesota Twin Cities

Minneapolis, United States

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Citations per Faculty49.2

Academic Reputation68.6

211

University of Calgary

Calgary, Canada

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Citations per Faculty54.6

Academic Reputation47.6

=212

Universidad de los Andes

Bogotá, Colombia

Research & Discovery

Citations per Faculty10.8

Academic Reputation81.5

=212

University of Florida

Gainesville, United States

Research & Discovery

Citations per Faculty34.7

Academic Reputation58.9

=212

University of Lausanne

Lausanne, Switzerland

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Citations per Faculty69

Academic Reputation37

=215

Eberhard Karls Universität Tübingen

Tübingen, Germany



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Citations per Faculty32.2

Academic Reputation61

=215

Indian Institute of Technology Kharagpur (IIT-KGP)

Kharagpur, India

Research & Discovery

Citations per Faculty97

Academic Reputation42.5

=215

Keio University

Tokyo, Japan

Research & Discovery

Citations per Faculty9.4

Academic Reputation65.5

218

Technische Universität Dresden

Dresden, Germany

Research & Discovery

Citations per Faculty58.6

Academic Reputation47.2

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Indian Institute of Science

Bangalore, India

Research & Discovery

Citations per Faculty99.9

Academic Reputation56.6

=219

University of Ottawa

Ottawa, Canada

Research & Discovery

Citations per Faculty84.8

Academic Reputation35.8

221

Chulalongkorn University

Bangkok, Thailand

Research & Discovery

Citations per Faculty12.5

Academic Reputation82

222

Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur (IITK)

Kanpur, India

Research & Discovery

Citations per Faculty84.1

Academic Reputation49.4



223

Tel Aviv University

Tel Aviv, Israel

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Citations per Faculty99.7

Academic Reputation43.6

224

Gadjah Mada University

Yogyakarta, Indonesia

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Citations per Faculty3

Academic Reputation70.2

225

Loughborough University

Loughborough, United Kingdom

5+ QS Stars

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Citations per Faculty50.6

Academic Reputation42.8

226

Queensland University of Technology (QUT)

Brisbane, Australia

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Citations per Faculty70.9

Academic Reputation51.6

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The University of Newcastle, Australia (UON)

Callaghan, Australia

Research & Discovery

Citations per Faculty95.2

Academic Reputation36

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Universite libre de Bruxelles

Brussels, Belgium

Research & Discovery

Citations per Faculty60.3

Academic Reputation43.3

229

United Arab Emirates University

Al Ain, United Arab Emirates

Research & Discovery

Citations per Faculty35.1

Academic Reputation43.3



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Massey University

Palmerston North, New Zealand

5+ QS Stars

Research & Discovery

Citations per Faculty50.5

Academic Reputation42.1

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University of Lisbon

Lisbon, Portugal

Research & Discovery

Citations per Faculty51.4

Academic Reputation57.1

232

Friedrich-Alexander-Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg

Erlangen, Germany

Research & Discovery

Citations per Faculty96.7

Academic Reputation37.9

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La Trobe University

Melbourne, Australia

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Research & Discovery

Citations per Faculty87.8

Academic Reputation33.4

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Universidade Estadual de Campinas (Unicamp)

Campinas, Brazil

Research & Discovery

Citations per Faculty37.2

Academic Reputation81.7

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Università di Padova

Padova, Italy

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Research & Discovery

Citations per Faculty54.4

Academic Reputation73.5

236

University of Rochester

Rochester, United States

Research & Discovery

Citations per Faculty56.6

Academic Reputation27.1



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American University of Beirut (AUB)

Beirut, Lebanon

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Citations per Faculty37.8

Academic Reputation41.5

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University of Porto

Porto, Portugal

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Citations per Faculty73.6

Academic Reputation52.5

239

Maastricht University

Maastricht, Netherlands

Research & Discovery

Citations per Faculty71.7

Academic Reputation32.8

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The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Jerusalem, Israel

Research & Discovery

Citations per Faculty41.9

Academic Reputation42.9

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Victoria University of Wellington

Kelburn, Wellington, New Zealand

5+ QS Stars

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Citations per Faculty44.3

Academic Reputation57.2

242

Politecnico di Torino

Turin, Italy

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Citations per Faculty68.1

Academic Reputation50.3

243

University of Göttingen

Göttingen, Germany

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Citations per Faculty25.8

Academic Reputation57.3



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Hamad bin Khalifa University

Doha, Qatar

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Citations per Faculty100

Academic Reputation14.3

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Hong Kong Baptist University

Hong Kong, Hong Kong SAR

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Citations per Faculty82.3

Academic Reputation28.3

246

University College Cork

Cork, Ireland

Research & Discovery

Citations per Faculty52.7

Academic Reputation43.4

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Beijing Normal University

Beijing, China (Mainland)

Research & Discovery

Citations per Faculty98.6

Academic Reputation47.6

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Dartmouth College

Hanover, United States

Research & Discovery

Citations per Faculty56.9

Academic Reputation30.7

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University of Massachusetts Amherst

Amherst, United States

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Citations per Faculty62.4

Academic Reputation48.1

250

Vanderbilt University

Nashville, United States

Research & Discovery

Citations per Faculty50.6

Academic Reputation32.3

=251

Universiti Teknologi PETRONAS (UTP)

Seri Iskandar, Malaysia



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Citations per Faculty95

Academic Reputation29.7

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University of Strathclyde

Glasgow, United Kingdom

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Citations per Faculty57.2

Academic Reputation37.5

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Taylor's University

Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

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Citations per Faculty21

Academic Reputation40.2

=253

Technical University of Darmstadt

Darmstadt, Germany

Research & Discovery

Citations per Faculty82.2

Academic Reputation28.2

255

Institut Teknologi Bandung (ITB)

Bandung, Indonesia

Research & Discovery

Citations per Faculty5.4

Academic Reputation58.5

256

Harbin Institute of Technology

Harbin, China (Mainland)

Research & Discovery

Citations per Faculty99.8

Academic Reputation33.3

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Tianjin University

Tianjin, China (Mainland)

Research & Discovery

Citations per Faculty99.9

Academic Reputation26.3

=257

Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne

Paris, France

Research & Discovery

Citations per Faculty4.8

Academic Reputation		78
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Research & Discovery		
Citations per Faculty		96.4
Academic Reputation		34.3
<div><div><div>=259</div><div><div>Universidad Nacional de Colombia</div><div><div>📍 Bogotá, Colombia</div></div></div></div></div>		
Research & Discovery		
Citations per Faculty		6.9
Academic Reputation		81.1
<div><div><div>261</div><div><div>University of Canterbury Te Whare Wānanga o Waitaha</div><div><div>📍 Christchurch, New Zealand</div><div><div>🌟 5 QS Stars</div></div></div></div><div>View Programmes</div></div></div>		
Research & Discovery		
Citations per Faculty		48.2
Academic Reputation		48.8
<div><div><div>=262</div><div><div>University of Aberdeen</div><div><div>📍 Aberdeen, United Kingdom</div></div></div></div><div>View Programmes</div></div>		
Research & Discovery		
Citations per Faculty		42.9
Academic Reputation		40.1
<div><div><div>=262</div><div><div>University of Navarra</div><div><div>📍 Pamplona, Spain</div></div></div></div><div>View Programmes</div></div>		
Research & Discovery		
Citations per Faculty		25.3
Academic Reputation		40.8
<div><div><div>=262</div><div><div>University of Surrey</div><div><div>📍 Guildford, United Kingdom</div></div></div></div></div>		
Research & Discovery		
Citations per Faculty		74.4
Academic Reputation		29.7
<div><div><div>=265</div><div><div>Charles University</div><div><div>📍 Prague, Czechia</div></div></div></div></div>		
Research & Discovery		



Citations per Faculty	14.3
Academic Reputation	58.5

=265

Universitat Pompeu Fabra (Barcelona)

Barcelona, Spain

Research & Discovery	
Citations per Faculty	70.6
Academic Reputation	43.7

267

Norwegian University of Science And Technology

Trondheim, Norway

Research & Discovery	
Citations per Faculty	45.1
Academic Reputation	45.9

268

Griffith University

Nathan, Australia

Research & Discovery	
Citations per Faculty	75.1
Academic Reputation	37.7

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Middle East Technical University

Ankara, Türkiye

Research & Discovery	
Citations per Faculty	34.4
Academic Reputation	44.8

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UCSI University

Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

Research & Discovery	
Citations per Faculty	8.6
Academic Reputation	40.7

271

University of Warsaw

Warsaw, Poland

Research & Discovery	
Citations per Faculty	10
Academic Reputation	61

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American University of Sharjah

Sharjah, United Arab Emirates

Research & Discovery	
Citations per Faculty	43.8
Academic Reputation	31.7

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North Carolina State University



 Raleigh, United States


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Citations per Faculty72.9

Academic Reputation36.4

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University of Cologne

 Cologne, Germany

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Citations per Faculty43.8

Academic Reputation45

275

University of Virginia

 Charlottesville, United States


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Citations per Faculty36.5

Academic Reputation46.5

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Sun Yat-sen University

 Guangzhou, China (Mainland)

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Citations per Faculty72.6

Academic Reputation45.4

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University of Milan

 Milan, Italy

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Citations per Faculty56.6

Academic Reputation65.9

278

University of Sussex

 Brighton, United Kingdom

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Citations per Faculty60.7

Academic Reputation33.8

279

Radboud University

 Nijmegen, Netherlands

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Citations per Faculty73.2

Academic Reputation38.6

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University of Antwerp



📍 Antwerp, Belgium

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Citations per Faculty57.7

Academic Reputation35

=281

University of Pittsburgh

📍 Pittsburgh, United States

Research & Discovery

Citations per Faculty41.7

Academic Reputation45.4

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University of Waikato

📍 Hamilton , New Zealand

Research & Discovery

Citations per Faculty82.1

Academic Reputation28.2

283

Dalhousie University

📍 Nova Scotia, Canada

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Research & Discovery

Citations per Faculty76.2

Academic Reputation27.1

284

University of Galway

📍 Galway, Ireland

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Citations per Faculty24

Academic Reputation37.3

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Georgetown University

📍 Washington D.C., United States

Research & Discovery

Citations per Faculty21.7

Academic Reputation38.2

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University of Macau

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Research & Discovery

Citations per Faculty99.9

Academic Reputation18.5

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Universitas Airlangga

📍 Surabaya, Indonesia

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Research & Discovery

Citations per Faculty2.5

Academic Reputation52.2

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Heriot-Watt University

📍 Edinburgh, United Kingdom

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Citations per Faculty61.8

Academic Reputation25.7

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The University of Arizona

📍 Tucson, United States

Research & Discovery

Citations per Faculty47.4

Academic Reputation49.3

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University of Bergen

📍 Bergen, Norway

Research & Discovery

Citations per Faculty42.5

Academic Reputation40.5

291

University of Witwatersrand

📍 Johannesburg, South Africa

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Citations per Faculty40.2

Academic Reputation36.8

292

Swansea University

📍 Swansea, United Kingdom

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Citations per Faculty43

Academic Reputation34.7

293

University of California, Irvine

📍 Irvine, United States

Research & Discovery

Citations per Faculty53.1

Academic Reputation46.6



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Case Western Reserve University

Cleveland, United States

Research & Discovery

Citations per Faculty66.3

Academic Reputation22.4

=294

Swinburne University of Technology

Melbourne, Australia

Research & Discovery

Citations per Faculty95

Academic Reputation18.8

=294

University of Notre Dame

Notre Dame, United States

Research & Discovery

Citations per Faculty36.7

Academic Reputation38

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Vrije Universiteit Brussel (VUB)

Brussels, Belgium

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Citations per Faculty27.7

Academic Reputation33.3

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Istanbul Technical University

Istanbul, Türkiye

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Citations per Faculty35.3

Academic Reputation39.6

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University of Colorado Boulder

Boulder, United States

Research & Discovery

Citations per Faculty36

Academic Reputation49

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Paris, France

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