

## [QS World University Rankings methodology](#)

The QS World University Rankings 2023 feature over 1,400 universities from around the world, our biggest university ranking yet.

Institutions are assessed across six categories (or indicators) to effectively capture university performance – including academic and employer reputation, faculty/student ratio and research citations – to help you make the best decision for your future.

The six indicators that determine the QS World University Ranking 2023 are:

**Academic reputation** – Accounting for 40 per cent of the overall score, academic reputation looks at the teaching and research quality at the world's universities. We collate over 130,000 expert opinions from the higher education space, creating the largest survey of academic opinion in the world.

**Employer reputation** – We know that students want to graduate with the skills and knowledge required for the employment market. We assess how institutions prepare students for successful careers, and which institutions provide the most competent, innovative, and effective graduates.

**Faculty/student ratio** – This indicator recognises that a high number of academics per student reduces the teaching burden and creates a more supportive student experience. We assess how institutions provide students with meaningful access to lecturers and tutors.

**Citations per faculty** – We measure university research quality with a citation per faculty metric, taking the total number of academic citations in papers produced by a university in a five-year period.

**International student ratio & International faculty ratio** – A highly international university creates a number of benefits. It demonstrates the ability to attract quality students and staff from across the world, and it implies a highly global outlook. Strong international institutions provide a multinational environment, building international sympathies and global awareness.

[Find out more information about how each category is assessed.](#)