UNIVERSITY OF SASKATCHEWAN

Summary

Quacquarelli Symonds (QS), a company that specializes in providing study abroad services, released the 2022[1] QS World University Rankings on June 8, 2021. In total, 1,673 institutions were considered globally and 1300 were ranked[2], including 28 Canadian universities and 145 new universities. The University of Saskatchewan (USask) was ranked at 458 in the world, climbing by 7 positions from the prior year (465). Considering there were approximately 26,000 universities globally, USask was positioned amongst the top 1.8% universities in the world.

Domestically, similar to recent years, USask ranked 16 among Canadian universities. The top ranking Canadian universities were University of Toronto (26), McGill University (tied for 27), University of British Columbia (46), Universite de Montreal (111), and University of Alberta (126).

What is the Ranking Based On?

The QS World University Rankings is based on the weighted scores of six indicators listed in the table below:

Indicator	Description	Weight	Source
Academic Reputation	Peer review survey divided into five subject areas including Arts and Humanities, Engineering and IT, Life Sciences and Biomedicine, Natural Sciences, and Social Sciences	40%	QS Global Academic Survey (~130,000 responses)
Employer Reputation	Employers surveyed on the quality of graduates	10%	QS Employer Survey (~75,000 responses)
Citations per Faculty	Research performance factored against the size of the research body (self-citations are excluded and citations are normalized; citations in each of the five subject areas are weighted equally)	20%	Scopus abstract and citation database
Faculty per Student	Student to faculty ratio and intended to evaluate level of teaching quality	20%	Data provided by institutions
International Faculty	Proportion of international faculty members, providing a proxy for how internationally attractive a university is to academic staff	5%	Data provided by institutions
International Students	Proportion of international student members, providing a proxy for how internationally attractive a university is to students	5%	Data provided by institutions

For more information about the QS ranking methodology, please go https://www.topuniversities.com/qs-world-university-rankings/methodology

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[1] The QS rankings are named to reflect the intended readers: students who plan to attend university in the following year.

[2] The top 500 universities were ranked individually from 1st to 500th place. Universities that were ranked between 501st to 600th were placed in groups of ten (e.g. 501-510, 511-520, 521-530, and so on). The remaining universities were ranked into categories: 601-650, 651-700, 701-750, 751-800, 801-1000, 1001-1200, and 1200+.

Rank by Indicator

Globally, USask ranked highest in International Faculty (237) and International Students (278), and lowest in the Faculty per Student measure (558). USask slightly improved in three of the six indicators this year, increasing by 2 positions in the International Students indicator and minor improvements in the two reputational indicators (by score only – only 500 schools ranked). Overall, these small changes resulted in the slight positive change in the overall ranking.

Compared to our U15 peers, USask ranked highest in Faculty per Student (9) and Citations per Faculty (11). We ranked lowest in Academic Reputation (15) and Employer Reputation (15), where we remain significantly below U15 median values.

USask Scores and Ranks

Indicator	Score[1]	World		U15	
		Rank	Change from last year	Rank	Change from last year
Academic Reputation	11.8	501+	0	15	-1
Employer Reputation	12.0	501+	0	15	-1
Citations per Faculty	41.0	340	-3	11	-1
Faculty per Student	26.7	558	-9	9	+1
International Faculty	67.8	237	-4	12	-1
International Students	52.4	278	+2	12	-2
Overall	25.6	458	+7	14	0

[1] The QS rankings uses z-scores to normalize the results. That is, indicator scores are calculated based on the distance between each value from the mean average of the entire dataset. Theoretically, a USask score of 11.8 in Academic Reputation means that 11.8% of the universities who participated in the QS rankings are ranked below the USask; or in other words, 88.2% of the universities scored higher.

USask Scores vs. U15 Medians

	USask	U15 Median
Overall	25.6	47.5
Academic Reputation	11.8	37.0
Employer Reputation	12.0	51.6
Citations per Faculty	41.0	52.7
Faculty per Student	26.7	31.7
International Faculty	67.8	89.1
International Students	52.4	60.4