2023 QS World University Rankings

Summary

Quacquarelli Symonds (QS), a company that specializes in providing study abroad services, released the 2023[1] QS World University Rankings on June 8, 2022. In total, 2,462 institutions were considered globally and 1,422 were ranked[2], including 31 Canadian universities and 124 new universities. The University of Saskatchewan (USask) was ranked in a tie for 473 in the world, a slight drop of 15 positions from the prior year (458)**.** Considering there were approximately 26,000 universities globally, USask remains positioned amongst the top 1.8% universities in the world.

Domestically, USask dropped one positon to being ranked 17 among Canadian universities and placed 14th among the U15, ahead of Manitoba. The top five ranking Canadian universities were McGill University (31), University of Toronto (tied for 34), University of British Columbia (47), University of Alberta (110), and University of Montreal (tied for 116).

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 Reputation Survey (~151,000 responses)
Employer Reputation	Employers surveyed on the quality of graduates	10%	QS Global Employer Reputation Survey (~99,000 responses)
Citations per Faculty	Average number of citations obtained per faculty member (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 Student Ratio	Ratio of academic staff to students and intended to evaluate commitment to learning and teaching	20%	Data provided by institutions
International Faculty Ratio	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 Ratio	Proportion of international students, 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, 1201-1400, and 1401+.

Rank by Indicator

Globally, USask ranked highest in International Faculty Ratio (259) and International Students Ratio (280), and lowest in the Faculty Student Ratio measure (601+). USask moved up in two of the six indicators this year, increasing by 11 positions in the Citations per Faculty indicator and a minor improvement in the Academic Reputation indicator (by score only – only 500 schools ranked). Overall, these small changes resulted in the slight drop in the overall ranking.

Compared to our U15 peers, USask continued to rank highest in Faculty per Student (9) and with a positive movement of the Citations per Faculty measure, also moved up in that indicator to 9th within the U15. We continue to rank lowest in both the Academic Reputation (15) and Employer Reputation (15) indicators, where we place significantly below U15 median scores.

USask Scores and Ranks

Indicator	Score[1]	World		U15	
		Rank	Change from last year	Rank	Change from last year
Academic Reputation	12.0	501+	0	15	0
Employer Reputation	11.7	501+	0	15	0
Citations per Faculty	42.5	329	+11	9	+2
Faculty Student Ratio	21.9	601+	-43	9	0
International Faculty Ratio	69.9	259	-22	13	-1
International Students Ratio	52.3	280	-2	12	0
Overall	25.1	473[2]	-15	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 12.0 in Academic Reputation means that 12.0% of the universities who participated in the QS rankings are ranked below the USask; or in other words, 88.0% of the universities scored higher.

[2]   Tied with another university

USask Scores vs. U15 Medians