

## Summary

Times Higher Education (THE), a weekly British magazine reporting specifically on news and issues related to higher education, released the 2023<sup>1</sup> edition of THE World University Rankings on October 11, 2022. This year, a total of 1,799 institutions were included in the ranking – a further increase of 8% from last year. The University of Saskatchewan (USask) ranking placement remained within the band of 501-600<sup>2</sup>.

Domestically, USask remained in a tie for eighteenth among Canadian universities, and remained fifteenth among the U15. There were 19 universities in the top 600, and 31 in total ranked across the country. University of Toronto was ranked the highest at 18, followed by University of British Columbia (40) and McGill University (46). The only other Canadian school in the top 100 was McMaster University (85). In addition to the U15, other Canadian universities that ranked in the top 600 included Simon Fraser University, University of Victoria, York University, and University of Guelph. University of Regina was ranked 601-800.

## What is the ranking based on?

The THE World University Rankings were based on the weighted scores of thirteen indicators in five categories as indicated below.

Category	Indicator	Weight	Source
Teaching (30%)	Reputational survey – teaching	15%	Reputational survey
	Academic staff / total students	4.5%	University provided data
	Doctorates awarded / undergraduate degrees awarded	2.25%	University provided data
	Doctorates awarded / academic staff	6%	University provided data
	Institutional income / academic staff	2.25%	University provided data
Research (30%)	Reputational survey – research	18%	Reputational survey
	Academic papers / academic & research staff	6%	Scopus database
	Research income / academic staff	6%	University provided data
Citations (30%)	Citation impact (normalized average citations per paper)	30%	Scopus database
Industry Income (2.5%)	Research income from industry and commerce (per academic staff)	2.5%	University provided data
International Outlook (7.5%)	Ratio of international to domestic staff	2.5%	University provided data
	Ratio of international to domestic students	2.5%	University provided data
	Proportion of internationally co-authored research papers	2.5%	Scopus database

The THE Rankings used z-scores to normalize the results for each indicator. That is, scores were calculated based on the distance between each value from the average of the entire dataset. Theoretically, if a university had a score of 40 in Citations, it meant that 40% of the universities who participated in the THE Rankings were ranked below the university. For more information on the THE ranking methodology, please go to: <https://www.timeshighereducation.com/world-university-rankings/world-university-rankings-2023-methodology>.

<sup>1</sup> Prior to 2017, the THE rankings were named based on the year they were published. Starting in 2017, however, the rankings were named to reflect the intended readers: students who plan to attend university in the following year.

<sup>2</sup> The top 200 universities were ranked individually from 1 to 200. Between 201 and 400, universities were ranked into groups of 50. Universities ranked between 401 and 600 were placed into two groups of 100, while those placed between 601 and 1,200 were divided into three groups of 200. The next group was placed into a 1201-1500 tier, and the remaining institutions were listed as 1501+.

## Scores for the University of Saskatchewan

The following table shows the scores for USask for each of the five indicator categories of the THE rankings, as well as the respective ranking placements both globally, as well as within the U15:

Category	USask Score			U15 Rank			Global Rank		
	2021	2022	2023	2021	2022	2023	2021	2022	2023
Teaching	34.7	35.3	<b>36.7</b>	12	12	<b>13</b>	321	323	<b>304</b>
Research	27.4	29.9	<b>30.3</b>	15	14	<b>15</b>	431	384	<b>420</b>
Citations	48.9	45.5	<b>48.6</b>	15	15	<b>15</b>	689	837	<b>879</b>
Industry Income	61.4	75.8	<b>69.7</b>	5	4	<b>6</b>	247	151	<b>195</b>
International Outlook	73.5	73.7	<b>75.0</b>	12	12	<b>12</b>	261	270	<b>269</b>
<b>Overall</b>	40.3	40.6	<b>42.0</b>	15	15	<b>15</b>	401-500	501-600	<b>501-600</b>

Our strongest global indicator category area remained research income from industry and commerce (Industry Income) even though it dropped by just over 40 positions to 195. Within Canada, we slipped by two positions to 6 within the U15 and we were 7 in Canada. Our global position for International Outlook remained strong and was relatively stable at 269, while our score for Teaching improved by about 20 positions to 304. Unfortunately, the global ranking positions in Research and Citations each dropped by about 40 positions – to 420 for Research and 879 for Citations. We continue to be last in this Citations indicator within the U15 and positioned 23 in Canada.

Based on internal calculations using the THE weightings, our overall USask score did jump up by almost a point and half to 42.0 from 40.6. This would suggest that we placed ~504 overall and are at the very top of the 501-600 band, very close to returning to the higher tier where we were two years ago.

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