

Summary

The ShanghaiRanking Consultancy released its 2025 Academic Ranking of World Universities (ARWU), also known as the Shanghai Ranking, on August 15, 2025. In total, over 2,500 universities were ranked and the top 1,000 were published. The University of Saskatchewan (USask) placed in the 401-500 category¹, staying in the same tier as last year.

There were 17 Canadian universities placed in the top 500, dropping one university compared to the prior year. The University of Toronto moved up to rank the highest at 25th, followed by the University of British Columbia (53rd), and McGill University (76th). McMaster University and University of Alberta both placed in the tier 101-150, while University of Montreal, University of Waterloo, and University of Calgary were all ranked 151-200. Following below, Queen's University, and University of Ottawa placed in the 201-300 tier, with University of Manitoba, Western University, Dalhousie University, University of Victoria, and Laval University all ranked in the 301-400 tier. Simon Fraser University, and USask placed in the 401-500 tier, rounding out the Top 500.

What is the ranking based on?

The ARWU ranking is based on the weighted scores of six indicators (see below) collected from third party data with 40% of the weighting based on quality of faculty, 40% on research output, and 20% on quality of education and per capita performance combined.

Area	Indicator	Weight	Source
Quality of Education	Number of alumni winning Nobel Prizes in the sciences or Fields Medals in Mathematics (Alumni)	10%	Official Nobel Prize site and International Mathematical Union for Fields Medals
Quality of Faculty	Number of staff winning Nobel Prizes in the sciences or Fields Medals in Mathematics (Award)	20%	
	Number of Highly Cited Researchers according to Clarivate 2024 list of Highly Cited Researchers as of November 2024 (HiCi)	20%	Clarivate Databases
Research Output	Number of papers published in Nature and Science over the last five years – 2020 through 2024 (N&S)	20%	
	Number of papers indexed in Science Citation Index-Expanded and Social Sciences Citation Index in previous year - 2024 (PUB)	20%	
Per Capita Performance	The weighted scores of the above five indicators divided by the number of full-time equivalent academic staff (PCP)	10%	ARWU indicators/ university data from national agencies

For more information about ARWU's ranking methodology, please go to:

<https://www.shanghairanking.com/methodology/arwu/2025>

¹ The top 100 universities are ranked individually from 1st to 100th place. The remaining universities are ranked into the following tiers: 101-150, 151-200, 201-300, 301-400, 401-500, 501-600, 601-700, 701-800, 801-900 and 901-1000.

Scores for the University of Saskatchewan

The following table illustrates the scores for the USask on each of the six indicators that contribute to the ARWU ranking.

	Alumni	Award	HiCi	N&S	PUB	PCP	OVERALL
USask score ¹	7.2	0	6.6	7.9	29.7	16.9	11.6²
Median score for U15 ³	10.2	0	20.8	11.7	43.9	21.8	19.87
USask rank among U15	10 th	7 th ⁴	15 th	13 th	15 th	15 th	15th

¹ Indicator scores are calculated by dividing the actual indicator value by the top university value for that indicator and multiplying by 100. The USask score of 29.7 on PUB does not mean that faculty at the university had 29.7 publications indexed, rather it means the success of our university on PUB is 29.7% of the top university for this indicator.

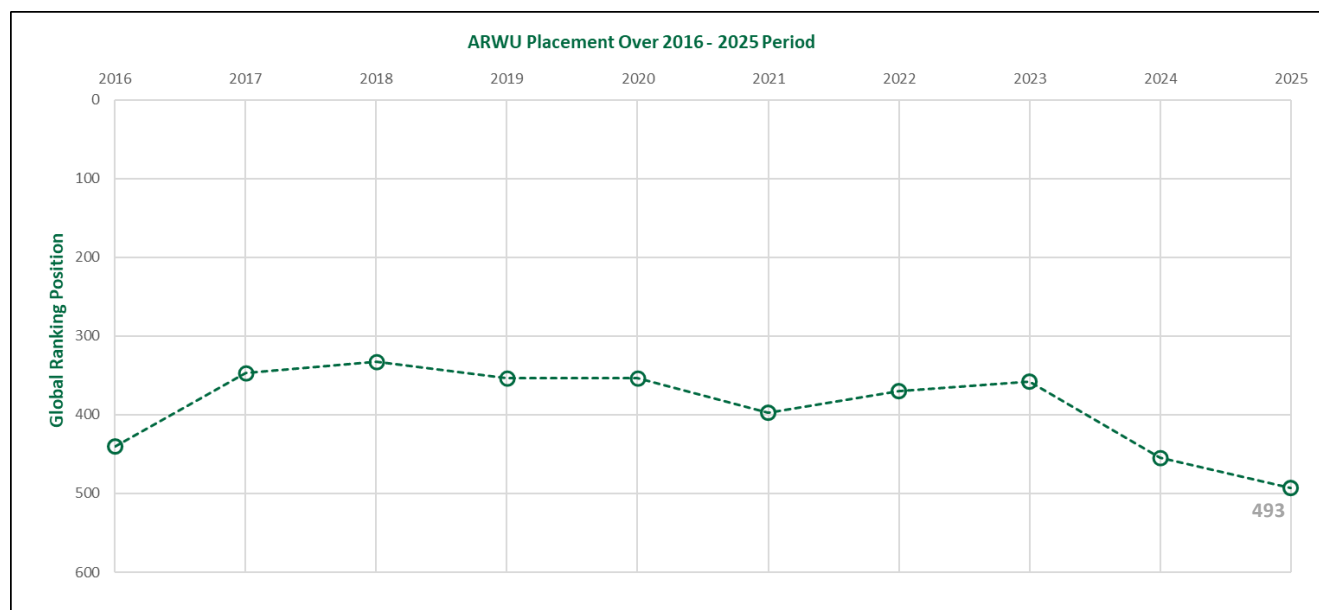
² ARWU does not publish scores for institutions that are ranked lower than the top 100. ***This score was determined based on a calculation using the scores and weights for the six individual indicators.***

³ The U15 Group of Canadian Research Universities include University of Alberta, University of British Columbia, University of Calgary, Dalhousie University, Laval University, University of Manitoba, McGill University, McMaster University, University of Montreal, University of Ottawa, Queen's University, University of Saskatchewan, University of Toronto, University of Waterloo and Western University.

⁴ USask tied with eight other institutions at 0. Only six universities scored higher than 0 in this category.

Historic Performance of the University of Saskatchewan from 2016 to 2025

Back in the 2017 release, USask's overall rank improved one tier from 401-500 to 301-400. Since that time, the university has held its 301-400 placement until last year's 2024 release, when it dropped back into the 401-500 tier. That more recent drop was largely due to a reduction in the HiCi score. As all the indicator scores in the 2025 release were fairly stable compared to prior year, the overall ranking remained in the 401-500 tier.



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