

Summary

Quacquarelli Symonds (QS), a company that specializes in providing study abroad services, released the 2025¹ QS World University Rankings on June 4, 2024. In total, about 5,663 institutions were evaluated globally and 1,503 were ranked², including 30 Canadian universities and 21 new universities. **The University of Saskatchewan (USask) was ranked in a tie for 340 in the world, a slight increase of 5 positions from the prior year (tie for 345), and its highest ranking ever attained in this global ranking.** Considering there are approximately 30,000 universities globally, USask is positioned amongst the top 1.13% universities in the world.

Domestically, USask moved up one position to being ranked 14th among Canadian universities and remained 13th among the U15, staying ahead of Laval and Manitoba. The top five ranking Canadian universities were University of Toronto (25), McGill University (29), University of British Columbia (38), University of Alberta (96), and University of Waterloo (115).

What is the Ranking Based On?

The QS World University Rankings is based upon a methodology that significantly changed in the previous edition of this ranking. It is currently based on the weighted scores of nine indicators listed in the table below:

Indicator	Description	Weight	Source
Academic Reputation	Peer review survey designed to evaluate the perceptions of global academics on which institutions are demonstrating academic excellence	30%	QS Academic Reputation Survey
Citations per Faculty	Average number of citations obtained per faculty member (self-citations excluded and citations are normalized; citations in 5 subject areas weighted equally)	20%	Scopus abstract and citation database
Employer Reputation	Employer survey with design focused to evaluate the perceptions of global employers on which institutions are providing the most job-ready graduates	15%	QS Employer Reputation Survey
Employment Outcomes	An indicator of the ability of institutions to ensure a high level of employability for graduates, while also nurturing future leaders who go on to make an impact in their respective fields	5%	Two metrics from QS Graduate Employability Rankings
Faculty Student Ratio	Ratio of academic staff to students and intended to evaluate commitment to learning and teaching	10%	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 Research Network	This indicator assesses the richness and diversity of an institution's international research partnerships	5%	QS calculation - adaptation of Margalef Index
International Students Ratio	Proportion of international students, providing a proxy for how internationally attractive a university is to students	5%	Data provided by institutions
Sustainability	Evaluation of the social and environmental impact of universities as centres of education and research	5%	Extraction from analysis of QS Sustainability Ranking

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

- ¹ The QS rankings are named to reflect the intended readers: students who plan to attend university in the following year.
- ² The top 600 universities were ranked individually from 1st to 600th place. Universities that were ranked between 601st to 800th were placed in groups of ten (601-610, 611-620, 621-630, and so on). Universities ranked between 801st and 1000th were placed into tiers of fifty (801-850, 851-900, 901-950, and 951-1000). Remaining universities were ranked 1001-1200, 1201-1400, and 1401+.

Rank by Indicator

Globally, USask’s best individual indicator performance was again within Sustainability, placing in a tie for 89. The second highest position continued to be Citations per Faculty, where USask moved up 18 positions over prior year, placing 219. The university continued to do well in each of International Faculty Ratio (251), moving up 28 positions, and International Research Network (287), moving up 44 positions. USask dropped 18 positions in the International Students Ratio indicator (298), but moved up a couple of spots in the Employer Outcomes indicator (394). USask continued to not receive a specific ranking placement in the three remaining indicators: Academic Reputation (601+), Employer Reputation (601+), and Faculty Student Ratio (701+). Overall compared to prior year, USask moved up in a four indicators, was unchanged in three, and dropped in the other two. The overall result was a slight increase of five positions, moving into a tie for 340.

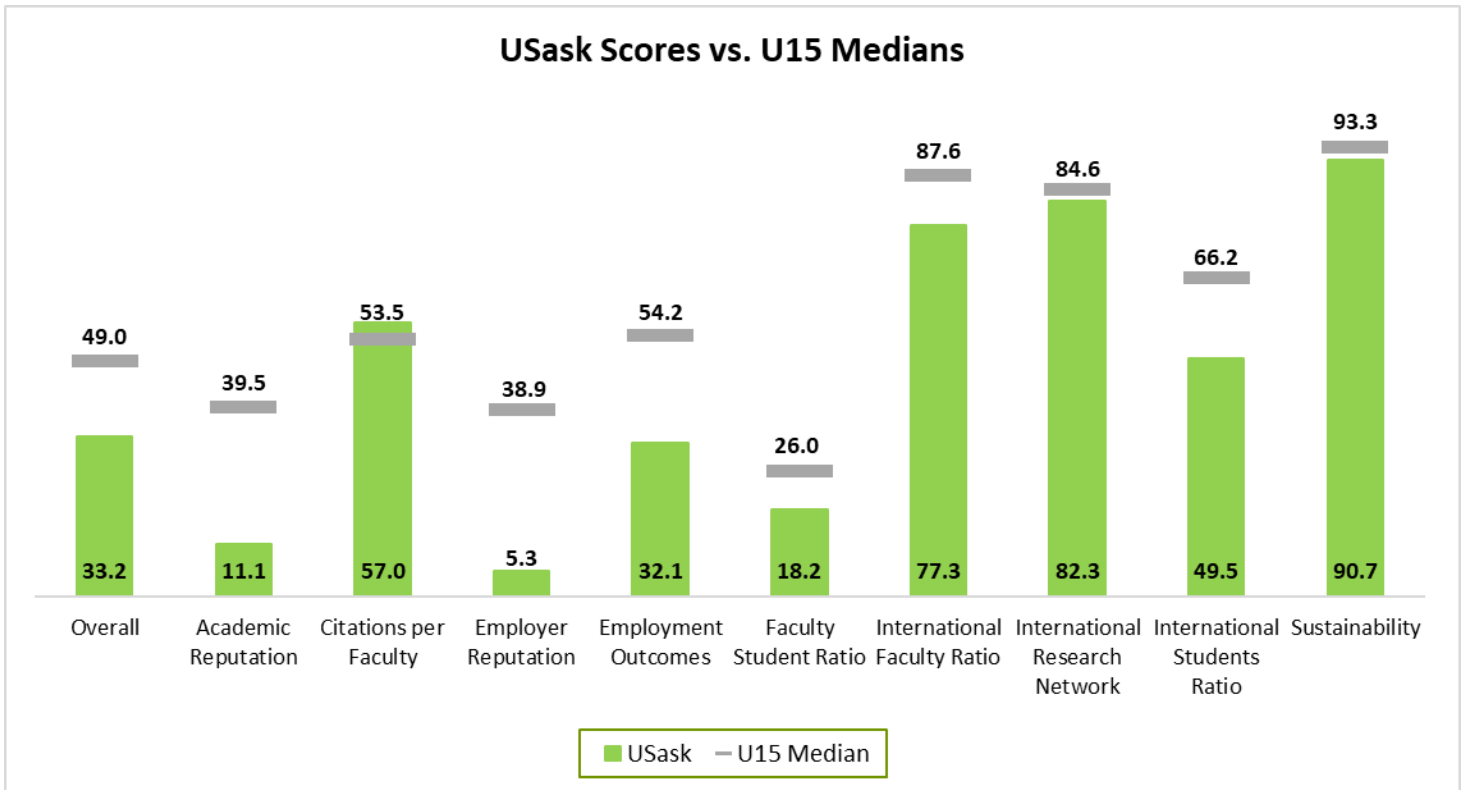
Compared to our U15 peers, USask performed the best in Citations per Faculty (7th within U15), an improvement of one position over prior year. There were other positive movements of one position within the U15 in Employment Outcomes (14), Faculty Student Ratio (9), International Research Network (10), and International Students Ratio (tie for 11). The greatest positive movement in U15 rank was 2 positions in International Faculty Ratio (11). The only indicator where USask dropped in U15 rank was Sustainability, where the drop was 6 spots to a rank of 12. As per the past, the weakest rankings within the U15 were the reputational indicators (Academic Reputation, Employer Reputation), where we remain ranked last in the U15.

USask Scores and Ranks

Indicator	Score ¹	World		U15	
		Rank	Change from last year	Rank	Change from last year
Academic Reputation	11.1	601+	-	15	0
Citations per Faculty	57.0	219	+18	7	+1
Employer Reputation	5.3	601+	-	15	0
Employment Outcomes	32.1	394	+2	14	+1
Faculty Student Ratio	18.2	701+	-	9	+1
International Faculty Ratio	77.3	251	+28	11	+2
International Research Network	82.3	287	+44	10	+1
International Students Ratio	49.5	298	-18	11 ²	+1
Sustainability	90.7	89 ²	-33	12	-6
Overall	33.2	340²	+5	13	0

¹ The QS rankings use 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 11.1 in Academic Reputation means that 11.1% of the universities who participated in the QS rankings are ranked below the USask; or in other words, 88.9% of the universities scored higher.

² Tied with another university



Further Information

For more information about this ranking or other university rankings, please contact [Assessment and Analytics](#) in the Office of the Provost and VP Academic.