

Summary

The Shanghai Ranking Consultancy released its 2026 Academic Ranking of World Universities (ARWU), also known as the Shanghai Ranking, on August 15, 2026. In total, more than 2,500 universities were ranked, with the top 1,000 published. The University of Saskatchewan (USask) placed in the 401–500 tier¹, remaining in the same tier as the previous year.

Sixteen Canadian universities placed in the top 500, one fewer than in the previous year. The University of Toronto was the highest-ranked Canadian institution at 24th, followed by the University of British Columbia (54th) and McGill University (73rd). McMaster University and the University of Alberta both placed in the 101–150 tier, while the University of Montreal and the University of Waterloo ranked in the 151–200 tier. The University of Calgary, Queen’s University, Western University, and the University of Ottawa placed in the 201–300 tier, followed by Dalhousie University and the University of Victoria in the 301–400 tier. Simon Fraser University, the University of Manitoba, and USask placed in the 401–500 tier, rounding out the Canadian universities in 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 2025 list of Highly Cited Researchers as of November 2025 (HiCi)	20%	Clarivate Databases
Research Output	Number of papers published in Nature and Science over the last five years – 2021 through 2025 (N&S)	20%	
	Number of papers indexed in Science Citation Index-Expanded and Social Sciences Citation Index in previous year - 2025 (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/2026>

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	7.1	0	10.4	7.4	28.9	16.7	12.2²
Median score for U15 ³	10.1	0	24.4	13.4	41.2	21.9	20.0
USask rank among U15	11th	7th ⁴	13th	14th	15th	13th	14th

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 28.9 on PUB does not mean that faculty at the university had 28.9 publications indexed, rather it means the success of our university on PUB is 28.9% of the top university for this indicator.

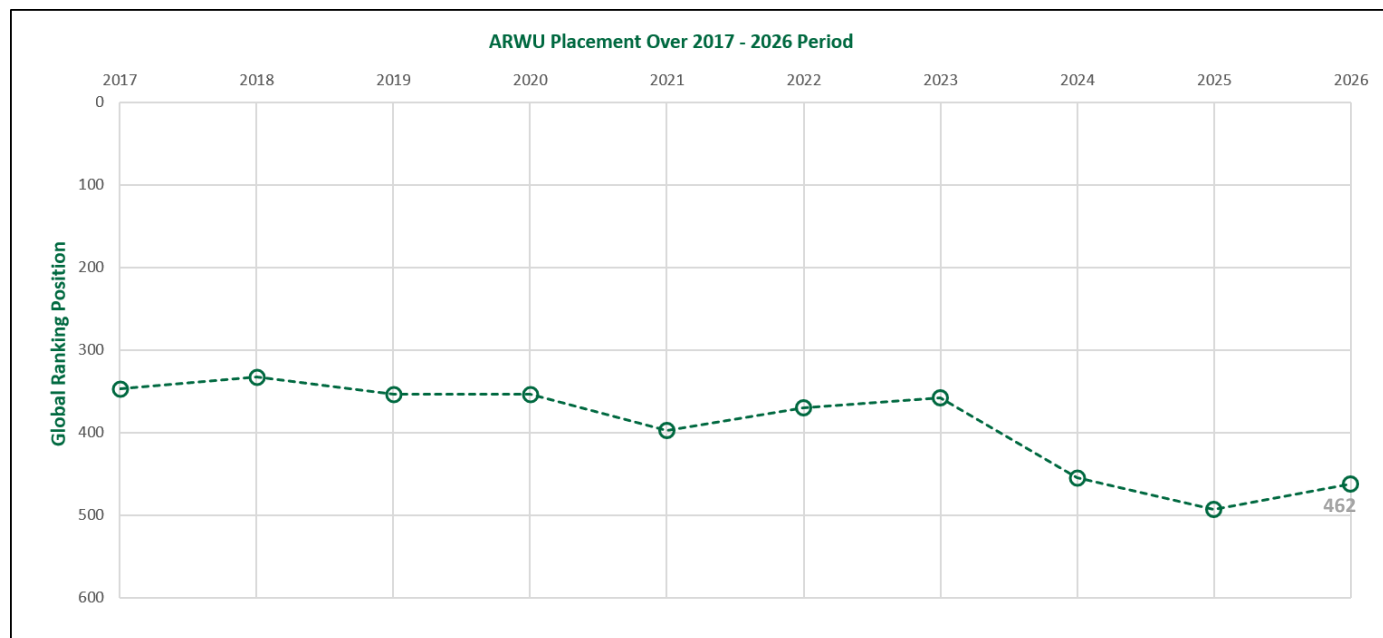
² ARWU does not publish scores for institutions that are ranked lower than the top 100. ***This score was determined based on a calculation using the scores and weights for the six individual indicators.***

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 2017 to 2026

Since the 2017 release, the University maintained its position within the 301–400 tier through 2023. In the 2024 release, however, it dropped to the 401–500 tier, where it has remained. In the 2026 release, an improvement in the HiCi score contributed to a 31-position improvement in USask's estimated overall ranking, from 493 to 462, although the University remained in the 401–500 tier.



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