

2026 Shanghai Ranking's Global Ranking of Academic Subjects

Summary

On September 15, 2026, Shanghai Ranking Consultancy, the company that publishes the Academic Ranking of World Universities (ARWU), released the 2026 Global Ranking of Academic Subjects (GRAS). Approximately 2000 universities from 100 countries were published in this release across 57 subjects in five broad discipline areas. ***The University of Saskatchewan (USask) was ranked in 23 of these subject areas, including two placements within the Top 100: 9 in Water Resources and 76-100 in Earth Sciences.*** Other Top 200 placements included 101-150 in Agricultural Science, Dentistry & Oral Sciences, Medical Technology, Veterinary Sciences, and Environmental Science & Engineering, as well as 151-200 in each of Chemistry and Atmospheric Science.

Ranking Methodology

These subject rankings have not changed any indicators since last year. The rankings are produced based on nine weighted indicators: four sit within World-Class Faculty (Laureate, HCR, Editor, and Leadership), two within World-Class Output (TJ and Award), High-Quality Research (Q1), Research Impact (CNCI), and International Collaboration (IC). Different weights continue to be allocated to the indicators for different subjects. For example, Q1 accounted for 17.9 percent in Chemistry and 18.9 percent in Clinical Medicine, but 30.3 percent in each of Civil Engineering and Veterinary Sciences.

For an institution to be included in any subject ranking, it needed to meet a threshold in terms of research publications during the period 2021-2025. Note that the threshold may be different for different subject areas. Depending on the subject area, between 50 and 500 universities were ranked.

Area	Indicator	Weight ¹	Source
World-Class Faculty (Laureate, HCR, Editor, Leadership)	Laureate - number of full-time faculty members employed by an institution as of July 2026 who have received significant international academic awards within an Academic Subject.	0% - 14.0%	The awards were identified through Shanghai Ranking's Academic Excellence Survey ²
	HCR - Highly Cited Researchers (HCR) are faculty members at an institution who have demonstrated significant influence in their Academic Subjects, as selected by Clarivate.	0% - 15.4%	Clarivate's HCR List as issued in December 2025.
	Editor - number of faculty members employed by an institution who currently serve as chief editors of international journals indexed by SCIE, SSCI and AHCI.	4.7% - 19.4%	2024 Journal Citation Report (JCR) by Clarivate as of June 2025.
	Leadership - number of faculty members employed by an institution who currently hold leadership and senior executive positions in key international academic organizations as of April 2026.	0% - 5.1%	The key international academic organizations were identified through Shanghai Ranking's Academic Excellence Survey ²
World-Class Output (TJ and Award)	TJ - Top Journal Papers (TJ) is the number of papers published in Top Journals or Top Conferences within an Academic Subject by an institution during the period 2021-25.	10.0% - 34.5%	InCites - note that the journals and conferences were identified through Shanghai Ranking's Academic Excellence Survey ²
	Award - International Academic Awards (Award) refers to the total number of the staff of an institution winning a significant award in an Academic Subject during the period of 1901-2025.	0% - 21.7%	The awards were identified through Shanghai Ranking's Academic Excellence Survey ²
High Quality Research (Q1)	Q1 - The number of papers published by an institution in an Academic Subject within journals ranked in Q1 based on the Journal Impact Factor Quartile during 2021-25.	17.5% - 43.5%	InCites database
Research Impact (CNCI)	CNCI - Category Normalized Citation Impact (CNCI) is the ratio of citations of papers published by an institution in an Academic Subject relative to the average number of citations of papers in the same category, year, and type, during 2021-25.	4.3% - 20.0%	InCites database
International Collaboration (IC)	IC - The percentage of papers with international collaboration (IC) authored by an institution in an Academic Subject during the period 2021-25.	2.1% - 8.0%	InCites database

Notes:

1. Different weights were allocated to the indicators for different subjects.
2. The Academic Excellence Survey is a survey of deans, chairs, and department heads of the Top 100 universities. The survey asks respondents to identify top journals, international awards, as well as key international organizations, each within their respective subject areas.

For more information about GRAS methodology, please go to:

<https://www.shanghairanking.com/methodology/gras/2026>

Rankings of the University of Saskatchewan

USask was ranked in 23 of the 57 subject areas, compared with 24 in the previous year. The university was newly ranked in one subject this year but was no longer ranked in two subjects.

USask continued to demonstrate strong global performance, with two subjects placing among the world's Top 100. Most notably, **Water Resources ranked 9th globally and 1st in both Canada and the U15**. Earth Sciences also achieved a Top 100 placement, ranking 76–100 globally and 3rd in both Canada and the U15.

Seven additional subjects ranked among the world's Top 200. Five subjects placed in the 101–150 range: Agricultural Sciences (4th in Canada and 3rd in the U15), Dentistry & Oral Sciences (tied for 4th in Canada/U15), Environmental Science & Engineering (tied for 6th in Canada/U15), Veterinary Sciences (tied for 5th in Canada and tied for 3rd in the U15), Medical Technology (tied for 5th in Canada/U15). Two subjects placed in the 151–200 range: Atmospheric Science (tied for 7th in Canada and tied for 5th in the U15), and Chemistry (tied for 5th in Canada/U15).

Additional notable results included four subjects ranked 201–300 globally: Food Science & Technology (tied for 6th in Canada and tied for 5th in the U15), Nanoscience & Nanotechnology (tied for 6th in Canada/U15), Energy Science & Engineering (tied for 9th in Canada and tied for 7th in the U15), and Nursing (tied for 8th in Canada/U15).

Seven subjects ranked in the 301–400 range: Biotechnology (tied for 7th in Canada and tied for 6th in the U15), Chemical Engineering (tied for 9th in Canada/U15), Computer Science & Engineering (tied for 15th in Canada and tied for 10th in the U15), Materials Science & Engineering (tied for 8th in Canada and tied for 7th in the U15), Biological Sciences (tied for 11th in Canada and tied for 9th in the U15), Ecology (tied for 17th in Canada and tied for 7th in the U15), and Education (tied for 13th in Canada and ranked 11th in the U15).

Clinical Medicine, Public Health, and Physics ranked in the 401–500 range globally.

Nursing entered the rankings this year in the 201–300 range after not being ranked in the previous year. Statistics and Human Biological Sciences, both of which were ranked in 2025, did not receive rankings this year.

The following page provides the complete results, including USask's placements globally, within Canada, and among U15 institutions.

USask Rankings in 2026 Global Ranking of Academic Subjects (GRAS)

Subject Area	World	Canada	U15	Subject Area	World	Canada	U15
Engineering				Medical Sciences			
Aerospace Engineering	100+	4+	1+	Clinical Medicine	401-500	16	14
Artificial Intelligence	400+	16+	10+	Dentistry & Oral Sciences	101-150	4*	4*
Automation & Control	200+	8+	6+	Medical Technology	101-150	5*	5*
Biomedical Engineering	300+	7+	7+	Nursing	201-300	8*	8*
Biotechnology	301-400	7*	6*	Pharmacy & Pharmaceutical	500+	12+	10+
Chemical Engineering	301-400	9*	9*	Public Health	401-500	18	14
Civil Engineering	400+	16+	11+	Natural Sciences			
Computer Science & Engineering	301-400	15*	10*	Atmospheric Science	151-200	7*	5*
Electrical & Electronic Engineering	500+	27+	12+	Chemistry	151-200	5*	5*
Energy Science & Engineering	201-300	9*	7*	Earth Sciences	76-100	3*	3
Environmental Science &	101-150	6*	6*	Ecology	301-400	17*	7*
Food Science & Technology	201-300	6*	5*	Geography	200+	11+	8+
Instruments Science & Technology	400+	13+	9+	Mathematics	500+	17+	11+
Marine/Ocean Engineering	100+	1+	1+	Oceanography	200+	11+	7+
Materials Science & Engineering	301-400	8*	7*	Physics	401-500	10*	9
Mechanical Engineering	400+	18+	12+	Social Sciences			
Metallurgical Engineering	300+	9+	8+	Business Administration	400+	19+	12+
Mining & Mineral Engineering	100+	5+	4+	Communication	200+	8+	5+
Nanoscience & Nanotechnology	201-300	6*	6*	Economics	500+	19+	12+
Remote Sensing	200+	8+	5+	Education	301-400	13*	11
Robotic Science & Engineering	100+	2+	2+	Finance	200+	8+	6+
Telecommunication Engineering	400+	29+	13+	Hospitality & Tourism	100+	3+	2+
Textile Science & Engineering	50+	0+	0+	Law	200+	11+	7+
Transportation Science & Technology	200+	14+	8+	Library & Information Science	100+	3+	3+
Water Resources	9	1	1	Management	500+	20+	12+
Life Sciences				Political Sciences	300+	14+	8+
Agricultural Sciences	101-150	4	3	Psychology	500+	25+	13+
Biological Sciences	301-400	11*	9*	Public Administration	100+	2+	0+
Human Biological Sciences	500+	15+	12+	Sociology	300+	19+	13+
Veterinary Sciences	101-150	5	3	Statistics	300+	11+	9+

Notes:

1. Depending on the subject area, between 50 and 500 universities were ranked.
2. Light grey fonts indicate that the USask was not ranked in the subject area, while XXX+ universities were ranked.
3. An asterisk (*) indicates a tie.

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