

Summary

Times Higher Education (THE), a weekly British magazine reporting specifically on news and issues related to higher education, released the 2027¹ edition of THE World University Rankings on September 30, 2026. This year, a total of 2,297 institutions were included in the ranking – an increase from the total of 2,191 in the prior year. **The University of Saskatchewan (USask) maintained its ranking placement, placing within the band of 351-375².**

Domestically, USask remained 14 in Canada, tied with Dalhousie University and Simon Fraser University. Within the U15, USask fell one position to 13, tied with Dalhousie, while Université Laval rose to 12 (from 14) and the University of Manitoba remained 15. A total of 16 Canadian universities ranked in the top 400, compared with 15 the previous year. The University of Toronto remained Canada's highest-ranked institution at 22, followed by McGill University (43) and the University of British Columbia (44). Other Canadian universities in the top 200 were McMaster University (116), the University of Alberta (118), Université de Montréal (132), the University of Waterloo (178), and the University of Ottawa and the University of Calgary (185). Other Canadian universities in the top 400 included Western, Queen's, Laval, Victoria, Dalhousie, Simon Fraser and Saskatchewan.

What is the ranking based on?

The current methodology is based upon the weighted scores of 17 indicators within 5 pillars as indicated below:

Pillar	Indicator	Weigh	Source
Teaching (29.5%)	Reputational survey – teaching	15%	Reputational survey
	Academic staff / total students	4.5%	University provided data
	Doctorates awarded / undergraduate degrees awarded	2%	University provided data
	Doctorates awarded / academic staff	5.5%	University provided data
	Institutional income / academic staff	2.5%	University provided data
Research Environment (29%)	Reputational survey – research	18%	Reputational survey
	Academic papers / academic & research staff	5.5%	Elsevier data
	Research income / academic staff	5.5%	University provided data
Research Quality (30%)	Citation impact - normalized average citations per paper	15%	Elsevier data
	Research strength - 75 th percentile of FWCI	5%	Elsevier data
	Research excellence - # publications in top 10% by FWCI	5%	Elsevier data
	Research influence – measure based on importance of	5%	Elsevier data
Industry Income (4%)	Research income from industry and commerce / academic	2%	University provided data
	Patents - # of global patents that cite research by university	2%	Elsevier 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%	Elsevier data

¹ 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.

² Exact ranks are published for the top 300 institutions. Institutions below the top 300 are reported in rank bands.

THE uses a standardization approach for each of the indicators which is based on the distribution of data within a particular indicator, where they calculate a cumulative probability function, and evaluate where a particular institution's indicator sits within that function. For most metrics, they calculate the cumulative probability function using a version of Z-scoring. The distribution of data in the metrics on teaching reputation, research reputation, research excellence, research influence and patents, requires THE to use an exponential component.

For more information on the THE ranking methodology, please go to: <https://www.timeshighereducation.com/world-university-rankings/methodology>

Scores for the University of Saskatchewan

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

Pillar	USask Score			U15 Rank			Global Rank		
	2025	2026	2027	2025	2026	2027	2025	2026	2027
Teaching	39.2	39.5	39.5	10	9	12	332	351	363*
Research Environment	34.0	34.0	38.3	14	13	13	396	401	335*
Research Quality	63.9	63.0	65.8	15	15	15	739	809	748
Industry	94.2	96.1	97.8	7	4	5	139	135	124*
International Outlook	78.5	76.0	75.5	12	12	13	294	332	352*
Overall	50.3	50.0	52.1	14	12*	13*	351-400	351-400	351-375*

*tie with another university

Our strongest single globally ranked pillar remained Industry, where the score slightly increased and USask improved to 124 in the world. Within the U15, we declined one position to 5. Our global position for Research Environment improved 66 positions to be our second strongest pillar at 335 overall.

Looking more broadly at the five pillars, Research Quality also improved by 61 positions, from 809 to 748. Teaching declined by 12 positions to 363, while International Outlook declined by 20 positions to 352.

THE reported an overall score range of 51.6–52.2 for USask. Internal calculations using THE's methodology and pillar weights suggest an estimated global position of approximately 360, an improvement of about 36 positions compared with 2026.

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