

University Rankings

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University Rankings Initiative

The Goal (University Plan)

- To achieve “noticeable improvement in academic rankings within disciplines and across the university as a whole”



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Why Do Rankings Matter?

Rankings affect our reputation which in turn impacts many aspects of our work:

- Attracting talent: student, colleagues, leaders
- Funding: agencies and industry
- Government relations
- Partnerships: other universities and third parties

Rankings can be a valuable source of comparative information and an opportunity to tell our story to the world. They also provide an affirmation of the excellent work occurring across campus that evidences our intentionality to "be what the world needs"!



University Rankings

- Academic Ranking of World Universities (ARWU)
- Quacquarelli Symonds (QS)
- Times Higher Education (THE)



- World University Rankings
- Subject/Program Rankings
- Sustainability/Impact Rankings

- Maclean's
- Research Infosource



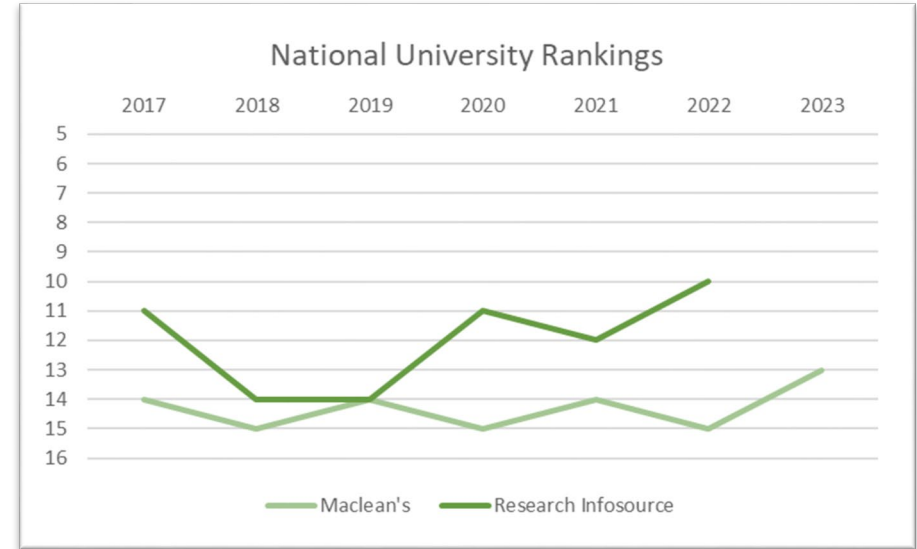
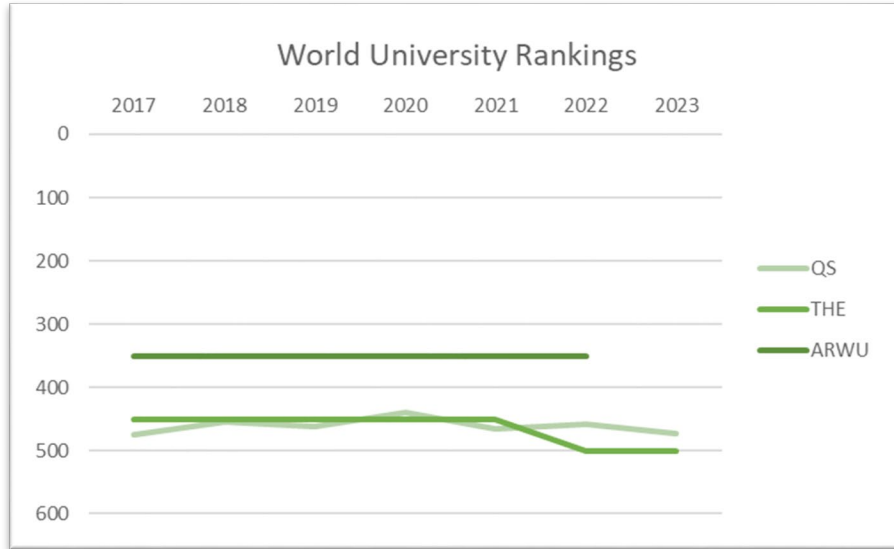
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Rankings releases annually

Rankings Metrics Summary

	Research Income	Publications	Citations	Highly Cited Research	Nobel Prize Winners	Faculty Awards	Reputation Surveys
THE	X	X	X				X
Maclean's	X					X	X
Research Infosource	X						
ARWU		X	X	X	X		
QS			X				X

Rankings Trajectories: Last Five Years

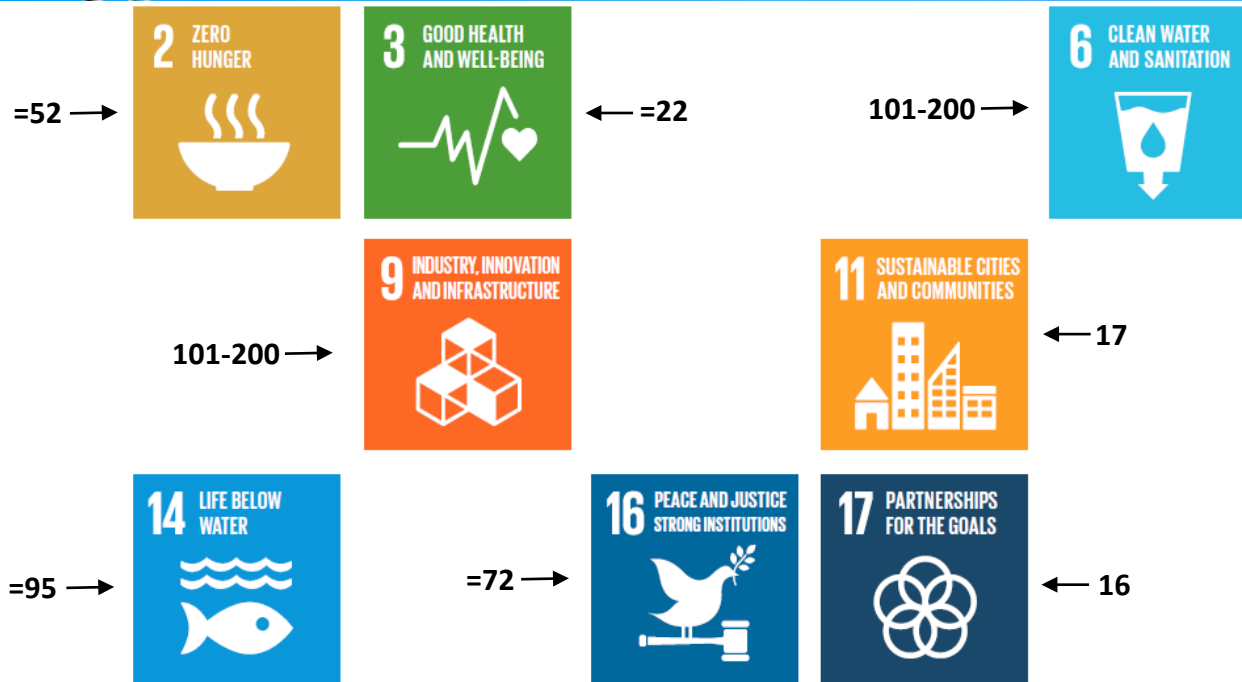


Sustainability and Impact Rankings

- Influenced by the United Nations' 17 Sustainable Development Goals.
- Assess progress toward the 17 goals focused on:
 - academics (research, program offerings, etc.);
 - institutional operations (sustainable policies and practices, equity, diversity and inclusion in employee and student realms, etc.)
- Recognizes and rewards community engagement/impact, EDI efforts, government & NGO collaboration, creative work, etc.

2022 THE Results

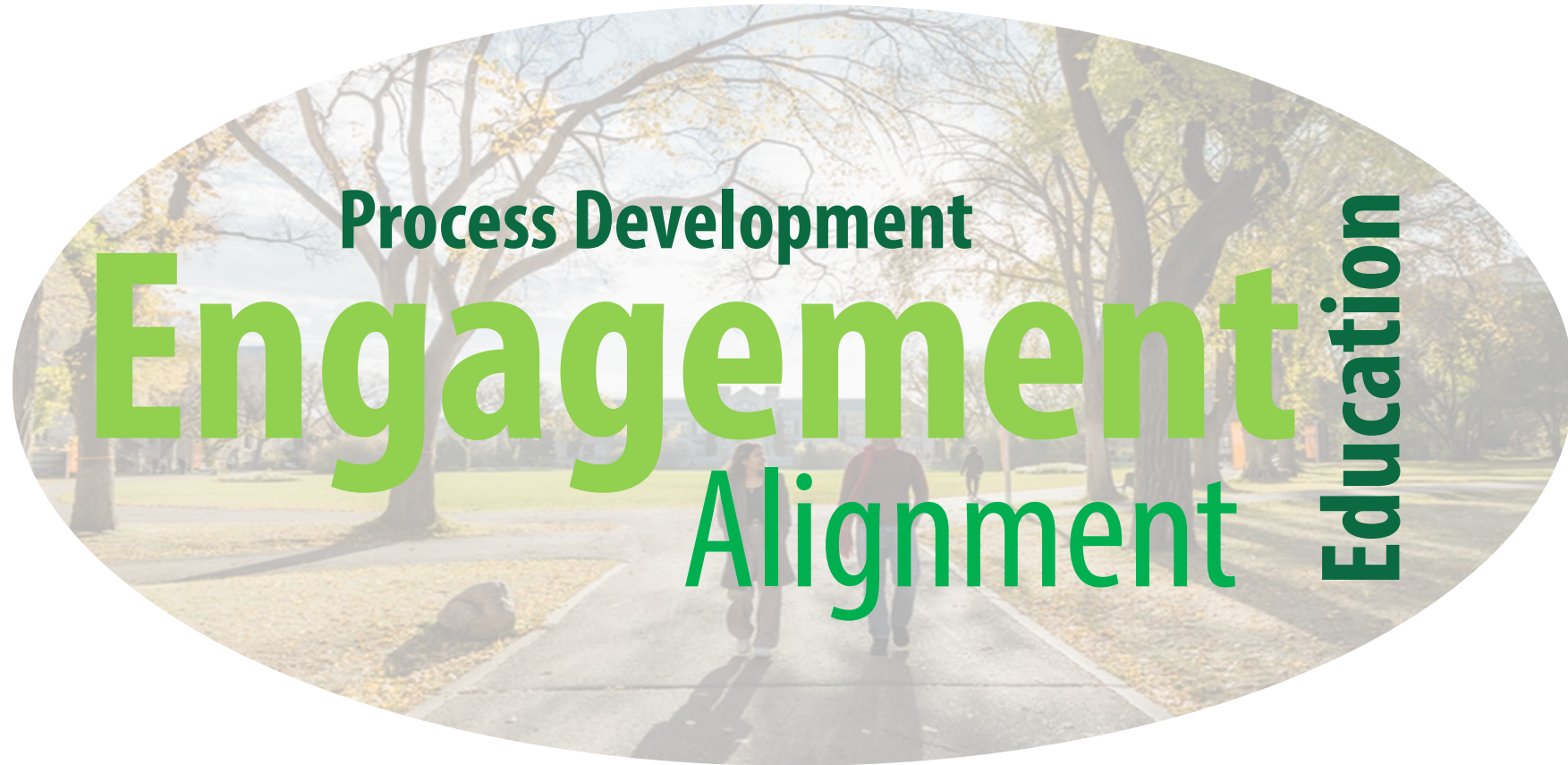
- Tied for 58th globally (1406 institutions ranked)
- Up 38 spots from 2021 (even with ~300 more institutions added to participant pool = more competition)
- 9th overall among U15



For the 2023 submission we submitted to the same eight SDGs, and added SDG 10



Project Progress



Success Factors



Next Steps

RSAW Intelligence

Partnership

Optimizing & Uplifting

Culture

Questions?

Initiatives are designed to achieve the university's goals that support the research, teaching, and engagement endeavours of USask students, faculty and staff. Being intentional about collecting data and sharing the stories that help the university plan for, and achieve, those goals offers the added benefit of contributing to positive momentum in rankings.