

About Maclean's rankings

On October 8, 2020, *Maclean's* magazine released its 30th annual rankings of Canadian universities. A total of 49 universities are ranked against their peers on performance indicators in five areas (students, faculty, resources, student support, and reputation). The results are based on information from a number of data sources, such as Statistics Canada and federal research grant agencies, as well as survey responses gathered from university officials, faculty and students, high school principals and guidance counselors, CEOs and corporate recruiters across Canada. The full 2021 rankings are available online at [Maclean's University Rankings](https://www.macleans.ca/university-rankings/).

Comparator group

USask is included in a group of 15 medical-doctoral universities with a broad range of PhD programs, research and medical schools. Other universities in this group are: Alberta, British Columbia, Calgary, Dalhousie, Laval, Manitoba, McGill, McMaster, Montreal, Ottawa, Queen's, Sherbrooke, Toronto and Western.

Summary of USask Results - Overall Medical-Doctoral Rankings

(Positioning and 3-year trend within the 15 medical-doctoral universities)

Category	Indicator	Weight	2019	2020	2021	Change from 2020
Students	Student awards	10%	15	15	15	none
	Student/faculty ratio	8%	5	6	6	none
	Student satisfaction	10%	9	9	6	↑
Faculty	Awards per full-time faculty	8%	14	14	13*	↑
	SSHRC ^a grants	6%	15	15	15	none
	NSERC ^b and CIHR ^b grants	6%	12	12	12	none
	Citations ^c	5%	14	14	-	-
Resources	Total research dollars per full-time faculty	8%	12	13	13	none
	Operating expenditures per weighted FTE Student	5%	2	2	2	none
	Library expenses (as a percentage of operating expenses)	5%	2*	2*	2*	none
	Library acquisitions (as a percentage of library expenses)	4%	7	9	9	none
Student Support	Scholarships and bursaries (as a percentage of operating expenses)	7.5%	13	13	13	none
	Student services (as a percentage of operating expenses)	7.5%	14*	14	14	none
Reputation	Maclean's Reputation Survey (see detailed breakdown below)	15%	14	14	14	none
Overall		100%	14*	15	14*	↑

*Indicates a tie with another medical-doctoral university in this category

^aSSHRC - Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council

^bNSERC - Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council; CIHR - Canadian Institutes of Health Research

^cCitations - Indicator was removed in 2021 (its weight of 5% was redistributed amongst other indicators)

Maclean's Reputation Survey Breakdown (includes all 49 universities)	2019	2020	2021	Change from 2020
Highest quality	21	21	19	↑
Most innovative	24	19	20	↓
Leaders of tomorrow	21	22	20	↑
Best Overall	22	20	21	↓

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