

## 2018<sup>1</sup> QS World University Rankings

### Summary

Quacquarelli Symonds (QS), a company that specializes in providing study abroad services, released the 2018 QS World University Rankings on June 8, 2017. In total, more than 4,000 universities were evaluated and 980 were ranked<sup>2</sup>, including 26 Canadian universities. The University of Saskatchewan (U of S) was ranked 451-460 in the world, improving from 471-480 last year. Considering there were approximately 26,000 universities globally, the U of S was among the top 1.7% universities in the world.

Domestically, the U of S ranked 18 among Canadian universities. The top ranking Canadian universities were University of Toronto (31), McGill University (32), University of British Columbia (51), and University of Alberta (90).

### What is the ranking based on?

The QS World University Rankings is based on the weighted scores of six indicators listed in the table below:

Indicator	Description	Weight	Source
<b>Academic reputation</b>	Peer review survey divided into five subject areas including Arts and Humanities, Engineering and IT, Life Sciences and Biomedicine, Natural Sciences, and Social Sciences	40%	QS Global Academic Survey
<b>Employer reputation</b>	Employers surveyed on the quality of graduates	10%	QS Employer Survey
<b>Citations per faculty</b>	Research performance factored against the size of the research body	20%	Scopus abstract and citation database
<b>Faculty per student</b>	Student to faculty ratio and intended to evaluate level of teaching quality	20%	Data provided by institutions
<b>International faculty</b>	Proportion of international faculty members	5%	Data provided by institutions
<b>International students</b>	Proportion of international student members	5%	Data provided by institutions

For more information about the QS ranking methodology, please go <http://www.topuniversities.com/qs-world-university-rankings/methodology>

<sup>1</sup> This year, the QS rankings were named to reflect the intended readers: students who plan to attend university in the following year.

<sup>2</sup> The top 400 universities were ranked individually from 1st to 400th place. Universities that were ranked between 401<sup>st</sup> to 500<sup>th</sup> were placed in groups of ten (e.g. 401-410, 411-420, 421-430, and so on). The remaining universities were ranked into categories: 501-550, 551-600, 601-650, 651-700 and 701-750, 751-800, and 801-1000.

## Rank by indicator

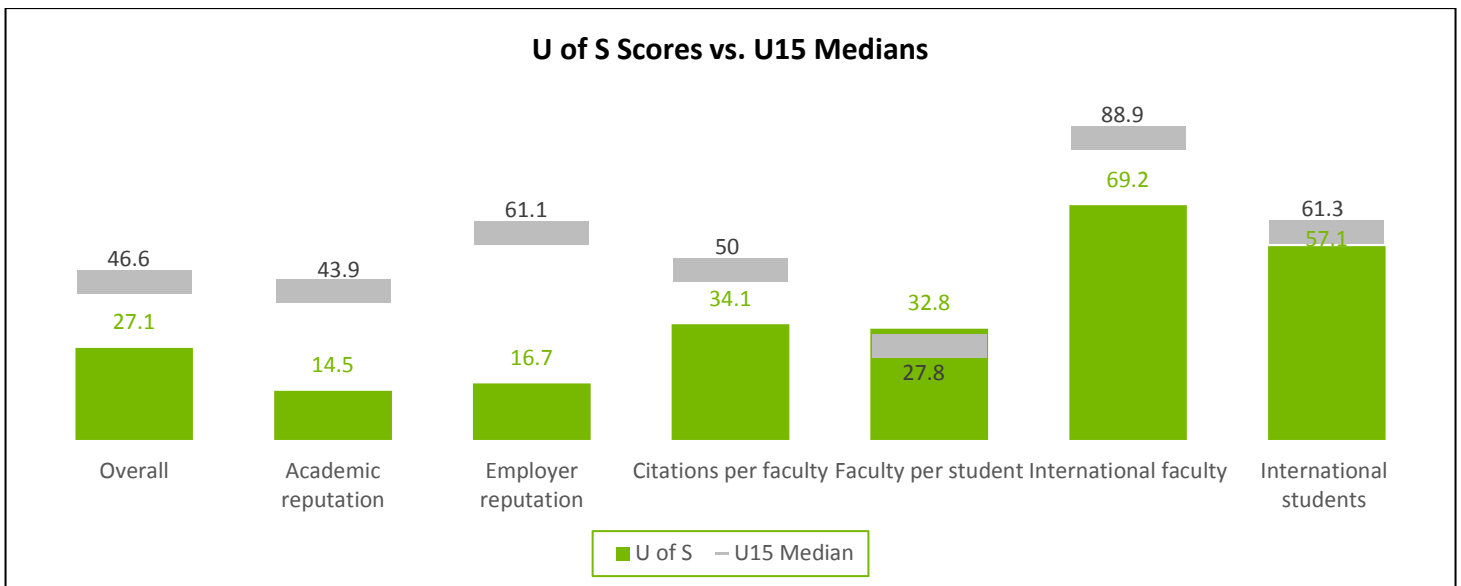
Globally, the U of S ranked highest in international faculty (226) and international students (250), and lowest in academic reputation (401+) and employer reputation (401+). The U of S had improved in four of the six indicators this year, which resulted in our higher overall placement (451-460).

Compared to our U15 peers, U of S ranked highest in international students (9) and faculty per student (10), where our scores were better than or similar to the U15 medians. We ranked lowest in academic reputation (14) and employer reputation (14), where we were significantly below U15 medians.

### U of S Scores and Ranks

	Score <sup>1</sup>	World		U15	
		Rank	Change from last year	Rank	Change from last year
Academic reputation	14.5	401+	-54	14	0
Employer reputation	16.7	401+	+20	14	-1
Citations per faculty	34.1	368	-12	13	0
Faculty per student	32.8	397	+81	10	0
International faculty	69.2	226	+27	13	+1
International students	57.1	250	+12	9	+2
Overall	27.1	451-460	+20	14	0

<sup>1</sup> The QS rankings uses z-scores to normalize the results. That is, indicator scores are calculated based on the distance between each value from the mean average of the entire dataset. Theoretically, a U of S score of 14.5 in academic reputation means that 14.5% of the universities who participated in the QS rankings are ranked below the U of S; or in other words, 83.6% of the universities scored higher.



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