

2018 Times Higher Education (THE) World University Rankings

Summary

Times Higher Education (THE), a weekly British magazine reporting specifically on news and issues related to higher education, released the 2018¹ edition of THE World University Rankings on September 5, 2017. This year, a total of 1,102 institutions were included in the ranking – an increase of 12.5% from last year. The University of Saskatchewan (U of S) ranked in the band of 401-500², unchanged since 2015.

Domestically, the U of S tied with University of Manitoba for seventeenth position among Canadian universities and fourteenth among U15. Twenty-three Canadian universities were placed in the top 600. University of Toronto was ranked the highest at 22, followed by University of British Columbia (34) and McGill University (42). Besides the U15, other Canadian universities that ranked in the top 600 included University of Victoria, Simon Fraser University, Carleton University, York University, Concordia University, University of Quebec, University of Sherbrooke, and Memorial University of Newfoundland.

What is the ranking based on?

The THE World University Rankings were based on the weighted scores of thirteen indicators in five pillars as indicated below.

Pillars	Indicator	Weight	Source
Teaching (30%)	Reputational survey – teaching	15%	Reputational survey
	Academic staff / total students	4.5%	University provided data
	Doctorates awarded / undergraduate degrees awarded	2.25%	University provided data
	Doctorates awarded / academic staff	6%	University provided data
	Institutional income / academic staff	2.25%	University provided data
Research (30%)	Reputational survey – research	18%	Reputational survey
	Academic papers / academic & research staff	6%	Scopus database
	Research income / academic staff	6%	University provided data
Citations (30%)	Citation impact (normalized average citations per paper)	30%	Scopus database
Industry income (2.5%)	Research income from industry and commerce (per academic staff)	2.5%	University provided 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%	Scopus database

The THE Rankings used z-scores to normalize the results for each indicator. That is, scores were calculated based on the distance between each value from the average of the entire dataset. Theoretically, if a university had a score of 40 in Citations, it meant that 40% of the universities who participated in the THE Rankings were ranked below the university. For more information on the THE ranking methodology, please go to: <https://www.timeshighereducation.com/world-university-rankings/methodology-world-university-rankings-2018>.

¹ Prior to 2017, the THE rankings were named based on the year they were published. Starting this year, however, the rankings were named to reflect the intended readers: students who plan to attend university in the following year.

² The top 200 universities were ranked individually from 1 to 200. Between 201 and 400, universities were ranked into the groups of 50. Universities ranked between 401 and 600 were placed into two groups of 100, while those placed between 601 and 1,000 were divided into two groups of 200.

Scores of the University of Saskatchewan

The following table shows the scores for the U of S for each of the five pillars of the THE rankings.

Our strongest area was research income from industry and commerce. We ranked fourth among U15 and 191 in the world. We continued to improve in the international outlook and teaching pillars, where we ranked 250 and 269 in the world respectively.

The area that we ranked the lowest was citations. We were last among U15 and 608 among the 1,102 universities that were included in this year's THE rankings.

	U of S Score			Rank among U15			Rank in the World		
	2015	2016	2018	2015	2016	2018	2015	2016	2018
Teaching	30.8	34.2	34.7	13	13	12	322	277	269
Research	22.4	25.0	24.5	15	14	15	392	362	414
Citations	39.7	43.5	40.9	15	15	15	496	531	608
Industry income	62.9	69.0	60.2	3	1	4	153	117	191
International outlook	52.9	64.4	66.8	15	14	13	313	253	250
Overall	33.4	37.4	36.5	15	14	14*	401-500	401-500	401-500

* Tied with University of Manitoba