

## 2014 QS World University Rankings

### Summary

Quacquarelli Symonds (QS), a company that specializes in providing study abroad services, released the 2014 QS World University Rankings on September 16, 2014. In total, more than 3,000 universities were evaluated and over 850 were ranked<sup>1</sup>, including 26 Canadian universities. The University of Saskatchewan (U of S) was ranked 481-490 in the world, dropping from 421-430 last year and 393 in 2012.

University of Saskatchewan was placed behind 19 Canadian universities. University of Toronto was ranked the highest at 20, followed by McGill University (21), University of British Columbia (43), University of Montreal (83), and University of Alberta (84).

### 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:

Area	Indicator	Weight	Source
<i>Academic reputation</i>	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
<i>Employer reputation</i>	Employers surveyed on the quality of graduates	10%	QS Employer Survey
<i>Citations per faculty</i>	Research performance factored against the size of the research body	20%	Scopus abstract and citation database of peer-reviewed literature
<i>Faculty per student</i>	Student to faculty ratio and intended to evaluate level of teaching quality	20%	Data provided by institutions
<i>International faculty</i>	Proportion of international faculty members	5%	Data provided by institutions
<i>International students</i>	Proportion of international student members	5%	Data provided by institutions

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

<sup>1</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+.

## Scores for the University of Saskatchewan

The following table illustrates the scores for the U of S on each of the six indicators of the QS Rankings.

	Academic reputation (40%) <sup>1</sup>	Employer reputation (10%)	Citations/ faculty (20%)	Faculty/ student (20%)	International faculty (5%)	International students (5%)	<b>OVERALL</b>
U of S score	20.4 <sup>1</sup>	19.5	34.8	43.2	38.8	49.1	<b>30.2</b>
Median score for U15 <sup>2</sup>	61.3	65.5	75.4	35.4	85.3	56.5	<b>57.6</b>
U of S rank among U15	14	13	15	7	14	12	<b>14</b>

<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 20.4 in academic reputation means that 20.4% of the universities who participated in the QS rankings are ranked below the U of S; or in other words, 79.6% of the universities scored higher.

<sup>2</sup> Scores for academic reputation, employer reputation and international faculty for the University of Manitoba are not available.

## Rankings by faculty areas

In addition to the overall rankings, the QS rankings also published the top 400 universities in five faculty areas: arts and humanities, engineering and technology, life sciences and medicine, natural sciences, and social sciences and management. These rankings are compiled based on similar methodology with the overall rankings, although higher weights are placed on academic reputation and employer reputation with the exception of life sciences and medicine.

The only faculty area that the U of S was in the top 400 was life sciences and medicine (380). Last year, the U of S was placed 328 in life sciences and medicine, 380 in engineering and technology, and 395 in natural science.

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