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Q&A Summary

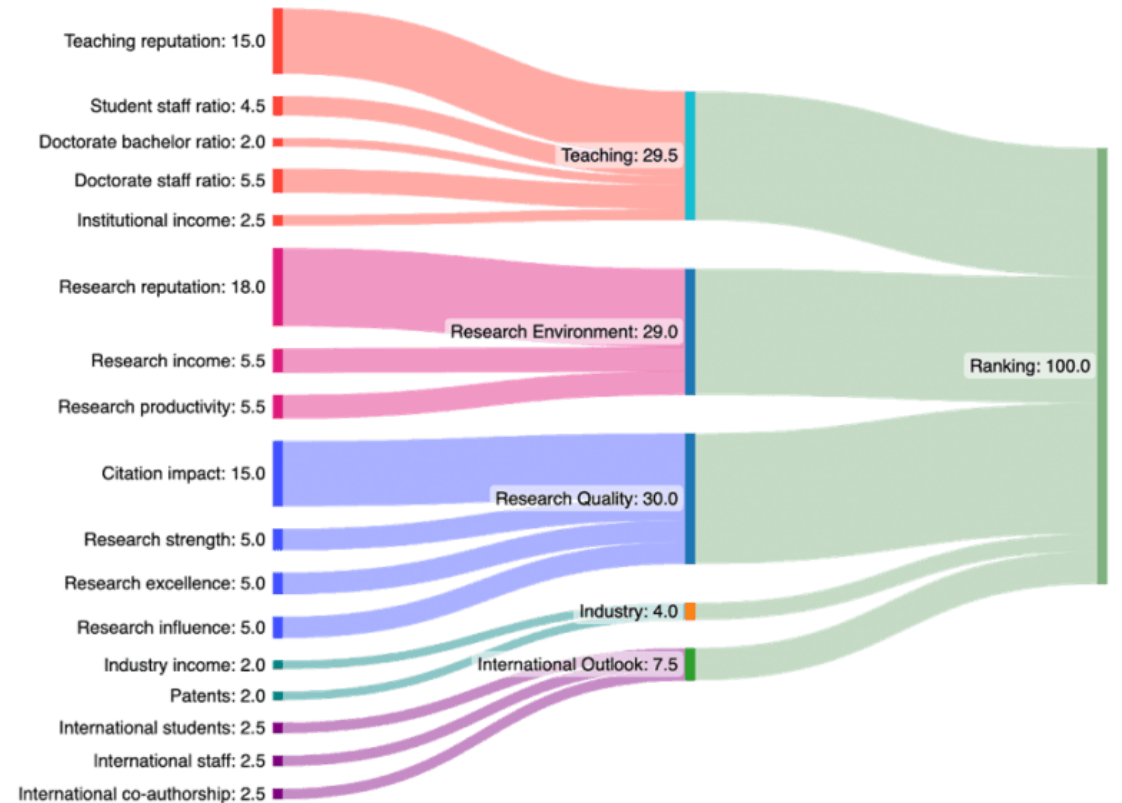
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The Times Higher Education World University Rankings 2024 include 1,904 universities across 108 countries and regions.

The table is based on our new WUR methodology, which includes 18 carefully calibrated performance indicators that measure an institution's performance across five areas: teaching, research environment, research quality, industry, and international outlook.

This year's ranking analysed more than 134 million citations across 16.5 million research publications and included survey responses from 68,402 scholars globally. Overall, we collected 411,789 datapoints from more than 2,673 institutions that submitted data.

Trusted worldwide by students, teachers, governments and industry experts, the 2024 league table reveals how the global higher education landscape is shifting.



Q&A – Academic Reputation Survey

Q: Can you please elaborate about the reputation survey?

A: The survey targets experienced, published scholars who offer their views on excellence in higher education. We ask respondents to vote for institutions that they think are the best for research and teaching globally. Voters are also asked for other data such as the subject they specialise in, where they are based and which factors are important to them when deciding how to vote. Invitations are sent by e-mail. The survey typically takes up to 15 minutes to complete and is available in twelve languages.

Q: Does THE allow Self Voting in Academic Reputation Surveys? Can a faculty vote for his/her own University? And is the weightage of Self Voting and Voting to any other University is same?

A: Self-voting is allowed. This year we have introduced a self-voting cap. This reduces the self-vote share to 10% of the total votes for any given university. Self-votes are still allowed and are included, but are weighted down in much the same way as we apply country and subject weightings. The majority of ranked institutions are unaffected by this adjustment.

Q&A – Academic Reputation Survey

Q: How about reducing the weightage of reputation survey?

A: We have allocated roughly similar weights to the three data sources that underpin the rankings: Reputation Survey, Portal data, and Bibliometrics. We believe the opinions of scholars around the world matter and give us valuable information on the best universities around the world. However, we also recognise that the reputation data presents a relatively low number of universities with a high number of votes, and a high number of universities with a low number of votes. We have been working on trying to balance this out by introducing new questions about ranking a set number of institutions.

Q&A – Academic Reputation Survey

Q: Teaching Reputation and Research Reputation - what type of people are participating in the Survey?

A: Invitees are cited academics based at universities and research institutions across the world. They are published scholars whose papers have received citations in academic journals. These academics come from our in-house academic contact database, which has 3.4m verified academic contacts. We run regular verification of these contacts; we won't send to an email that hasn't been verified in the last 6 months. The academics information was gathered from publicly available academic papers.

Q&A – Bibliometrics

Q: For an internationally co-authored research, does the PI needs to be from Indian University for scoring the matric?

A: For the international collaboration metric, the requirement for a paper to count as “international” is that (a) it has at least 2 authors AND (b) from at least 2 institutions AND (c) from at least 2 countries. These are considered “international publications” and are used to calculate the “International collaboration” component (2.5% of the total THE score). So if this paper only has 1 author, although he has 1 affiliation in Country A and 1 affiliation in Country other than A, it will not count as international. If the paper has 2 authors, with all of their institutional affiliations being set in Country A, it does not work. The paper needs to have at least 2 authors, 1 with at least an affiliation from Country A, and the other with at least an affiliation from Country other than A. And so, we look at the affiliation level, not the author level, so it's the nationality of the affiliation that counts.

Q&A – Bibliometrics

Q: Publication/ citation based only based on Scopus or WoS (Web of Science) also?

A: We only look at journals indexed by Scopus. The full list is available at <https://www.elsevier.com/solutions/scopus/how-scopus-works/content>.

Q: Which types or categories of journals should we consider for publishing our research?

A: We only look at journals indexed by Scopus. The full list is available at <https://www.elsevier.com/solutions/scopus/how-scopus-works/content>. Discontinued sources are not considered. Only 5 types of publications are considered (journal articles, article reviews, conference proceedings, books and book chapters) in the timespan from 1st January 2018 to 31st December 2022.

Q&A – DataPoints

Q: Can we please get the details of the tool that would be used to get scores of reporter universities?

A: We invite you to contact your regional director or request more information at ns/data-and-insights/

Q: Our university has received a 'Reporter' status, how can we access the scores that we have got? The scores are not available publicly.

A: We invite you to contact your regional director or request more information at ns/data-and-insights/

Q&A – Definitions

Q: For the World University Rankings 2025, what year band (5 years) will be taken into consideration, i.e. 2019-2023 or 2018-2022?

A: For the WUR 2025 to be published in Autumn 2024, we will consider bibliometrics from the publication window 2019-2023. For the Academic Reputation Survey, we will use two years' worth of survey, based on the survey year from November 2022 to January 2023, and the survey year from November 2023 to January 2024. In terms of the institution submitted data, we will use data from the year ending in 2022 (in most cases the academic year 2021-2022).

Q&A – Eligibility criteria

Q: As an eligibility criteria, the number of papers produced every year mentioned as 150 papers, should the number be of 'any year' in past 5 years or should it be 'every year' in the past 5 years?

A: A university should have published at least 150 papers in each and every year. If a university published over 150 papers in four of the relevant years, and only 145 papers in one of the years, it will be excluded.

Q: If any new established university publish 1000 papers in one year (first year), then will this university be eligible for THE rankings after establishment of one year?

A: It is not enough to publish at least 1,000 papers in one of the years considered, it needs to have published at least 150 papers in each of the five considered years.

Q: If our Institute does not offer Undergraduate programmes, does participating help?

A: A university not teaching at the undergraduate level will be excluded from the rankings as it is one of the requirements.

Q: Other than research papers, what type of data is required?

A: Eligibility criteria are around a sufficient number of research papers, the necessity of teaching at the undergraduate level, and a breadth of subjects. can be found at <https://www.timeshighereducation.com/world-university-rankings/world-university-rankings-2024-methodology>. Please email profilerankings@timeshighereducation.com for more information.

Q&A – Eligibility criteria

Q: What is the minimum eligibility to participate in THE ranking? Publications of 5 years or number student strength?

A: None of our eligibility criteria is about number of students, however, we do need a university to teach at the undergraduate level, publish at least 1,000 research publications, and not be too focused on one subject.

Q&A – Income

Q: Institutional income should not be consider in the ranking of public universities, because they are funded by government. Their aim is not to earn money.

A: Institutional income is not used to understand profitability - most universities around the world are not-for-profit regardless of their govenrment status. Instead it is used to understand the resources that are available for teatrching and research.

Q&A – Participation rules

Q: I cannot see the best IITs in the new ranking. Is it on purpose? I believe that the best IITs should not only be in the rankings but be among the best. at least top 100.

A: We currently rely on universities to willingly submit data in order to rank them. We will not scrape data from external websites. This may explain why some institutions are missing from our rankings.

Q&A –Patents

Q: For patent, can considered Indian Patent published/Granted or only international patent only?

A: The patents metric measures the number of patents citing your university's research publications, not the number of publications citing your patents. The data are provided by Elsevier and relate to patents published between 2018 and 2022 (not research published between these dates). Patents are sourced from the World Intellectual Property Organisation, the European Patent Office, and the patent offices of the US, the UK and Japan. However, we are looking into expanding the number of Patent organisations we are looking at, to 107 Patent offices across the world.

Q: For Patent Industry realization is required for inclusion in ranking?

A: Patents must be filed from the World Intellectual Property Organisation, the European Patent Office, and the patent offices of the US, the UK and Japan.

Q&A – Perimeter

Q: Can an affiliated college under any Indian University apply for participation in the rankings or can only universities apply?

A: These campuses/universities can technically take part independently in the rankings, as long as they are not included in the parent university's perimeter (to avoid data duplication).

Q: In India, we have mostly affiliating university so publication can be consider with all afiliating intitution?

A: These campuses/universities can technically take part independently in the rankings, as long as they are not included in the parent university's perimeter (to avoid data duplication).

Q&A – Perimeter

Q: Many colleges are affiliated to a University. For example. University X has 10 affiliated colleges? When counting students and staff should we count only University campus students/staff or students/staff of University and colleges together?

A: These campuses/universities can technically take part independently in the rankings, as long as they are not included in the parent university's perimeter (to avoid data duplication).

Q: Whether single institute like any Engineering institute affiliated to any university can participate in this ranking or only universities can participate?

A: These campuses/universities can technically take part independently in the rankings, as long as they are not included in the parent university's perimeter (to avoid data duplication).

Q&A – Rankings

Q: IIT working superlative in term of teaching, researching, inovation, citations, publications, review, teachers power, knowledge shares, brilliant analysis, interpretation and many segments potentially fitting for world academia.resrach quality we do are brilliance. researchers are brilliance essence in term of labouring hard to achieve research stone but rankings when comes , it looks some grain size of performance. why this is so??? iisc, iits, government premier universities, best private universities, colleges depict their good acceleration but still I see result ranking are not getting sound internationally.

A: We currently rely on universities to willingly submit data in order to rank them. We will not scrape data from external websites. This may explain why some institutions are missing from our rankings.

Q&A – Scoring

Q: This time there was a score gap of 4.1 marks in the 351-400 range as compared to previous year, which is huge. Is it because of new methodology?

A: This year we have done some fine tuning of our scoring parameters so that (1) we use more of the score range (2) the score distribution is flatter.

Q&A – Specific query

Q: Good Morning. Is this possible to have the Box-Plots of one university in India with other Indian Universities?

A: For any country-specific performance, please email <https://www.timeshighereducation.com/our-solutions/data-and-insights/world-university-rankings-dashboard> for more information

Q: Our university is very good in Research quality and in Citations but does not getting proper ranking. Why?

A: Please email rankings@timeshighereducation.com so we can investigate further the reason why your institution was not featured in the rankings.

Q&A – Subjects

Q: Can the details for Subject Rankings be extracted from the overall THE World University Rankings or one needs to apply separately?

A: The Subject Rankings and the World University Rankings are two peas in a pod, based on the same data collected at the same time and at the same level : the institution level. Currently the inclusion in the Subject Rankings is conditional to the inclusion in the World University Rankings. Our current methodology is set up in such a way that an institution first needs to be ranked in the World University Rankings (meeting the 1,000 publication threshold overall for the last five years) and then and only then, we can assess the institution for inclusion in our 11 Subject Rankings

Q&A – Subjects

Q: For subject rankings, please share the eligibility criteria in terms of publications?

A: Page 15 of the detailed World University Rankings methodology

"https://www.timeshighereducation.com/sites/default/files/the_2024_world_university_rankings_methodology.pdf" details the publication and staff thresholds, as well as the metric weightings, used for the Subject Rankings.

Q: How can arts and humanities contribute to the ranking?

A: Details of the methodology can be found at

https://www.timeshighereducation.com/sites/default/files/the_2024_world_university_rankings_methodology.pdf

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Responding to the view that the world's pressing problems can be solved only with insights from a range of scholarly fields, THE and Schmidt Science Fellows said a ranking would seek to improve scientific excellence and collaboration among universities, aiming to provide institutions with benchmarking data and rewarding campuses that incentivise cross-disciplinary work.

Participate in the ranking [here](#).

 **Online
Learning
Rankings 2024**

A new global online learning ranking will be launched by Times Higher Education (THE) in 2024 which will benchmark the successes and challenges of online learning for the very first time.

A key part of the ranking will be the student survey where universities' current students are asked for their assessment of various teaching and engagement measures through an online form.

The data collection portal for the Online Learning Rankings will be open from April to June 2024 and the ranking will come out in December 2024.

To participate in the ranking and find out more [here](#).